

1                                   **TASK FORCE REVIEWING OPTIONAL FORMS**  
2                                   **OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

3                                   1998 GENERAL SESSION

4                                   STATE OF UTAH

5                                   **Sponsor: Christine R. Fox-Finlinson**

6 AN ACT RELATING TO TASK FORCES; CREATING THE OPTIONAL FORMS OF  
7 COUNTY GOVERNMENT TASK FORCE; ESTABLISHING MEMBERSHIP AND  
8 DUTIES; APPROPRIATING \$24,500 FOR TASK FORCE SALARIES AND EXPENSES;  
9 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING A REPEAL DATE.

10 This act enacts uncodified material.

11 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

12                   Section 1. **Task force creation -- Membership -- Chairs.**

13                   (1) There is created the Optional Forms of County Government Task Force consisting of:

14                   (a) three members of the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate; and

15                   (b) five members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the House  
16 of Representatives.

17                   (2) The president of the Senate shall appoint a senator appointed to the task force under  
18 Subsection (1)(a) as Senate chair of the task force, and the speaker of the House of Representatives  
19 shall appoint a representative appointed to the task force under Subsection (1)(b) as House chair  
20 of the task force.

21                   Section 2. **Task force duties.**

22                   The task force shall:

23                   (1) review current statutes establishing the procedure for a county to adopt an optional  
24 form of government and the optional forms available under current statutes;

25                   (2) study whether the currently available optional forms of county government are meeting  
26 the needs of counties in the state;

27                   (3) explore the advisability of modifying the currently available optional forms of county

1 government or of providing in statute for other optional forms of county government;

2 (4) determine whether current statutory procedures for adopting an optional form of county  
3 government should be revised; and

4 (5) if the task force considers it to be appropriate, make recommendations to or propose  
5 legislation for adoption by the Legislature.

6 Section 3. **Quorum -- Meetings -- Report to interim committee.**

7 (1) A majority of the task force constitutes a quorum, and action by a majority of a quorum  
8 at any meeting constitutes action of the task force.

9 (2) The task force may hold up to six meetings.

10 (3) The task force shall give a report of its activities and recommendations to the Political  
11 Subdivisions Interim Committee no later than November 30, 1998.

12 Section 4. **Salaries and expenses.**

13 Salaries and expenses of legislators are paid in accordance with Section 36-2-2 and  
14 Legislative Joint Rule 15.03.

15 Section 5. **Staff support.**

16 The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support to the  
17 task force.

18 Section 6. **Appropriation.**

19 There is appropriated from the General Fund for fiscal year 1997-98:

20 (1) \$3,500 to the Senate for salary and expenses of senators who are members of the task  
21 force;

22 (2) \$6,000 to the House of Representatives for salary and expenses of representatives who  
23 are members of the task force; and

24 (3) \$15,000 to the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel for staffing  
25 expenses associated with the task force.

26 Section 7. **Effective date.**

27 If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this act takes effect  
28 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah

29 Constitution Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto, the  
30 date of veto override.

31 Section 8. **Repeal date.**

1           This act is repealed November 30, 1998.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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A limited legal review of this bill raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**