

1 **VOTER REGISTRATION AMENDMENTS**

2 2010 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Rebecca Chavez-Houck**

5 Senate Sponsor: Scott K. Jenkins

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill amends a provision relating to voter registration.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

12 ▶ authorizes the lieutenant governor to compare the statewide voter registration  
13 database with information submitted by a registered voter to a state agency to  
14 identify a change of name or address;

15 ▶ requires the lieutenant governor to:

- 16 • establish measures to ensure the accuracy of a voter registration record; and
  - 17 • notify the county clerk of a change of name or address; and
- 18 ▶ requires the county clerk to update the voter registration record and notify the  
19 registered voter.

20 **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

21 None

22 **Other Special Clauses:**

23 None

24 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

25 AMENDS:

26 **20A-2-109**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 285

27 ENACTS:



28           **20A-2-304.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

31           Section 1. Section **20A-2-109** is amended to read:

32           **20A-2-109. Statewide voter registration database -- Lieutenant governor to create**  
33 **-- Counties to participate -- List of incarcerated felons.**

34           (1) (a) (i) The lieutenant governor shall develop a statewide voter registration database.

35           (ii) (A) The lieutenant governor may compare the information in the statewide voter  
36 registration database with information submitted by a registered voter to a state agency to  
37 identify a change in a registered voter's principle place of residence or name.

38           (B) The lieutenant governor shall establish matching criteria and security measures for  
39 identifying a change described in Subsection (1)(a)(ii)(A) to ensure the accuracy of a voter  
40 registration record.

41           (C) The lieutenant governor shall notify the county clerk of the county in which the  
42 voter's principal place of residence is located of the change in the registered voter's principle  
43 place of residence or name.

44           (b) Each county clerk shall utilize the statewide voter registration database when  
45 recording or modifying voter registration records.

46           (2) (a) The lieutenant governor shall maintain a current list of all incarcerated felons in  
47 Utah.

48           (b) (i) The Department of Corrections shall provide the lieutenant governor's office  
49 with a list of the name and last-known address of each person who:

50           (A) was convicted of a felony in a Utah state court; and

51           (B) is currently incarcerated for commission of a felony.

52           (ii) The lieutenant governor shall establish the frequency of receipt of the information  
53 and the method of transmitting the information after consultation with the Department of  
54 Corrections.

55           (c) (i) The Department of Corrections shall provide the lieutenant governor's office  
56 with a list of the name of each convicted felon who is no longer subject to the jurisdiction of  
57 the department because the person has been released from incarceration.

58           (ii) The lieutenant governor shall establish the frequency of receipt of the information

59 and the method of transmitting the information after consultation with the Department of  
60 Corrections.

61 Section 2. Section **20A-2-304.5** is enacted to read:

62 **20A-2-304.5. County clerk's responsibilities -- Updating voter registration.**

63 (1) A county clerk who receives notification from the lieutenant governor, as provided  
64 in Subsection 20A-2-109(1), of a change in a registered voter's principle place of residence or  
65 name may verify the change with the registered voter.

66 (2) Unless the county clerk verifies that a change described in Subsection (1) is  
67 incorrect, the county clerk shall:

68 (a) change the voter registration record to show the registered voter's current name and  
69 address; and

70 (b) notify the registered voter of the change to the voter registration record.

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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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