

DEADLINE FOR VOTING PRECINCT

DESIGNATION

2008 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Gregory H. Hughes

Senate Sponsor: Sheldon L. Killpack

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the Election Code by amending the deadline to modify voting precincts.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ changes the date by which a county legislative body must designate voting precincts from February 1 on a regular general election year to January 1 on a regular general election year.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

20A-5-303, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2006, Chapter 262

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

Section 1. Section **20A-5-303** is amended to read:

20A-5-303. Establishing, dividing, abolishing, and changing voting precincts --

Common polling places -- Combined voting precincts -- Counties.

(1) (a) After receiving recommendations from the county clerk, the county legislative

30 body may establish, divide, abolish, and change voting precincts.

31 (b) Within 30 days after the establishment, division, abolition, or change of a voting
32 precinct under this section, the county legislative body shall file with the Automated Geographic
33 Reference Center, created under Section 63F-1-506, a notice describing the action taken and
34 specifying the resulting boundaries of each voting precinct affected by the action.

35 (2) (a) The county legislative body shall alter or divide voting precincts so that each
36 voting precinct contains not more than 1,250 active voters.

37 (b) The county legislative body shall:

38 (i) identify those precincts that may reach the limit of active voters in a precinct under
39 Subsection (2)(a) or that becomes too large to facilitate the election process; and

40 (ii) divide those precincts [~~before February 1~~] on or before January 1, of a general
41 election year.

42 (3) The county legislative body may not:

43 (a) establish or abolish any voting precinct after [~~February~~] January 1 of a regular
44 general election year; or

45 (b) alter or change the boundaries of any voting precinct after [~~February~~] January 1 of a
46 regular general election year.

47 (4) (a) For the purpose of voting in an election, the county legislative body may
48 establish a common polling place for two or more whole voting precincts.

49 (b) At least 90 days before the election, the county legislative body shall designate:

50 (i) the voting precincts that will vote at the common polling place; and

51 (ii) the location of the common polling place.

52 (c) A county may use one set of election judges for the common polling place under this
53 Subsection (4).

54 (5) Each county shall have at least two polling places open for voting on the date of the
55 election.

56 (6) Each common polling place shall have at least one voting device that is accessible
57 for individuals with disabilities in accordance with Public Law 107-252, the Help America Vote

58 Act of 2002.