

BALLOT FORM AMENDMENTS

2007 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Christine A. Johnson

Senate Sponsor: Gregory S. Bell

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

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.



- 28 (1) Each election officer shall ensure that:
- 29 (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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- 105 (a) proposed amendments to the Utah Constitution are displayed under the heading
- 106 "Constitutional Amendment Number ___" with the number of the constitutional amendment as
- 107 assigned under Section 20A-7-103 placed in the blank;
- 108 (b) propositions submitted to the voters by the Utah Legislature are displayed under the
- 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;
- 120 (f) county initiatives that have qualified for the ballot are displayed under the heading

121 "Citizen's County Initiative Number ___" with the number of the county initiative as assigned
122 under Section 20A-7-508 placed in the blank;

123 (g) state referenda that have qualified for the ballot are displayed under the heading
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127 "Citizen's County Referendum Number ___" with the number of the county referendum as
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129 (i) bond propositions that have qualified for the ballot are displayed under the title
130 assigned to each bond proposition under Section 11-14-206.

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Fiscal Note

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State Impact

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.

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