

# HB0032 S1

# Signature Gathering and Verification Amendments

A photograph of the Utah State Capitol building, a large neoclassical structure with a prominent dome, set against a clear sky. In the foreground, a row of cherry blossom trees in full bloom is visible, partially obscuring the base of the building. The scene is captured from a low angle, emphasizing the grandeur of the architecture.

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# HB32 Signature Gathering and Verification

- State Elections Office to create and maintain an online training course for signature gatherers (& paid removers)
- Elections office to send an email and text message notice to a signer to notify the signer of the status of their signature
- Creates alternative packet type (condensed packet) for initiatives and referendums
- Updates packet formatting, spacing, & circulator sheet
- Clarifies signature certification, packet spoiling & packet storage/retention



# HB32 Online Training Course



Office of the  
Lieutenant Governor  
vote.utah.gov

## Welcome to the Signature Gatherer Training Module

Please complete the form to access your training.

First Name (required)

Last Name (required)

Email Address (required)

Remember me

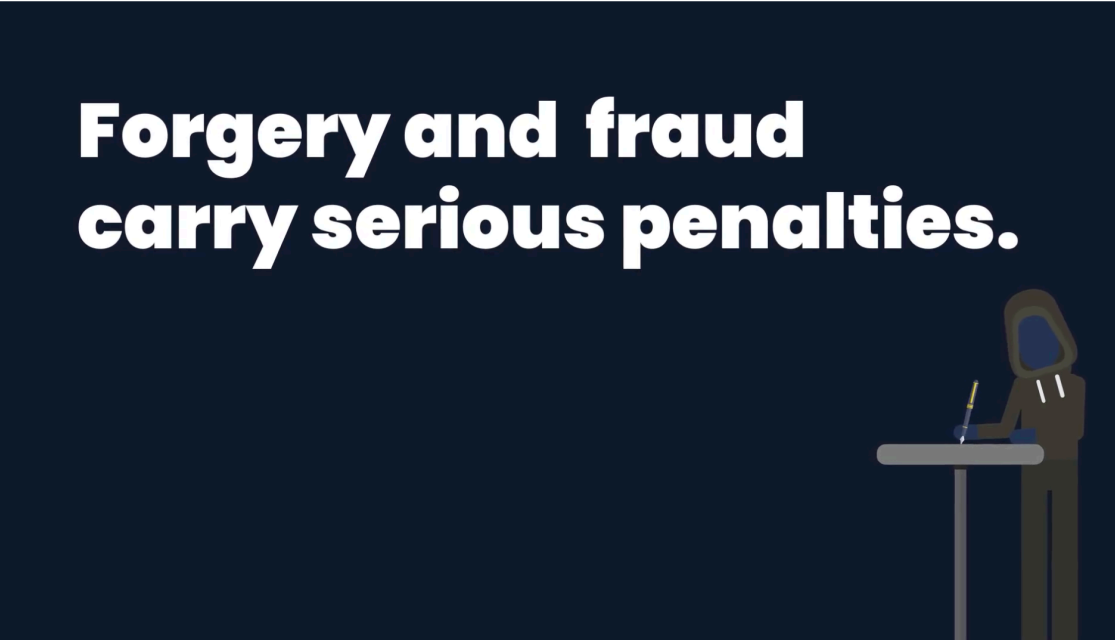
[Launch Course](#)

### Signature Gatherer Training

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- Section 1: Training Videos
- Section 2: FAQs
- Section 3: Additional Reading

## Video 1: Introduction to Signature Gathering



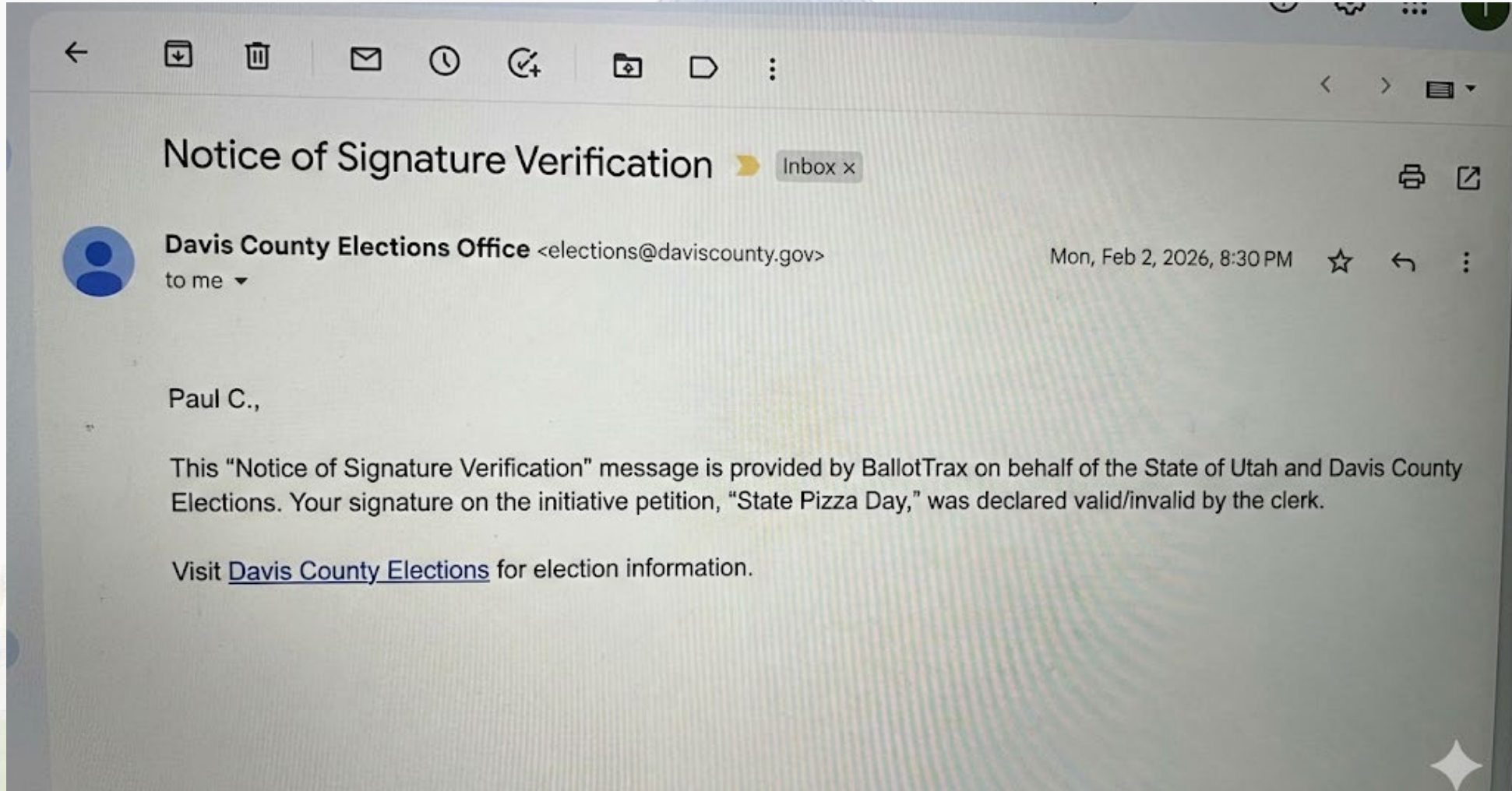
Forgery and fraud  
carry serious penalties.

Be sure to finish the training video before moving on.



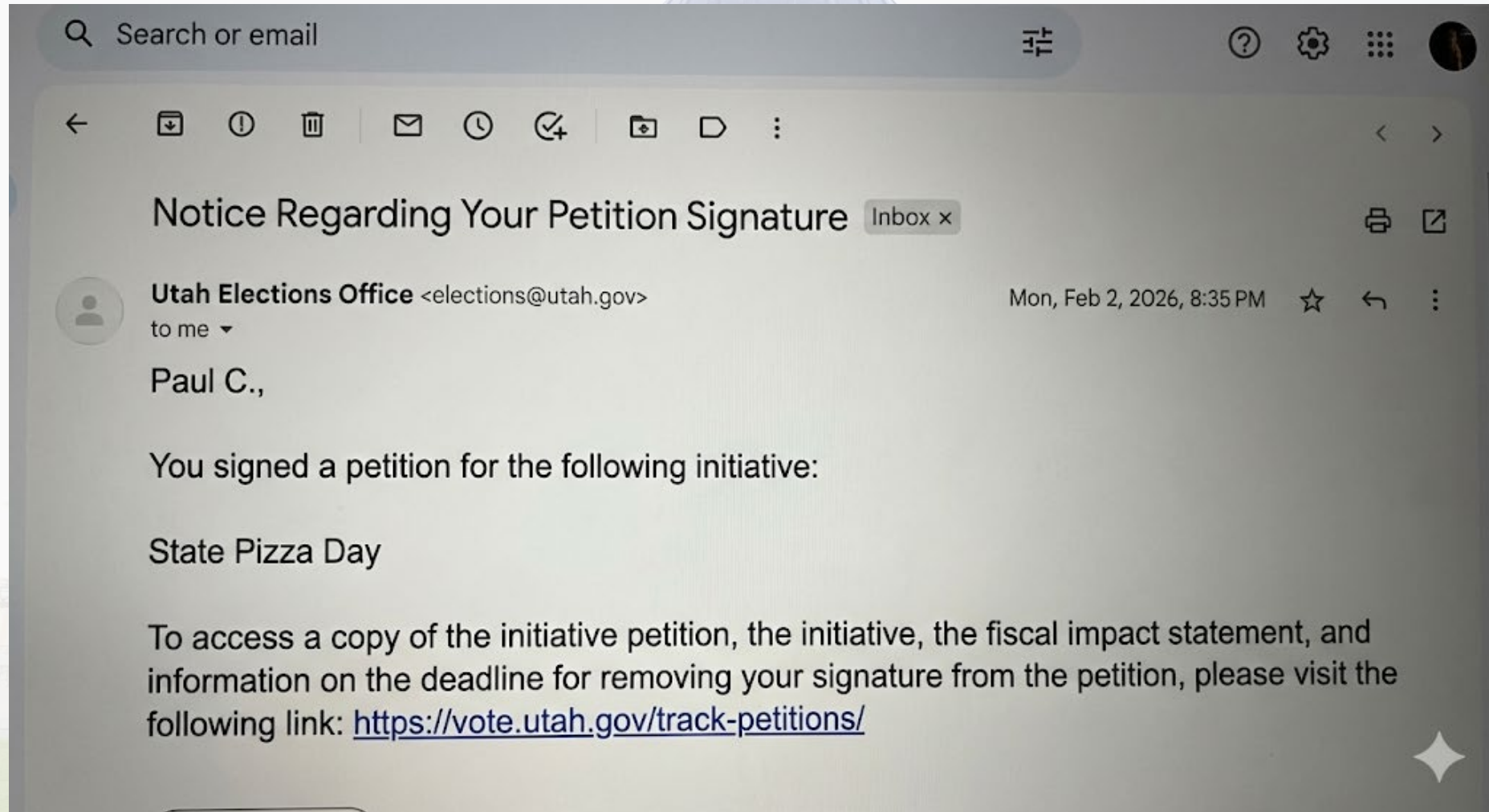
# HB32 Email & Text Message Notifications\*

\*Coming 2027



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# HB32 Standard Packet

## Initiative Title

For Office Use Only	Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)	Signature of Registered Voter	Date Signed
	Street Address, City, Zip Code	Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)	Birth Date or Age (optional)
By signing this initiative petition, you are stating that you have read and understand the law proposed by this initiative petition.			

Only room for 2 signatures with the current packet layout

**"Have Read & Understood"**

For Office Use Only	Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)	Signature of Registered Voter	Date Signed
	Street Address, City, Zip Code	Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)	Birth Date or Age (optional)
By signing this initiative petition, you are stating that you have read and understand the law proposed by this initiative petition.			

Fiscal Impact language, but no summary description of the initiative (complete text is attached, but seldom read)

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**WARNING** It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than once for the same initiative petition, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows that the individual is not a registered voter.  
 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records.



# HB32 Alternative “Condensed” Packet

## Title of Regular Initiative

QR Code Link to full



This QR code provides access to a web site that includes the full text of the law proposed by this initiative petition.

For Office Use Only	Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)	Signature of Registered Voter	Date Signed	Street Address, City, Zip Code	Birth Date or Age (Optional)
By signing this initiative petition, you are stating that you had an opportunity to read and understand the law proposed by this initiative petition.					
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7 signatures/pg vs 2/pg

“had an opportunity to read and understand”  
Vs  
“read & understood”

Fiscal Impact + Summary Description

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**Warning:** It is a class A misdemeanor to sign an initiative petition using a name other than your own name, to sign more than once, or to sign if you are not a registered voter. Providing your birth date or age is optional, but it may be used to verify your identity. If you do not provide it, your signature may not be validated if your address changes or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration record.



# HB32 Updated Standardized Circulator Sheet

## VERIFICATION OF SIGNATURE-GATHERER

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

- I am at least 18 years old;
- All the names that appear in this petition packet were signed by individuals who professed to be the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed the individual's name on it in my presence or, in the case of an individual with a qualifying disability, I have signed this petition packet on the individual's behalf, at the direction of the individual and in the individual's presence, by entering the initials "AV" as the individual's signature;
- I certify that, for each individual whose signature is represented in this petition packet by the initials "AV":
  - I obtained the individual's voluntary direction or consent to sign the petition packet on the individual's behalf;
  - I do not believe and do not have reason to believe that the individual lacked the mental capacity to give direction or consent;
  - I do not believe and do not have reason to believe that the individual did not understand the purpose or nature of my signing the petition packet on the individual's behalf;
  - I did not intentionally or knowingly deceive the individual into directing me to, or consenting for me to, sign the petition packet on the individual's behalf; and
  - I did not intentionally or knowingly enter false information on the signature sheet;
- I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact related to this petition;
- I believe that each individual's name and address is written correctly, that each signer has had an opportunity to read all the information contained in the petition, and that each signer is or will be registered to vote in Utah at the time the petition packet is submitted for verification;
- The correct date of signature appears next to each individual's name;
- I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this petition packet to encourage that individual to sign it;
- I understand that if I have been or will be paid to gather signatures for this petition, the payment rate must be based on an hourly rate or a rate per valid signature; and I completed the signature gatherer training available on the lieutenant governor's website at [www.vote.utah.gov](http://www.vote.utah.gov) before gathering signatures for this petition. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (Check one)

Clarified language

"had an opportunity to read and understand"

"is or will be registered to vote"

Attest to completing training

Name + Signature

(Printed Name)

(Signature)

(Residence Address)

(Date)



## Differences Between the Packets

	Traditional Packet (Current)	Condensed Packet
<b>Packet Structure</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Cover Sheet of Initiative or Referendum Packet</li> <li><b>2) Copy of Proposed or Referable Law</b></li> <li>3) Signature Sheets</li> <li>4) Circulator Verification Sheet</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Cover Sheet of Initiative or Referendum Packet</li> <li>2) Signature Sheets</li> <li>3) Circulator Verification Sheet</li> </ol>
<b>Copy of Proposed or Referable Law</b>	Requires printed copy of the full text of a law in the packet	Requires <b>use of a QR code</b> on the signature sheet to provide access to the full text of a law
<b>Description of Proposed Law for an Initiative</b>	Does not include	Contains a <b>brief, plain-language description (50-word limit)</b> of the law proposed by an initiative on both the initiative petition and each signature sheet
<b>Signature Collector's Verification</b>	Requires a signature collector to print and sign their name on the verification page	Same as traditional packet



# HB32 Signature Certification & Packet Spoiling

## Altering a Signature Sheet

- Prohibits individuals from **marking, redacting, or otherwise altering a signature sheet in a manner that obscures, conceals, or renders illegible** a signer's date of signature or other information used for verification

## Date of Signature

- Prohibits a county clerk from **certifying a signature on packet if the date of the signature is later than the required deadline of 30 days**



# HB32 Other Issues

## Statewide Packet

- Removes the requirement for the county clerk to deliver each physical packet to the lieutenant governor
- Requires the county clerk who verifies the packet's signature to certify and digitally send certain statistical information to the lieutenant governor

## Packet Retainment

- **County clerks to retain and preserve each packet for at least 22 months**



THANK  
YOU

