

Representative Adam Robertson proposes the following substitute bill:

ELECTIONS MODIFICATIONS

2018 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Michael K. McKell

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions of the Election Code.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▶ prohibits the lieutenant governor from recognizing or implementing a change in a political party's status as a registered political party or a qualified political party during a certain period of time related to an election cycle.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

20A-9-406.5, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **20A-9-406.5** is enacted to read:

20A-9-406.5. Political party -- Change of status.



26 (1) If, on or after October 1 of an odd-numbered year, and on or before the following
27 regular general election, a qualified political party changes the qualified political party's bylaws
28 in a manner that would have the effect of the political party no longer being a qualified political
29 party, the lieutenant governor:

30 (a) may not take any action recognizing the changes until after the regular general
31 election; and

32 (b) shall conduct the election in a manner consistent with the political party's status as a
33 qualified political party.

34 (2) If, on or after October 1 of an odd-numbered year, and on or before the following
35 regular general election, a registered political party that is not a qualified political party
36 changes the registered political party's bylaws in a manner that would have the effect of the
37 political party being a qualified political party, the lieutenant governor:

38 (a) may not take any action recognizing the changes until after the regular general
39 election; and

40 (b) shall conduct the election in a manner consistent with the political party's status as a
41 registered political party that is not a qualified political party.

42 **Section 2. Effective date.**

43 If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect
44 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah
45 Constitution, Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto,
46 the date of veto override.