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TECHNICAL AMENDMENT - POLLING PLACE SUPPLIES

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill corrects an erroneous cross-reference in the Election Code.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

• ensures that the cross-reference to voter information pamphlets is correct in the Election Code section governing polling place supplies.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

20A-5-403, as last amended by Chapter 116, Laws of Utah 2003

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

Section 1. Section **20A-5-403** is amended to read:

20A-5-403. Polling places -- Booths -- Ballot boxes -- Inspections -- Provisions --

Arrangements.

- (1) Each election officer shall:
- (a) designate polling places for each voting precinct in the jurisdiction; and
- (b) obtain the approval of the county or municipal legislative body or special district governing board for those polling places.

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- (2) (a) For each polling place, the election officer shall provide:
- (i) an American flag;
- (ii) a sufficient number of voting booths or compartments;
- (iii) the voting devices, voting booths, ballots, ballot boxes, ballot labels, ballot cards, write-in ballots, and any other records and supplies necessary to enable a voter to vote; [and]
- (iv) the constitutional amendment cards [and voter information pamphlets] required by Part 1, Election Notices and Instructions; [and]
- (v) voter information pamphlets required by Title 20A, Chapter 7, Part 7, Voter Information Pamphlet; and
 - [v] (vi) the instruction cards required by Section 20A-5-102.
 - (b) Each election officer shall ensure that:
- (i) each voting booth is at a convenient height for writing, and is arranged so that the voter can prepare his ballot screened from observation;
- (ii) there are a sufficient number of voting booths to accommodate the voters at that polling place; and
- (iii) there is at least one voting booth that is configured to accommodate persons with disabilities.
- (c) Each county clerk shall provide a ballot box for each polling place that is large enough to properly receive and hold the ballots to be cast.
- (3) (a) As of May 15, 2003, all polling places shall be physically inspected by each county clerk to ensure access by a person with a disability.
- (b) Any issues concerning inaccessibility to polling places by a person with a disability discovered during the inspections referred to in Subsection (3)(a) or reported to the county clerk on or after May 15, 2002 shall be:
 - (i) forwarded to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor; and
- (ii) within six months of the time of the complaint, the issue of inaccessibility shall be either:
 - (A) remedied at the particular location by the county clerk;

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(B) the county clerk shall designate an alternative accessible location for the particular precinct; or

- (C) if no practical solution can be identified, file with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor a written explanation identifying the reasons compliance cannot reasonably be met.
- (4) The municipality in which the election is held shall pay the cost of conducting each municipal election, including the cost of printing and supplies.
 - (5) The county clerk shall make detailed entries of all proceedings had under this chapter.