

28           **20A-1-508. Midterm vacancies in county elected offices.**

29           (1) As used in this section:

30           (a) (i) "County offices" includes the county executive, members of the county  
31 legislative body, the county treasurer, the county sheriff, the county clerk, the county auditor,  
32 the county recorder, the county surveyor, and the county assessor.33           ~~[(b)]~~ (ii) "County offices" does not mean the offices of president and vice president of  
34 the United States, United States senators and representatives, members of the Utah Legislature,  
35 state constitutional officers, county attorneys, district attorneys, and judges.36           (b) "Party liaison" means the political party officer designated to serve as a liaison with  
37 each county legislative body on all matters relating to the political party's relationship with a  
38 county as required by Section 20A-8-401.39           (2) (a) Until a replacement is selected as provided in this section and has qualified, the  
40 county legislative body shall appoint an interim replacement to fill the vacant office by  
41 following the procedures and requirements of this Subsection (2).42           (b) (i) To appoint an interim replacement, the county legislative body shall give notice  
43 of the vacancy to the ~~[county central committee]~~ party liaison of the same political party of the  
44 prior office holder and invite that ~~[committee]~~ party liaison to submit the ~~[names of three~~  
45 ~~nominees]~~ name of a person to fill the vacancy.46           (ii) That ~~[county central committee]~~ party liaison shall, within 30 days, submit the  
47 ~~[names of three nominees]~~ name of the person ~~Ĥ~~→ **selected in accordance with the party**  
47a **constitution or bylaws as described in Section 20A-8-401** ←~~Ĥ~~ for the interim replacement to the  
47b county  
48 legislative body.49           (iii) The county legislative body shall ~~[, within 45 days after the vacancy occurs,~~  
50 ~~appoint one of those nominees]~~ no later than five days after the day on which a party liaison  
51 submits the name of the person for the interim replacement appoint the person to serve out the  
52 unexpired term.53           (c) (i) If the county legislative body fails to appoint an interim replacement to fill the  
54 vacancy ~~[within 45 days]~~ in accordance with Subsection (2)(b)(iii), the county clerk shall send  
55 to the governor a letter that:56           (A) informs the governor that the county legislative body has failed to appoint a  
57 replacement within the statutory time period; and58           (B) contains the ~~[list of nominees]~~ name of the person to fill the vacancy submitted by

152 or amended.

153 (2) Each state political party, each new political party seeking registration, and each  
 154 unregistered political party seeking registration shall ensure that its constitution or bylaws  
 155 contain:

156 (a) provisions establishing party organization, structure, membership, and governance  
 157 that include:

158 (i) a description of the position, selection process, qualifications, duties, and terms of  
 159 each party officer and committees defined by constitution and bylaws;

160 (ii) a provision requiring a designated party officer to serve as liaison with:

161 (A) the lieutenant governor on all matters relating to the political party's relationship  
 162 with the state; and

163 (B) each county legislative body on matters relating to the political party's relationship  
 164 with a county;

165 (iii) a description of the requirements for participation in party processes;

166 (iv) the dates, times, and quorum of any regularly scheduled party meetings,  
 167 conventions, or other conclaves; and

168 (v) a mechanism for making the names of delegates, candidates, and elected party  
 169 officers available to the public shortly after they are selected;

170 (b) a procedure for selecting party officers that allows active participation by party  
 171 members;

172 (c) a procedure for selecting party candidates at the federal, state, and county levels that  
 173 allows active participation by party members;

174 (d) (i) a procedure for selecting electors who are pledged to cast their votes in the  
 175 electoral college for the party's candidates for president and vice president of the United States;  
 176 and

177 (ii) a procedure for filling vacancies in the office of presidential elector because of  
 178 death, refusal to act, failure to attend, ineligibility, or any other cause;

179 (e) a procedure for filling vacancies in the office of representative or senator ~~H~~→ **or a**  
 179a **county office, as described in Section 20A-1-508, ←H** because of  
 180 death, resignation, or ineligibility;

181 (f) a provision requiring the governor and lieutenant governor to run as a joint ticket;

182 (g) a procedure for replacing party candidates who die, become disabled, or are