

Senator Howard A. Stephenson proposes the following substitute bill:

EARLY VOTING

2006 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Douglas C. Aagard

Senate Sponsor: Parley G. Hellewell

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill enacts uncodified material to require the Utah Elections Office to study permitting in-person early voting prior to the date of the election.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

► requires the Utah Elections Office, with the assistance of county elections officers, to conduct a study and analysis of permitting in-person early voting prior to elections in Utah and report its findings to the Legislature.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Uncodified Material Affected:

ENACTS UNCODIFIED MATERIAL

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

Section 1. **Utah Elections Office study -- Early voting.**

(1) The Utah Elections Office, with the assistance of county elections officers, shall



26 conduct a study and analysis of permitting in-person early voting prior to elections in Utah.

27 (2) The study shall include:

28 (a) collecting and analyzing election and voting data from local, state, and national
29 sources, including other states, from the 2006 General Election and prior elections as needed;

30 (b) calculating the cost savings of early voting, based, in part, on the number of voting
31 machines the state will not be required to purchase and maintain if early voting is used;

32 (c) the results of voters using early voting, where it is available, including information
33 regarding voting patterns, voter fraud, electioneering, and voter acceptance of early voting;

34 (d) an analysis of the effect of early voting on election day voter waiting times; and

35 (e) comparisons of those states with early voting and those states without early voting.

36 (3) The Utah Elections Office shall:

37 (a) prepare a report of its findings and any recommendations, and present it to an
38 appropriate legislative committee designated by the Legislative Management Committee; and

39 (b) provide periodic updates on the study as requested by the Legislature.