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20A-7-101 Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Approved device" means a device described in Subsection 20A-21-201(4) used to gather signatures for the electronic initiative process, the electronic referendum process, or the electronic candidate qualification process.
- (2) "Budget officer" means:
 - (a) for a county, the person designated as finance officer as defined in Section 17-36-3;
 - (b) for a city, the person designated as budget officer in Subsection 10-6-106(4);
 - (c) for a town, the town council; or
 - (d) for a metro township, the person described in Subsection (2)(a) for the county in which the metro township is located.
- (3) "Certified" means that the county clerk has acknowledged a signature as being the signature of a registered voter.
- (4) "Circulation" means the process of submitting an initiative or referendum petition to legal voters for their signature.
- (5) "Electronic initiative process" means:
 - (a) as it relates to a statewide initiative, the process, described in Sections 20A-7-215 and 20A-21-201, for gathering signatures; or
 - (b) as it relates to a local initiative, the process, described in Sections 20A-7-514 and 20A-21-201, for gathering signatures.
- (6) "Electronic referendum process" means:
 - (a) as it relates to a statewide referendum, the process, described in Sections 20A-7-313 and 20A-21-201, for gathering signatures; or
 - (b) as it relates to a local referendum, the process, described in Sections 20A-7-614 and 20A-21-201, for gathering signatures.
- (7) "Eligible voter" means a legal voter who resides in the jurisdiction of the county, city, or town that is holding an election on a ballot proposition.
- (8) "Final fiscal impact statement" means a financial statement prepared after voters approve an initiative that contains the information required by Subsection 20A-7-202.5(2) or 20A-7-502.5(2).
- (9) "Initial fiscal impact estimate" means:
 - (a) a financial statement prepared under Section 20A-7-202.5 after the filing of an application for an initiative petition; or
 - (b) a financial and legal statement prepared under Section 20A-7-502.5 or 20A-7-602.5 for an initiative or referendum petition.
- (10) "Initiative" means a new law proposed for adoption by the public as provided in this chapter.
- (11) "Initiative packet" means a copy of the initiative petition, a copy of the proposed law, and the signature sheets, all of which have been bound together as a unit.
- (12)
 - (a) "Land use law" means a law of general applicability, enacted based on the weighing of broad, competing policy considerations, that relates to the use of land, including land use regulation, a general plan, a land use development code, an annexation ordinance, the rezoning of a single property or multiple properties, or a comprehensive zoning ordinance or resolution.
 - (b) "Land use law" does not include a land use decision, as defined in Section 10-9a-103 or 17-27a-103.
- (13) "Legal signatures" means the number of signatures of legal voters that:

- (a) meet the numerical requirements of this chapter; and
 - (b) have been obtained, certified, and verified as provided in this chapter.
- (14) "Legal voter" means a person who is registered to vote in Utah.
- (15) "Legally referable to voters" means:
- (a) for a proposed local initiative, that the proposed local initiative is legally referable to voters under Section 20A-7-502.7; or
 - (b) for a proposed local referendum, that the proposed local referendum is legally referable to voters under Section 20A-7-602.7.
- (16) "Local attorney" means the county attorney, city attorney, or town attorney in whose jurisdiction a local initiative or referendum petition is circulated.
- (17) "Local clerk" means the county clerk, city recorder, or town clerk in whose jurisdiction a local initiative or referendum petition is circulated.
- (18)
- (a) "Local law" includes:
 - (i) an ordinance;
 - (ii) a resolution;
 - (iii) a land use law;
 - (iv) a land use regulation, as defined in Section 10-9a-103; or
 - (v) other legislative action of a local legislative body.
 - (b) "Local law" does not include a land use decision, as defined in Section 10-9a-103.
- (19) "Local legislative body" means the legislative body of a county, city, town, or metro township.
- (20) "Local obligation law" means a local law passed by the local legislative body regarding a bond that was approved by a majority of qualified voters in an election.
- (21) "Local tax law" means a law, passed by a political subdivision with an annual or biannual calendar fiscal year, that increases a tax or imposes a new tax.
- (22) "Manual initiative process" means the process for gathering signatures for an initiative using paper signature packets that a signer physically signs.
- (23) "Manual referendum process" means the process for gathering signatures for a referendum using paper signature packets that a signer physically signs.
- (24) "Measure" means a proposed constitutional amendment, an initiative, or referendum.
- (25) "Referendum" means a process by which a law passed by the Legislature or by a local legislative body is submitted or referred to the voters for their approval or rejection.
- (26) "Referendum packet" means a copy of the referendum petition, a copy of the law being submitted or referred to the voters for their approval or rejection, and the signature sheets, all of which have been bound together as a unit.
- (27) "Signature":
- (a) for a statewide initiative:
 - (i) as it relates to the electronic initiative process, means an electronic signature collected under Section 20A-7-215 and Subsection 20A-21-201(6)(c); or
 - (ii) as it relates to the manual initiative process:
 - (A) means a holographic signature collected physically on a signature sheet described in Section 20A-7-203; and
 - (B) does not include an electronic signature;
 - (b) for a statewide referendum:
 - (i) as it relates to the electronic referendum process, means an electronic signature collected under Section 20A-7-313 and Subsection 20A-21-201(6)(c); or
 - (ii) as it relates to the manual referendum process:

- (A) means a holographic signature collected physically on a signature sheet described in Section 20A-7-303; and
- (B) does not include an electronic signature;
- (c) for a local initiative:
 - (i) as it relates to the electronic initiative process, means an electronic signature collected under Section 20A-7-514 and Subsection 20A-21-201(6)(c); or
 - (ii) as it relates to the manual initiative process:
 - (A) means a holographic signature collected physically on a signature sheet described in Section 20A-7-503; and
 - (B) does not include an electronic signature; or
- (d) for a local referendum:
 - (i) as it relates to the electronic referendum process, means an electronic signature collected under Section 20A-7-614 and Subsection 20A-21-201(6)(c); or
 - (ii) as it relates to the manual referendum process:
 - (A) means a holographic signature collected physically on a signature sheet described in Section 20A-7-603; and
 - (B) does not include an electronic signature.
- (28) "Signature sheets" means sheets in the form required by this chapter that are used to collect signatures in support of an initiative or referendum.
- (29) "Special local ballot proposition" means a local ballot proposition that is not a standard local ballot proposition.
- (30) "Sponsors" means the legal voters who support the initiative or referendum and who sign the application for petition copies.
- (31)
 - (a) "Standard local ballot proposition" means a local ballot proposition for an initiative or a referendum.
 - (b) "Standard local ballot proposition" does not include a property tax referendum described in Section 20A-7-613.
- (32) "Tax percentage difference" means the difference between the tax rate proposed by an initiative or an initiative petition and the current tax rate.
- (33) "Tax percentage increase" means a number calculated by dividing the tax percentage difference by the current tax rate and rounding the result to the nearest thousandth.
- (34) "Verified" means acknowledged by the person circulating the petition as required in Sections 20A-7-205 and 20A-7-305.