MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENTS
2016 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Jacob L. Anderegg
Senate Sponsor:
LONG TITLE
General Description:
This bill amends provisions related to forms of municipal government.
Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:
 amends provisions related to a municipal six-member or five-member council vote
to remove or reinstate a power, duty, or function of the mayor.
Money Appropriated in this Bill:
None
Other Special Clauses:
None
Utah Code Sections Affected:
AMENDS:
10-3b-104, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 19
10-3b-303, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 209
10-3b-403, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 209
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
Section 1. Section 10-3b-104 is amended to read:

10-3b-104. Powers and duties of mayor in six-member council and five-member



council forms of government.

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28	(1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), the mayor in a municipality operating under a
29	six-member council form of government or a five-member council form of government:
30	(a) is the chief executive officer of the municipality to whom all employees of the
31	municipality report;
32	(b) shall:
33	(i) keep the peace and enforce the laws of the municipality;
34	(ii) ensure that all applicable statutes and municipal ordinances and resolutions are
35	faithfully executed and observed;
36	(iii) if the mayor remits a fine or forfeiture under Subsection (1)(c)(ii), report the
37	remittance to the council at the council's next meeting after the remittance;
38	(iv) perform all duties prescribed by statute or municipal ordinance or resolution;
39	(v) report to the council the condition and needs of the municipality; and
40	(vi) report to the council any release granted under Subsection (1)(c)(iv); and
41	(c) may:
42	(i) recommend for council consideration any measure that the mayor considers to be in
43	the best interests of the municipality;
44	(ii) remit fines and forfeitures;
45	(iii) if necessary, call on residents of the municipality over the age of 21 years to assist
46	in enforcing the laws of the state and ordinances of the municipality;
47	(iv) release a person imprisoned for a violation of a municipal ordinance;
48	(v) with the council's advice and consent:
49	(A) assign or appoint a member of the council to administer one or more departments
50	of the municipality; and
51	(B) appoint a person to fill:
52	(I) a municipal office; or
53	(II) a vacancy on a commission or committee of the municipality; and
54	(vi) at any reasonable time, examine and inspect the official books, papers, records, or
55	documents of:
56	(A) the municipality; or
57	(B) any officer, employee, or agency of the municipality.
58	(2) The powers and duties in Subsection (1) are subject to:

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59	(a) municipal ordinances in effect on May 4, 2008 modifying the powers and duties of
60	the mayor; and
61	(b) the council's authority to limit or expand the mayor's powers and duties under:
62	(i) Subsection 10-3b-303(2)[(a)], for a municipality operating under the six-member
63	council form of government; and
64	(ii) Subsection 10-3b-403(2)[(a)], for a municipality operating under the five-member
65	council form of government.
66	Section 2. Section 10-3b-303 is amended to read:
67	10-3b-303. Council in six-member council form of government.
68	(1) The council in a municipality operating under a six-member council form of
69	government:
70	(a) exercises any executive or administrative power and performs or supervises the
71	performance of any executive or administrative duty or function that:
72	(i) has not been given to the mayor under Section 10-3b-104; or
73	(ii) has been given to the mayor under Section 10-3b-104 but is removed from the
74	mayor under Subsection (1)(b)(i)(A);
75	(b) may:
76	(i) subject to Subsections (1)(c) and (2), adopt an ordinance:
77	(A) removing from the mayor any power, duty, or function of the mayor under Section
78	10-3b-104; or
79	(B) reinstating to the mayor any power, duty, or function previously removed under
80	Subsection (1)(b)(i)(A);
81	(ii) adopt an ordinance delegating to the mayor any executive or administrative power,
82	duty, or function that the council has under Subsection (1)(a);
83	(iii) subject to Subsection 10-3b-302(1)(b)(ii)(A):
84	(A) appoint, subject to Subsections (3) and (4), a manager to perform executive and
85	administrative duties or functions that the council by ordinance delegates to the manager,
86	subject to Subsection (1)(c); and
87	(B) dismiss a manager appointed under Subsection (1)(b)(iii)(A); and
88	(iv) assign any or all council members, including the mayor, to supervise one or more
89	administrative departments of the municipality; and

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90	(c) may not remove from the mayor or delegate to a manager appointed by the council:
91	(i) any of the mayor's legislative or judicial powers or ceremonial functions;
92	(ii) the mayor's position as chair of the council; or
93	(iii) any ex officio position that the mayor holds.
94	(2) Adopting an ordinance under Subsection (1)(b)(i) [removing from or reinstating to
95	the mayor a power, duty, or function provided for in Section 10-3b-104] requires the
96	affirmative vote of[: (a) the mayor and a majority of all other] at least three-fourths of all
97	council members[; or].
98	[(b) all council members except the mayor.]
99	(3) (a) As used in this Subsection (3), "interim vacancy period" means the period of
100	time that:
101	(i) begins on the day on which a municipal general election described in Section
102	10-3-201 is held to elect a council member; and
103	(ii) ends on the day on which the council member-elect begins the council member's
104	term.
105	(b) (i) The council may not appoint a manager during an interim vacancy period.
106	(ii) Notwithstanding Subsection (3)(b)(i):
107	(A) the council may appoint an interim manager during an interim vacancy period; and
108	(B) the interim manager's term shall expire once a new manager is appointed by the
109	new administration after the interim vacancy period has ended.
110	(c) Subsection (3)(b) does not apply if all the council members who held office on the
111	day of the municipal general election whose term of office was vacant for the election are
112	re-elected to the council for the following term.
113	(4) A council that appoints a manager in accordance with this section may not, on or
114	after May 10, 2011, enter into an employment contract that contains an automatic renewal
115	provision with the manager.
116	Section 3. Section 10-3b-403 is amended to read:
117	10-3b-403. Council in a five-member council form of government.
118	(1) The council in a municipality operating under a five-member council form of
119	municipal government:
120	(a) exercises any executive or administrative power and performs or supervises the

121	performance of any executive or administrative duty or function that:
122	(i) has not been given to the mayor under Section 10-3b-104; or
123	(ii) has been given to the mayor under Section 10-3b-104 but is removed from the
124	mayor under Subsection (1)(b)(i)(A);
125	(b) may:
126	(i) subject to Subsections (1)(c) and (2), adopt an ordinance:
127	(A) removing from the mayor any power, duty, or function of the mayor under Section
128	10-3b-104; and
129	(B) reinstating to the mayor any power, duty, or function previously removed under
130	Subsection (1)(b)(i)(A);
131	(ii) adopt an ordinance delegating to the mayor any executive or administrative power,
132	duty, or function that the council has under Subsection (1)(a);
133	(iii) subject to Subsections (3) and (4), appoint a manager to perform executive and
134	administrative duties or functions that the council by ordinance delegates to the manager,
135	subject to Subsection (1)(c);
136	(iv) dismiss a manager appointed under Subsection (1)(b)(iii); and
137	(v) assign any or all council members, including the mayor, to supervise one or more
138	administrative departments of the municipality; and
139	(c) may not remove from the mayor or delegate to a manager appointed by the council:
140	(i) any of the mayor's legislative or judicial powers or ceremonial functions;
141	(ii) the mayor's position as chair of the council; or
142	(iii) any ex officio position that the mayor holds.
143	(2) Adopting an ordinance under Subsection (1)(b)(i) [removing from or reinstating to
144	the mayor a power, duty, or function provided for in Section 10-3b-104] requires the
145	affirmative vote of[: (a) the mayor and a majority of all other] at least three-fourths of all
146	council members[; or].
147	[(b) all council members except the mayor.]
148	(3) (a) As used in this Subsection (3), "interim vacancy period" means the period of
149	time that:
150	(i) begins on the day on which a municipal general election described in Section
151	10-3-201 is held to elect a council member; and

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152	(ii) ends on the day on which the council member-elect begins the council member's
153	term.
154	(b) (i) The council may not appoint a manager during an interim vacancy period.
155	(ii) Notwithstanding Subsection (3)(b)(i):
156	(A) the council may appoint an interim manager during an interim vacancy period; and
157	(B) the interim manager's term shall expire once a new manager is appointed by the
158	new administration after the interim vacancy period has ended.
159	(c) Subsection (3)(b) does not apply if all the council members who held office on the
160	day of the municipal general election whose term of office was vacant for the election are
161	re-elected to the council for the following term.
162	(4) A council that appoints a manager in accordance with this section may not, on or
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164	provision with the manager.

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