

COUNTY CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Logan Wilde

Senate Sponsor: Ronald Winterton

---

---

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill delays action by the lieutenant governor in changing a county's classification.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- delays action by the lieutenant governor in changing a county's classification.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

**17-50-502**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 330

---

---

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

Section 1. Section **17-50-502** is amended to read:

**17-50-502. Change of class of county.**

(1) Each county shall retain its classification under Section **17-50-501** until changed as provided in this section.

(2) The lieutenant governor shall monitor the population figure for each county as shown on:

- (a) each official census or census estimate of the United States Bureau of the Census;

or

30 (b) if the population figure for a county is not available from the United States Bureau  
31 of the Census, the population estimate from the Utah Population Committee.

32 (3) [Hf] After July 1, 2021, if the applicable population figure under Subsection (2)  
33 indicates that a county's population has increased beyond the limit for its current class, the  
34 lieutenant governor shall:

35 (a) prepare a certificate indicating the class in which the county belongs based on the  
36 increased population figure; and

37 (b) within 10 days after preparing the certificate, deliver a copy of the certificate to the  
38 county legislative body and, if the county has an executive that is separate from the legislative  
39 body, the executive of the county whose class was changed.

40 (4) A county's change in class is effective on the date of the lieutenant governor's  
41 certificate under Subsection (3).

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.