

**IN PERSON VOTER REGISTRATION**

2009 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Scott D. McCoy**

House Sponsor: Douglas C. Aagard

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill eliminates the requirement that in person voter registration occur at the county clerk's office.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ eliminates provisions concerning in person voter registration occurring at the county clerk's office;
- ▶ provides for registration in person with the county clerk; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

**AMENDS:**

**20A-2-201**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapters 225 and 276

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

Section 1. Section **20A-2-201** is amended to read:

**20A-2-201. Registering to vote with the county clerk.**



28 (1) ~~§~~→ (a) ←~~§~~ Except as provided in Subsection (3), the county clerk shall register to vote all  
29 persons who [~~present themselves~~] apply for registration [~~at the county clerk's office during~~  
30 ~~designated office hours~~] in person with the county clerk if those persons, on the date of the  
31 election, will be legally eligible to vote in a voting precinct in the county in accordance with  
32 Section 20A-2-101.

32a ~~§~~→ (b) **If a county clerk elects to register voters at locations other than the county clerk's**  
32b **office, the county clerk shall ensure that the locations are approximately proportionately**  
32c **distributed based on population within the county.** ←~~§~~

33 (2) If a registration form is submitted in person [~~at the office of~~] to the county clerk  
34 during the period beginning on the date after the voter registration deadline and ending on the  
35 date that is 15 calendar days before the date of the election, the county clerk shall:

36 (a) accept registration forms from all persons who [~~present themselves~~] apply for  
37 registration [~~at the clerk's office during designated office hours~~] in person with the clerk if  
38 those persons, on the date of the election, will be legally qualified and entitled to vote in a  
39 voting precinct in the county; and

40 (b) inform them that:

41 (i) they will be registered to vote in the pending election; and

42 (ii) for the pending election, they must vote on the day of the election and will not be  
43 eligible to vote using early voting under Chapter 3, Part 6, Early Voting, because they  
44 registered too late.

45 (3) If a registration form is submitted to the county clerk on the date of the election or  
46 during the 14 calendar days before an election, the county clerk shall:

47 (a) accept registration forms from all persons who [~~present themselves~~] apply for  
48 registration [~~at the clerk's office during designated office hours~~] in person with the clerk if  
49 those persons, on the date of the election, will be legally qualified and entitled to vote in a  
50 voting precinct in the county; and

51 (b) inform them that they will be registered to vote but may not vote in the pending  
52 election because they registered too late.

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**S.B. 164 - In Person Voter Registration**

**Fiscal Note**

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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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