1   **UTAH PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTRONIC VOTING**

2   **PILOT PROJECT**

3   2014 GENERAL SESSION

4   STATE OF UTAH

5   **Chief Sponsor: Jon Cox**

6   Senate Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble

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8   **LONG TITLE**

9   **General Description:**

10   This bill amends provisions of the Election Code relating to the Western States

11   Presidential Primary.

12   **Highlighted Provisions:**

13   This bill:

14   ‣ provides that, if the Legislature funds a Western States Presidential Primary

15   election, the Legislature may, via the Utah Presidential Primary Pilot Project,

16   declare Ĥ➡ **[by resolution]** ⬅Ĥ that the primary will be held electronically;

17   ‣ provides that an electronic election described in the preceding paragraph shall be

18   held before any other caucus, primary, or other event for selecting a nominee in the

19   nation;

20   ‣ grants rulemaking authority to the director of elections within the lieutenant

21   governor's office;

22   ‣ grants authority to the lieutenant governor to adjust dates and deadlines in order to

23   conduct an electronic election described in this bill; and

24   ‣ makes technical and conforming changes.

25   **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

26   None

27   **Other Special Clauses:**

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28   None

29 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

30 AMENDS:

31   **20A-9-802**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Third Special Session, Chapter 2

32   **20A-9-803**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 317

33   **20A-9-805**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1999, Chapter 22

34   **20A-9-806**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2006, Chapter 326

35 ENACTS:

36   **20A-9-802.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

39   Section 1. Section **20A-9-802** is amended to read:

40   **20A-9-802.   Western States Presidential Primary established -- Other ballot items**

41 **prohibited.**

42   [(1) (a) (i) Contingent]

43   (1) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), and contingent upon legislative

44 appropriation, there is established a Western States Presidential Primary election to be held on

45 the first Tuesday in February in the year in which a presidential election will be held.

46   (b) If the Legislature Ĥ→ **appropriates** ←Ĥ funds Ĥ→ **for** ←Ĥ a Western States

46a Presidential Primary election and declares,

47 Ĥ→ [**by resolution**] **in intent language in the appropriation** ←Ĥ , that the Western States

47a Presidential Primary election will be held electronically

48 under Section 20A-9-802, the Western States Presidential Primary election shall be held on a

49 date designated by the lieutenant governor that is earlier than the scheduled date for any

50 meeting, caucus, primary, vote, or other method used in any other state or territory of the

51 United States that constitutes the first determining stage of selecting a presidential nominee.

52   [(ii)] (2) A political party may participate in a regular primary election for the office of

53 President of the United States only if there is no Western States Presidential Primary election in

54 that year.

55   [(b)] (3) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, county clerks shall

56 administer the Western States Presidential Primary according to the provisions of Title 20A,

57 Election Code, including:

58   [(i)] (a) Title 20A, Chapter 1, General Provisions;