

1                                   **NAME CHANGE PROCESS FOR DIXIE STATE**

2   **UNIVERSITY**

3   2021 GENERAL SESSION

4   STATE OF UTAH

5   **Chief Sponsor: Kelly B. Miles**

6   Senate Sponsor: Don L. Ipson

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8                                   **LONG TITLE**

9                                   **General Description:**

10                                   This bill requires a process for the Dixie State University Board of Trustees, in  
11 consultation with the Utah Board of Higher Education, to select and recommend a new  
12 name for the institution to the Legislature.

13                                   **Highlighted Provisions:**

14                                   This bill:

15                                   ▶ requires a process for the Dixie State University Board of Trustees, in consultation  
16 with the Utah Board of Higher Education, to select and recommend a new name for  
17 the institution to the Legislature;

18                                   ▶ requires the Education Interim Committee to prepare and consider legislation  
19 incorporating the new name for the institution in the Utah Code to the Legislature;

20 and

21                                   ▶ makes technical changes.

22                                   **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

23                                   None

24                                   **Other Special Clauses:**

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26                                   **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

27                                   AMENDS:



28 **53B-2-111**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 10

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

31 Section 1. Section **53B-2-111** is amended to read:

32 **53B-2-111. Dixie State University -- Institutional name change.**

33 (1) (a) Dixie State College of Utah shall be known as Dixie State University.

34 ~~[(2)]~~ (b) Dixie State University is a continuation of Dixie State College of Utah and  
35 shall:

36 ~~[(a)]~~ (i) possess all rights, titles, privileges, powers, immunities, franchises,  
37 endowments, property, and claims of Dixie State College of Utah; and

38 ~~[(b)]~~ (ii) fulfill and perform all obligations of Dixie State College of Utah, including  
39 obligations relating to outstanding bonds and notes.

40 (2) (a) As used in this Subsection (2):

41 (i) "Board of trustees" means the board of trustees of Dixie State University.

42 (ii) "Institution" means Dixie State University.

43 (b) The board of trustees shall, in consultation with the board:

44 (i) develop a process to select a new name for the institution that involves the  
45 opportunity for input and collaboration with the public, including:

46 (A) residents of southwestern Utah;

47 (B) institutional partners; and

48 (C) university faculty, staff, students, and alumni;

49 (ii) through the process described in Subsection (2)(b)(i), select a new name for the  
50 institution that:

51 (A) does not include the term "Dixie"; and

52 (B) reflects the institution's mission and significance to the surrounding region and  
53 state; and

54 (iii) present a new name for the institution to the board.

55 (c) The board shall vote to:

56 (i) approve to recommend to the Legislature the new name presented under Subsection  
57 (2)(a)(iii); or

58 (ii) request that the board of trustees consider a different new name.

58a **←** (d) **Notwithstanding this Subsection (2), to honor the local traditional significance**  
58b **of the name of the institution, the institution may refer to the main campus as the "Dixie**  
58c **Campus".** ←

59           (3) (a) The board and the board of trustees shall recommend to the Legislature a new  
60 name for the institution resulting from the process described in Subsection (2) to the Education  
61 Interim Committee no later than November 1, 2021.

62           (b) During the first interim meeting after receiving the new name for the institution  
63 under Subsection (3)(a) and no later than the November interim meeting, the Education Interim  
64 Committee shall prepare and consider legislation for introduction in the next general or special  
65 legislative session to incorporate the new name for the institution into the Utah Code.