

**BALLOT FORM AMENDMENTS**

2007 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies certain ballot form requirements in the Election Code.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ requires that the word "party" be included at the end of the name of each political party listed in the straight party selection area of ballot sheets and electronic ballots;
- and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**20A-6-303**, as last amended by Chapter 326, Laws of Utah 2006

**20A-6-304**, as enacted by Chapter 326, Laws of Utah 2006

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

Section 1. Section **20A-6-303** is amended to read:

**20A-6-303. Regular general election -- Ballot sheets.**

(1) Each election officer shall ensure that:

(a) copy on the ballot sheets or ballot labels, as applicable, are arranged in

30 approximately the same order as paper ballots;

31 (b) the titles of offices and the names of candidates are printed in vertical columns or in  
32 a series of separate pages;

33 (c) the ballot sheet or any pages used for the ballot label are of sufficient number to  
34 include, after the list of candidates:

35 (i) the names of candidates for judicial offices and any other nonpartisan offices; and

36 (ii) any ballot propositions submitted to the voters for their approval or rejection;

37 (d) (i) a voting square or position is included where the voter may record a straight  
38 party ticket vote for all the candidates of one party by one mark or punch; and

39 (ii) the name of each political party listed in the straight party selection area includes  
40 the word "party" at the end of the party's name;

41 (e) the tickets are printed in the order determined by the county clerk;

42 (f) the office titles are printed above or at the side of the names of candidates so as to  
43 indicate clearly the candidates for each office and the number to be elected;

44 (g) the party designation of each candidate is printed to the right or below the  
45 candidate's name; and

46 (h) (i) if possible, all candidates for one office are grouped in one column or upon one  
47 page;

48 (ii) if all candidates for one office cannot be listed in one column or grouped on one  
49 page:

50 (A) the ballot sheet or ballot label shall be clearly marked to indicate that the list of  
51 candidates is continued on the following column or page; and

52 (B) approximately the same number of names shall be printed in each column or on  
53 each page; and

54 (i) arrows shall be used to indicate the place to vote for each candidate and on each  
55 measure.

56 (2) Each election officer shall ensure that:

57 (a) proposed amendments to the Utah Constitution are listed under the heading

58 "Constitutional Amendment Number \_\_\_" with the number of the constitutional amendment as  
59 assigned under Section 20A-7-103 placed in the blank;

60 (b) propositions submitted to the voters by the Utah Legislature are listed under the  
61 heading "State Proposition Number \_\_\_" with the number of the state proposition as assigned  
62 under Section 20A-7-103 placed in the blank;

63 (c) propositions submitted to the voters by a county are listed under the heading  
64 "County Proposition Number \_\_\_" with the number of the county proposition as assigned by the  
65 county legislative body placed in the blank;

66 (d) propositions submitted to the voters by a school district are listed under the heading  
67 "School District Proposition Number \_\_\_" with the number of the school district proposition as  
68 assigned by the county legislative body placed in the blank;

69 (e) state initiatives that have qualified for the ballot are listed under the heading  
70 "Citizen's State Initiative Number \_\_\_" with the number of the state initiative as assigned under  
71 Section 20A-7-209 placed in the blank;

72 (f) county initiatives that have qualified for the ballot are listed under the heading  
73 "Citizen's County Initiative Number \_\_\_" with the number of the county initiative as assigned  
74 under Section 20A-7-508 placed in the blank;

75 (g) state referenda that have qualified for the ballot are listed under the heading  
76 "Citizen's State Referendum Number \_\_\_" with the number of the state referendum as assigned  
77 under Sections 20A-7-209 and 20A-7-308 placed in the blank;

78 (h) county referenda that have qualified for the ballot are listed under the heading  
79 "Citizen's County Referendum Number \_\_\_" with the number of the county referendum as  
80 assigned under Section 20A-7-608 placed in the blank; and

81 (i) bond propositions that have qualified for the ballot are listed under the title assigned  
82 to each bond proposition under Section 11-14-206.

83 Section 2. Section **20A-6-304** is amended to read:

84 **20A-6-304. Regular general election -- Electronic ballots.**

85 (1) Each election officer shall ensure that:

86 (a) the format and content of the electronic ballot is arranged in approximately the  
87 same order as paper ballots;

88 (b) the titles of offices and the names of candidates are displayed in vertical columns or  
89 in a series of separate display screens;

90 (c) the electronic ballot is of sufficient length to include, after the list of candidates:

91 (i) the names of candidates for judicial offices and any other nonpartisan offices; and

92 (ii) any ballot propositions submitted to the voters for their approval or rejection;

93 (d) (i) a voting square or position is included where the voter may record a straight  
94 party ticket vote for all the candidates of one party by making a single selection; and

95 (ii) the name of each political party listed in the straight party selection area includes  
96 the word "party" at the end of the party's name;

97 (e) the tickets are displayed in the order determined by the county clerk;

98 (f) the office titles are displayed above or at the side of the names of candidates so as to  
99 indicate clearly the candidates for each office and the number to be elected;

100 (g) the party designation of each candidate is displayed adjacent to the candidate's  
101 name; and

102 (h) if possible, all candidates for one office are grouped in one column or upon one  
103 display screen.

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109 heading "State Proposition Number \_\_\_" with the number of the state proposition as assigned  
110 under Section 20A-7-103 placed in the blank;

111 (c) propositions submitted to the voters by a county are displayed under the heading  
112 "County Proposition Number \_\_\_" with the number of the county proposition as assigned by the  
113 county legislative body placed in the blank;

114 (d) propositions submitted to the voters by a school district are displayed under the  
115 heading "School District Proposition Number \_\_\_" with the number of the school district  
116 proposition as assigned by the county legislative body placed in the blank;

117 (e) state initiatives that have qualified for the ballot are displayed under the heading  
118 "Citizen's State Initiative Number \_\_\_" with the number of the state initiative as assigned under  
119 Section 20A-7-209 placed in the blank;

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130 assigned to each bond proposition under Section 11-14-206.