

VOTER REGISTRATION AMENDMENTS

2012 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Kraig Powell

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions in Title 20A, Election Code, relating to voter registration.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires the removal of a voter from the official register:
 - upon notification that a voter has subsequently registered to vote in another state; and
 - upon notice of a criminal conviction that prohibits a person from voting;
- ▶ requires the county clerk to send a notice to a voter who fails to vote in two consecutive regular general elections; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

20A-2-304.5, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 304

20A-2-305, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1997, Chapter 183

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

Section 1. Section **20A-2-304.5** is amended to read:

58 ~~[when]~~ if:

59 (a) the voter dies and the requirements of Subsection (3) are met;

60 (b) the county clerk, after complying with the requirements of Section 20A-2-306,
 61 receives written confirmation from the voter that the voter no longer resides within the county
 62 clerk's county;

63 (c) the county clerk has:

64 (i) obtained evidence that the voter's residence has changed~~[-has]~~;

65 (ii) mailed notice to the voter as required by Section 20A-2-306 ~~[and]~~;

66 (iii) (A) received no response from the voter~~[-]~~; ~~[and]~~ or

67 (B) not received information that confirms the voter's residence; and

68 (iv) the voter has failed to vote or appear to vote in ~~[either of the next two]~~ an election
 69 during the period beginning on the date of the notice described in Section 20A-2-306 and
 70 ending on the day after the date of the second regular general ~~[elections following]~~ election
 71 occurring after the date of the notice;

72 (d) the voter requests, in writing, that ~~[his]~~ the voter's name be removed from the
 73 official register; ~~[or]~~

74 (e) the county clerk receives a returned voter identification card, determines that there
 75 was no clerical error causing the card to be returned, and has no further information to contact
 76 the voter~~[-]~~;

77 (f) the county clerk receives notice that a voter has been convicted of any felony or a
 78 misdemeanor for an offense under this title and the voter's right to vote has not been restored as
 79 provided in Section 20A-2-101.3 or 20A-2-101.5; or

80 (g) the county clerk receives notice that a voter has registered to vote in another state
 81 after the day on which the voter registered to vote in this state.

82 (3) The county clerk ~~[may]~~ shall remove a voter's name from the registration list upon
 83 the annual receipt of a listing of all deceased residents from the Department of Health's Bureau
 84 of Vital Records.