

COUNTY OFFICER AMENDMENTS

2005 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble

House Sponsor: Jeff Alexander

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies a provision relating to the consolidation of county offices.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ prohibits the consolidation of the offices of county assessor and county treasurer;

and

- ▶ requires county legislative bodies to separate those two offices if they are

consolidated and to provide notice that the offices will be filled at a general election.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

17-16-3, as last amended by Chapters 46 and 146, Laws of Utah 1994

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

Section 1. Section **17-16-3** is amended to read:

17-16-3. Consolidation of offices.

(1) The county legislative body may, unless prohibited by Subsection (2), pass an ordinance that:

- (a) consolidates county offices and establishes the duties of those consolidated offices;
 - (b) separates any previously consolidated offices and reconsolidates them; or
 - (c) separates any previously consolidated offices without reconsolidating them.
- (2) The county legislative body may not:
- (a) consolidate the offices of county commissioner, county council member, or county treasurer with the office of county auditor;
 - (b) consolidate the office of county executive with the office of county auditor, unless a referendum approving that consolidation passes; or
 - (c) consolidate the offices of county commissioner, county council member, county executive, county assessor, or county auditor with the office of county treasurer.
- (3) The county legislative body shall ensure that any ordinance consolidating or separating county offices:
- (a) is enacted before the February 1 of the year in which county officers are elected; and
 - (b) takes effect on the first Monday in January after the year in which county officers are elected.
- (4) Each county legislative body shall:
- (a) [~~separate~~] enact an ordinance by February 1, 2006, separating any county offices that are prohibited from consolidation by this section [~~by March 1, 1994~~]; and
 - (b) publish, by [~~March 7, 1994~~] February 15, 2006, a notice once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county identifying the county offices that will be filled in the November[~~, 1994~~] 2006 election.