

**STATE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION****AMENDMENTS**

2009 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Ronda Rudd Menlove**

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**LONG TITLE****General Description:**

This bill modifies the election process for membership on the State Board of Education.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- requires the direct, nonpartisan election of members of the State Board of Education;
- repeals the involvement of the governor and the nominating and recruiting committee for the State Board of Education in the selection process; and
- makes technical corrections.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:****AMENDS:**

**20A-6-301**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapters 225 and 315

**20A-6-302**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2006, Chapter 326

**20A-11-1303**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 14

**20A-14-104**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2004, Chapter 19



REPEALS:

**20A-14-105**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2003, Chapter 315

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

Section 1. Section **20A-6-301** is amended to read:

**20A-6-301. Paper ballots -- Regular general election.**

(1) Each election officer shall ensure that:

(a) all paper ballots furnished for use at the regular general election contain no captions or other endorsements except as provided in this section;

(b) (i) the paper ballot contains a ballot stub at least one inch wide, placed across the top of the ballot, and divided from the rest of ballot by a perforated line;

(ii) the ballot number and the words " Poll Worker's Initial \_\_\_\_ " are printed on the stub; and

(iii) ballot stubs are numbered consecutively;

(c) immediately below the perforated ballot stub, the following endorsements are printed in 18-point bold type:

(i) "Official Ballot for \_\_\_\_ County, Utah";

(ii) the date of the election; and

(iii) a facsimile of the signature of the county clerk and the words "county clerk";

(d) each ticket is placed in a separate column on the ballot in the order determined by the election officer with the party emblem, followed by the party name, at the head of the column;

(e) the party name or title is printed in capital letters not less than 1/4 of an inch high;

(f) a circle 1/2 inch in diameter is printed immediately below the party name or title, and the top of the circle is placed not less than two inches below the perforated line;

(g) unaffiliated candidates and candidates not affiliated with a registered political party are listed in one column, without a party circle, with the following instructions printed at the head of the column: "All candidates not affiliated with a political party are listed below. They are to be considered with all offices and candidates listed to the left. Only one vote is allowed for each office.";

(h) the columns containing the lists of candidates, including the party name and device,

are separated by heavy parallel lines;

(i) the offices to be filled are plainly printed immediately above the names of the candidates for those offices;

(j) the names of candidates are printed in capital letters, not less than 1/8 nor more than 1/4 of an inch high in heavy-faced type not smaller than ten-point, between lines or rules 3/8 of an inch apart;

(k) a square with sides measuring not less than 1/4 of an inch in length is printed at the right of the name of each candidate;

(l) for the offices of president and vice president and governor and lieutenant governor, one square with sides measuring not less than 1/4 of an inch in length is printed opposite a double bracket enclosing the right side of the names of the two candidates;

(m) immediately to the right of the unaffiliated ticket on the ballot, the ballot contains a write-in column long enough to contain as many written names of candidates as there are persons to be elected with:

(i) for each office on the ballot, the office to be filled plainly printed immediately above:

(A) a blank, horizontal line to enable the entry of a valid write-in candidate and a square with sides measuring not less than 1/4 of an inch in length printed at the right of the blank horizontal line; or

(B) for the offices of president and vice president and governor and lieutenant governor, two blank horizontal lines, one placed above the other, to enable the entry of two valid write-in candidates, and one square with sides measuring not less than 1/4 of an inch in length printed opposite a double bracket enclosing the right side of the two blank horizontal lines; and

(ii) the words "Write-In Voting Column" printed at the head of the column without a 1/2 inch circle;

(n) when required, the ballot includes a nonpartisan ticket placed immediately to the right of the write-in ticket with the word "NONPARTISAN" in reverse type in an 18-point solid rule running vertically the full length of the nonpartisan ballot copy; and

(o) constitutional amendments or other questions submitted to the vote of the people, are printed on the ballot after the list of candidates.

90 (2) Each election officer shall ensure that:

91 (a) each person nominated by any political party or group of petitioners is placed on the

92 ballot:

93 (i) under the party name and emblem, if any; or

94 (ii) under the title of the party or group as designated by them in their certificates of

95 nomination or petition, or, if none is designated, then under some suitable title;

96 (b) the names of all unaffiliated candidates that qualify as required in Title 20A,

97 Chapter 9, Part 5, Candidates not Affiliated with a Party, are placed on the ballot;

98 (c) the names of the candidates for president and vice president are used on the ballot

99 instead of the names of the presidential electors; and

100 (d) the ballots contain no other names.

101 (3) When the ballot contains a nonpartisan section, the election officer shall ensure

102 that:

103 (a) the designation of the office to be filled in the election and the number of

104 candidates to be elected are printed in type not smaller than eight-point;

105 (b) the words designating the office are printed flush with the left-hand margin;

106 (c) the words, "Vote for one" or "Vote for two or more" extend to the extreme right of

107 the column;

108 (d) the nonpartisan candidates are grouped according to the office for which they are

109 candidates;

110 (e) the names in each group are placed in alphabetical order with the surnames last,

111 except for candidates for the State Board of Education and local school boards;

112 ~~[(f) the names of candidates for the State Board of Education are placed on the ballot as~~

113 ~~certified by the lieutenant governor under Section 20A-14-105;]~~

114 ~~[(g)]~~ (f) if candidates for membership on the State Board of Education or a local board

115 of education were selected in a primary election, the name of the candidate who received the

116 most votes in the primary election is listed first on the ballot;

117 ~~[(h)]~~ (g) if candidates for membership on the State Board of Education or a local board

118 of education were not selected in the primary election, the names of the candidates are listed on

119 the ballot in the order determined by a lottery conducted by the lieutenant governor or county

120 clerk; and

[~~(i)~~] (h) each group is preceded by the designation of the office for which the candidates seek election, and the words, "Vote for one" or "Vote for two or more," according to the number to be elected.

(4) Each election officer shall ensure that:

(a) proposed amendments to the Utah Constitution are listed on the ballot in accordance with Section 20A-6-107;

(b) ballot propositions submitted to the voters are listed on the ballot in accordance with Section 20A-6-107; and

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

Section 2. Section **20A-6-302** is amended to read:

**20A-6-302. Paper ballots -- Placement of candidates' names.**

(1) Each election officer shall ensure, for paper ballots in regular general elections, that:

(a) except for candidates for state school board and local school boards:

(i) each candidate is listed by party; and

(ii) candidates' surnames are listed in alphabetical order on the ballots when two or more candidates' names are required to be listed on a ticket under the title of an office;

~~[(b) the names of candidates for the State Board of Education are placed on the ballot as certified by the lieutenant governor under Section 20A-14-105;]~~

~~[(c)]~~ (b) if candidates for membership on the State Board of Education or a local board of education were selected in a regular primary election, the name of the candidate who received the most votes in the regular primary election is listed first on the ballot; and

~~[(d)]~~ (c) if candidates for membership on the State Board of Education or a local board of education were not selected in the regular primary election, the names of the candidates are listed on the ballot in the order determined by a lottery conducted by the lieutenant governor or county clerk.

(2) (a) The election officer may not allow the name of a candidate who dies or withdraws before election day to be printed upon the ballots.

(b) If the ballots have already been printed, the election officer:

(i) shall, if possible, cancel the name of the dead or withdrawn candidate by drawing a

line through the candidate's name before the ballots are delivered to voters; and

(ii) may not count any votes for that dead or withdrawn candidate.

(3) (a) When there is only one candidate for county attorney at the regular general election in counties that have three or fewer registered voters of the county who are licensed active members in good standing of the Utah State Bar, the county clerk shall cause that candidate's name and party affiliation, if any, to be placed on a separate section of the ballot with the following question: "Shall (name of candidate) be elected to the office of county attorney? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_."

(b) If the number of "Yes" votes exceeds the number of "No" votes, the candidate is elected to the office of county attorney.

(c) If the number of "No" votes exceeds the number of "Yes" votes, the candidate is not elected and may not take office, nor may he continue in the office past the end of the term resulting from any prior election or appointment.

(d) When the name of only one candidate for county attorney is printed on the ballot under authority of this Subsection (3), the county clerk may not count any write-in votes received for the office of county attorney.

(e) If no qualified person files for the office of county attorney or if the candidate is not elected by the voters, the county legislative body shall appoint the county attorney as provided in Section 20A-1-509.2.

(f) If the candidate whose name would, except for this Subsection (3)(f), be placed on the ballot under Subsection (3)(a) has been elected on a ballot under Subsection (3)(a) to the two consecutive terms immediately preceding the term for which the candidate is seeking election, Subsection (3)(a) shall not apply and that candidate shall be considered to be an unopposed candidate the same as any other unopposed candidate for another office, unless a petition is filed with the county clerk before the date of that year's primary election that:

(i) requests the procedure set forth in Subsection (3)(a) to be followed; and

(ii) contains the signatures of registered voters in the county representing in number at least 25% of all votes cast in the county for all candidates for governor at the last election at which a governor was elected.

(4) (a) When there is only one candidate for district attorney at the regular general election in a prosecution district that has three or fewer registered voters of the district who are

licensed active members in good standing of the Utah State Bar, the county clerk shall cause that candidate's name and party affiliation, if any, to be placed on a separate section of the ballot with the following question: "Shall (name of candidate) be elected to the office of district attorney? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_."

(b) If the number of "Yes" votes exceeds the number of "No" votes, the candidate is elected to the office of district attorney.

(c) If the number of "No" votes exceeds the number of "Yes" votes, the candidate is not elected and may not take office, nor may he continue in the office past the end of the term resulting from any prior election or appointment.

(d) When the name of only one candidate for district attorney is printed on the ballot under authority of this Subsection (4), the county clerk may not count any write-in votes received for the office of district attorney.

(e) If no qualified person files for the office of district attorney, or if the only candidate is not elected by the voters under this subsection, the county legislative body shall appoint a new district attorney for a four-year term as provided in Section 20A-1-509.2.

(f) If the candidate whose name would, except for this Subsection (4)(f), be placed on the ballot under Subsection (4)(a) has been elected on a ballot under Subsection (4)(a) to the two consecutive terms immediately preceding the term for which the candidate is seeking election, Subsection (4)(a) shall not apply and that candidate shall be considered to be an unopposed candidate the same as any other unopposed candidate for another office, unless a petition is filed with the county clerk before the date of that year's primary election that:

(i) requests the procedure set forth in Subsection (4)(a) to be followed; and

(ii) contains the signatures of registered voters in the county representing in number at least 25% of all votes cast in the county for all candidates for governor at the last election at which a governor was elected.

Section 3. Section **20A-11-1303** is amended to read:

**20A-11-1303. School board office candidate -- Financial reporting requirements**  
**-- Interim reports.**

(1) Each school board office candidate shall file an interim report at the following times in any year in which the candidate has filed a declaration of candidacy for a public office:

~~[(a) May 15, for state school board office candidates;]~~

214 ~~[(b)]~~ (a) seven days before the regular primary election date;

215 ~~[(c)]~~ (b) August 31; and

216 ~~[(d)]~~ (c) seven days before the regular general election date.

217 (2) Each interim report shall include the following information:

218 (a) the net balance of the last summary report, if any;

219 (b) a single figure equal to the total amount of receipts reported on all prior interim  
220 reports, if any, during the calendar year in which the interim report is due;

221 (c) a single figure equal to the total amount of expenditures reported on all prior  
222 interim reports, if any, filed during the calendar year in which the interim report is due;

223 (d) a detailed listing of each contribution and public service assistance received since  
224 the last summary report that has not been reported in detail on a prior interim report;

225 (e) for each nonmonetary contribution, the fair market value of the contribution;

226 (f) a detailed listing of each expenditure made since the last summary report that has  
227 not been reported in detail on a prior interim report;

228 (g) for each nonmonetary expenditure, the fair market value of the expenditure;

229 (h) a net balance for the year consisting of the net balance from the last summary  
230 report, if any, plus all receipts since the last summary report minus all expenditures since the  
231 last summary report; and

232 (i) a summary page in the form required by the lieutenant governor that identifies:

233 (i) beginning balance;

234 (ii) total contributions during the period since the last statement;

235 (iii) total contributions to date;

236 (iv) total expenditures during the period since the last statement; and

237 (v) total expenditures to date.

238 (3) (a) For all individual contributions or public service assistance of \$50 or less, a  
239 single aggregate figure may be reported without separate detailed listings.

240 (b) Two or more contributions from the same source that have an aggregate total of  
241 more than \$50 may not be reported in the aggregate, but shall be reported separately.

242 (4) In preparing each interim report, all receipts and expenditures shall be reported as  
243 of five days before the required filing date of the report.

244 Section 4. Section **20A-14-104** is amended to read:



**20A-14-104. Becoming a candidate for membership on the State Board of Education.**

~~[(1)(a)]~~ Persons interested in becoming a candidate for the State Board of Education shall file a declaration of candidacy according to the procedures and requirements of Sections 20A-9-201 and 20A-9-202.

~~[(b) By May 1 of the year in which a State Board of Education member's term expires, the lieutenant governor shall submit the name of each person who has filed a declaration of candidacy for the State Board of Education to the nominating and recruiting committee for the State Board of Education.]~~

~~[(2) By November 1 of the year preceding each regular general election year, a nominating and recruiting committee consisting of 12 members, each to serve a two-year term, shall be appointed by the governor as follows:]~~

~~[(a) one member shall be appointed to represent each of the following business and industry sectors:]~~

~~[(i) manufacturing and mining;]~~

~~[(ii) transportation and public utilities;]~~

~~[(iii) service, trade, and information technology;]~~

~~[(iv) finance, insurance, and real estate;]~~

~~[(v) construction; and]~~

~~[(vi) agriculture; and]~~

~~[(b) one member shall be appointed to represent each of the following education sectors:]~~

~~[(i) teachers;]~~

~~[(ii) school administrators;]~~

~~[(iii) parents;]~~

~~[(iv) local school board members;]~~

~~[(v) charter schools; and]~~

~~[(vi) higher education.]~~

~~[(3) (a) The members appointed under Subsections (2)(a)(i) through (vi) and (2)(b)(i) through (vi) shall be appointed from lists containing at least two names submitted by organizations representing each of the respective sectors.]~~

~~[(b) At least one member of the nominating and recruiting committee shall reside within each state board district in which a member's term expires during the committee's two-year term of office.]~~

~~[(4) (a) The members shall elect one member to serve as chair for the committee.]~~

~~[(b) The chair, or another member of the committee designated by the chair, shall schedule and convene all committee meetings.]~~

~~[(c) Any formal action by the committee requires the approval of a majority of committee members.]~~

~~[(d) Members of the nominating and recruiting committee shall serve without compensation, but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties as established by the Division of Finance.]~~

~~[(5) The nominating and recruiting committee shall:]~~

~~[(a) recruit potential candidates for membership on the State Board of Education prior to the deadline to file a declaration of candidacy;]~~

~~[(b) prepare a list of candidates for membership on the State Board of Education for each state board district subject to election in that year using the qualifications under Subsection (6);]~~

~~[(c) submit a list of at least three candidates for each state board position to the governor by July 1; and]~~

~~[(d) ensure that the list includes appropriate background information on each candidate:]~~

~~[(6) The nominating committee shall select a broad variety of candidates who possess outstanding professional qualifications relating to the powers and duties of the State Board of Education, including experience in the following areas:]~~

~~[(a) business and industry administration;]~~

~~[(b) business and industry human resource management;]~~

~~[(c) business and industry finance;]~~

~~[(d) business and industry, including expertise in:]~~

~~[(i) metrics and evaluation;]~~

~~[(ii) manufacturing;]~~

~~[(iii) retailing;]~~

307        [~~(iv) natural resources;~~]  
308        [~~(v) information technology;~~]  
309        [~~(vi) construction;~~]  
310        [~~(vii) banking;~~]  
311        [~~(viii) science and engineering; and~~]  
312        [~~(ix) medical and healthcare;~~]  
313        [~~(e) higher education administration;~~]  
314        [~~(f) applied technology education;~~]  
315        [~~(g) public education administration;~~]  
316        [~~(h) public education instruction;~~]  
317        [~~(i) economic development;~~]  
318        [~~(j) labor; and~~]  
319        [~~(k) other life experiences that would benefit the State Board of Education.~~]

320        Section 5. **Repealer.**

321        This bill repeals:

322        Section **20A-14-105, Becoming a candidate for membership on the State Board of**  
323        **Education -- Selection of candidates by the governor -- Ballot placement.**

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**State Impact**

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

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**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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