1   **MUNICIPAL ELECTION AMENDMENTS**

2   2010 GENERAL SESSION

3   STATE OF UTAH

4   **Chief Sponsor: Craig A. Frank**

5   Senate Sponsor: Peter C. Knudson

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7   **LONG TITLE**

8   **General Description:**

9   This bill modifies the Election Code by amending provisions for early voting for

10   certain municipalities.

11   **Highlighted Provisions:**

12   This bill:

13   ▸   allows rather than requires a municipality of the fifth class or a town to provide

14   early voting for a municipal primary election or a municipal general election; and

15   ▸   makes technical changes.

16   **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

17   None

18   **Other Special Clauses:**

19   None

20   **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

21   AMENDS:

22   **20A-3-601**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 256

23   **20A-3-605**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 360

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

26   Section 1. Section **20A-3-601** is amended to read:

27   **20A-3-601.   Early voting.**

28   (1) A person who is registered to vote may vote before the election date in accordance

29   with this section.

30   (2) (a) The early voting period shall begin on the date that is 14 days before the date of

31   the election.

32   (b) Early voting shall continue through[: (i)] the Friday before the election if the

33   election date is a Tuesday[; or].

34   [(ii) the date that is two regular business days before the date of the election if the

35   election date is a day other than Tuesday.]

36   (c) During the early voting period, the election officer:

37   (i) for a local special [elections,] election, a municipal primary [elections] election,

38   and a municipal general [elections] election:

39   (A) shall conduct early voting on a minimum of four days during each week of the

40   early voting period; and

41   (B) shall conduct early voting on the last day of the early voting period; and

42   (ii) for all other elections:

43   (A) shall conduct early voting on each weekday; and

44   (B) may elect to conduct early voting on [Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays] a Saturday,

45   Sunday, or holiday.

46   (3) Except as specifically provided in this Part 6, Early Voting, early voting shall be

47   administered according to the requirements of this title.

48   Section 2. Section **20A-3-605** is amended to read:

49   **20A-3-605.   Exemption from early voting for a local district election -- Optional**

50   **early voting for fifth class municipality or town.**

51   (1) This part does not apply to an election of a board member of a local district.

52   (2) Notwithstanding the requirements of Section 20A-3-601, a municipality of the

53   fifth class or a town as described in Section 10-2-301 may provide early voting as provided

54   under this part for:

55   (a) a municipal primary election; or

56   (b) a municipal general election.