

INITIATIVE AND REFERENDA MODIFICATIONS

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions of the Election Code relating to statewide and local initiatives and referenda.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ imposes requirements on signature gatherers and provides criminal penalties for violation of those requirements;
- ▶ modifies the form for signature sheets and the verification of signature packets;
- ▶ requires a sponsor of an initiative or referendum to:
 - send certain information via email to an individual who signs a petition if the individual provides an email address; and
 - sign a verification that the sponsor complied with the email requirement;
- ▶ requires the lieutenant governor or a local clerk to post certain information on the lieutenant governor's or clerk's website regarding an initiative or referendum; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:



28 AMENDS:

- 29 **20A-1-609**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 31
- 30 **20A-7-101**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapters 136, 203, and 210
- 31 **20A-7-203**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Fifth Special Session, Chapter 20
- 32 **20A-7-206**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapters 166 and 349
- 33 **20A-7-303**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 210
- 34 **20A-7-306**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 166
- 35 **20A-7-503**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 291
- 36 **20A-7-506**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapters 203 and 255
- 37 **20A-7-603**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 203
- 38 **20A-7-606**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 255

39 ENACTS:

- 40 **20A-7-104**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 41 **20A-7-202.7**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 42 **20A-7-304.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 43 **20A-7-502.6**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 44 **20A-7-604.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

47 Section 1. Section **20A-1-609** is amended to read:

48 **20A-1-609. Omnibus penalties.**

49 (1) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), a person who violates any provision of
50 this title is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

51 (b) Subsection (1)(a) does not apply to a provision of this title for which another
52 penalty is expressly stated.

53 (c) An individual is not guilty of a crime for, by signing a petition for an initiative or
54 referendum, falsely making the statement described in Subsection **20A-7-203(2)[(e)(ii)](d)(xx)**,
55 **20A-7-303(2)[(h)(ii)](d)(xx)**, **20A-7-503(2)[(e)](d)(xx)**, or **20A-7-603(2)[(h)](d)(xx)**.

56 (2) Except as provided by Section **20A-2-101.3** or **20A-2-101.5**, an individual
57 convicted of any offense under this title may not:

58 (a) file a declaration of candidacy for any office or appear on the ballot as a candidate

59 for any office during the election cycle in which the violation occurred;

60 (b) take or hold the office to which the individual was elected; and

61 (c) receive the emoluments of the office to which the individual was elected.

62 (3) (a) Any individual convicted of any offense under this title forfeits the right to vote
63 at any election unless the right to vote is restored as provided in Section 20A-2-101.3 or
64 20A-2-101.5.

65 (b) Any person may challenge the right to vote of a person described in Subsection
66 (3)(a) by following the procedures and requirements of Section 20A-3a-803.

67 Section 2. Section 20A-7-101 is amended to read:

68 **20A-7-101. Definitions.**

69 As used in this chapter:

70 (1) "Budget officer" means:

71 (a) for a county, the person designated as budget officer in Section 17-19a-203;

72 (b) for a city, the person designated as budget officer in Subsection 10-6-106(4);

73 (c) for a town, the town council; or

74 (d) for a metro township, the person described in Subsection (1)(a) for the county in
75 which the metro township is located.

76 (2) "Certified" means that the county clerk has acknowledged a signature as being the
77 signature of a registered voter.

78 (3) "Circulation" means the process of submitting an initiative or referendum petition
79 to legal voters for their signature.

80 (4) "Eligible voter" means a legal voter who resides in the jurisdiction of the county,
81 city, or town that is holding an election on a ballot proposition.

82 (5) "Final fiscal impact statement" means a financial statement prepared after voters
83 approve an initiative that contains the information required by Subsection 20A-7-202.5(2) or
84 20A-7-502.5(2).

85 (6) "Initial fiscal impact estimate" means:

86 (a) a financial statement prepared under Section 20A-7-202.5 after the filing of an
87 application for an initiative petition; or

88 (b) a financial and legal statement prepared under Section 20A-7-502.5 or 20A-7-602.5
89 for an initiative or referendum petition.

90 (7) "Initiative" means a new law proposed for adoption by the public as provided in
91 this chapter.

92 (8) "Initiative packet" means a copy of the initiative petition, a copy of the proposed
93 law, and the signature sheets, all of which have been bound together as a unit.

94 (9) (a) "Land use law" means a law of general applicability, enacted based on the
95 weighing of broad, competing policy considerations, that relates to the use of land, including
96 land use regulation, a general plan, a land use development code, an annexation ordinance, or a
97 comprehensive zoning ordinance or resolution.

98 (b) "Land use law" does not include a land use decision, as defined in Section
99 [10-9a-103](#) or [17-27a-103](#).

100 (10) "Legal signatures" means the number of signatures of legal voters that:

101 (a) meet the numerical requirements of this chapter; and

102 (b) have been obtained, certified, and verified as provided in this chapter.

103 (11) "Legal voter" means a person who:

104 (a) is registered to vote; or

105 (b) becomes registered to vote before the county clerk certifies the signatures on an
106 initiative or referendum petition.

107 (12) "Legally referable to voters" means:

108 (a) for a proposed local initiative, that the proposed local initiative is legally referable
109 to voters under Section [20A-7-502.7](#); or

110 (b) for a proposed local referendum, that the proposed local referendum is legally
111 referable to voters under Section [20A-7-602.7](#).

112 (13) "Local attorney" means the county attorney, city attorney, or town attorney in
113 whose jurisdiction a local initiative or referendum petition is circulated.

114 (14) "Local clerk" means the county clerk, city recorder, or town clerk in whose
115 jurisdiction a local initiative or referendum petition is circulated.

116 (15) (a) "Local law" includes:

117 (i) an ordinance;

118 (ii) a resolution;

119 (iii) a land use law; or

120 (iv) other legislative action of a local legislative body.

- 121 (b) "Local law" does not include an individual property zoning decision.
- 122 (16) "Local legislative body" means the legislative body of a county, city, town, or
123 metro township.
- 124 (17) "Local obligation law" means a local law passed by the local legislative body
125 regarding a bond that was approved by a majority of qualified voters in an election.
- 126 (18) "Local tax law" means a law, passed by a political subdivision with an annual or
127 biannual calendar fiscal year, that increases a tax or imposes a new tax.
- 128 (19) "Measure" means a proposed constitutional amendment, an initiative, or
129 referendum.
- 130 (20) "Referendum" means a process by which a law passed by the Legislature or by a
131 local legislative body is submitted or referred to the voters for their approval or rejection.
- 132 (21) "Referendum packet" means a copy of the referendum petition, a copy of the law
133 being submitted or referred to the voters for their approval or rejection, and the signature
134 sheets, all of which have been bound together as a unit.
- 135 (22) (a) "Signature" means a holographic signature.
- 136 (b) "Signature" does not mean an electronic signature.
- 137 (23) "Signature sheets" means sheets in the form required by this chapter that are used
138 to collect signatures in support of an initiative or referendum.
- 139 (24) "Special local ballot proposition" means a local ballot proposition that is not a
140 standard local ballot proposition.
- 141 (25) "Sponsors" means the legal voters who support the initiative or referendum and
142 who sign the application for petition copies.
- 143 (26) (a) "Standard local ballot proposition" means a local ballot proposition for an
144 initiative or a referendum.
- 145 (b) "Standard local ballot proposition" does not include a property tax referendum
146 described in Section [20A-7-613](#).
- 147 (27) "Tax percentage difference" means the difference between the tax rate proposed
148 by an initiative or an initiative petition and the current tax rate.
- 149 (28) "Tax percentage increase" means a number calculated by dividing the tax
150 percentage difference by the current tax rate and rounding the result to the nearest thousandth.
- 151 (29) "Verified" means acknowledged by the person circulating the petition, and by a

152 sponsor of the petition, as required in Sections [20A-7-205](#) [and], [20A-7-305](#), [20A-7-505](#), and
153 [20A-7-605](#).

154 Section 3. Section **20A-7-104** is enacted to read:

155 **20A-7-104. Signature gatherers -- Payments -- Badges -- Information.**

156 (1) A person may not pay a person to gather signatures under this chapter based on a
157 rate per signature, on a rate per verified signature, or on the initiative or referendum qualifying
158 for the ballot.

159 (2) A person that pays a person to gather signatures under this section shall base the
160 payment solely on an hourly rate.

161 (3) A person may not accept payment made in violation of this section.

162 (4) An individual who gathers signatures for a petition described in this chapter shall,
163 while gathering signatures, wear a badge on the front of the individual's torso that complies
164 with the following, ensuring that the information on the badge is clearly visible to the
165 individual from whom a signature is sought:

166 (a) the badge shall be printed in black ink on white cardstock and laminated; and

167 (b) the information on the badge shall be in 24-point type and include the following
168 information:

169 (i) an identification number that is unique to the individual gathering signatures,
170 assigned by:

171 (A) for a statewide initiative or referendum, the lieutenant governor; or

172 (B) for a local initiative or referendum, the local clerk;

173 (ii) the title of the initiative or referendum; and

174 (iii) if the signature gatherer is paid to gather signatures, the words "Paid Signature
175 Gatherer."

176 (5) An individual who gathers signatures under this chapter shall provide a paper
177 document to each individual who signs the petition that:

178 (a) is printed in black ink on white paper or cardstock, in at least 12-point type; and

179 (b) (i) for an initiative, includes the name of the initiative and the following statement:

180 "You may view the initiative, its fiscal impact, and information on removing your
181 signature from the petition at [list a uniform resource locator that links directly to the

182 information described in Section [20A-7-202.7](#) or [20A-7-502.6](#), as applicable]."; or

183 (ii) for a referendum, includes the name of the referendum and the following statement:
 184 "You may view the referendum and information on removing your signature from the
 185 petition at [list a uniform resource locator that links directly to the information described in
 186 Section [20A-7-304.5](#) or [20A-7-604.5](#), as applicable]."

187 (6) A person who violates this section is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

188 Section 4. Section **20A-7-202.7** is enacted to read:

189 **20A-7-202.7. Posting initiative information.**

190 (1) Within one business day after the day on which the lieutenant governor receives the
 191 initial fiscal impact statement under Subsection [20A-7-202.5](#)(3)(a), the lieutenant governor
 192 shall post the following information together in a conspicuous place on the lieutenant
 193 governor's website:

194 (a) the initiative petition;

195 (b) the initiative;

196 (c) the fiscal impact statement; and

197 (d) information describing how an individual may remove the individual's signature
 198 from the signature packet.

199 (2) The lieutenant governor shall:

200 (a) promptly update the information described in Subsection (1) if the information
 201 changes; and

202 (b) maintain the information described in Subsection (1) on the lieutenant governor's
 203 website until the initiative fails to qualify for the ballot or is passed or defeated at an election.

204 Section 5. Section **20A-7-203** is amended to read:

205 **20A-7-203. Form of initiative petition and signature sheets.**

206 (1) (a) Each proposed initiative petition shall be printed in substantially the following
 207 form:

208 "INITIATIVE PETITION To the Honorable _____, Lieutenant Governor:

209 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully demand that the following proposed
 210 law be submitted to the legal voters/Legislature of Utah for their/its approval or rejection at the
 211 regular general election/session to be held/ beginning on _____(month\day\year);

212 Each signer says:

213 I have personally signed this petition;

214 I am registered to vote in Utah or intend to become registered to vote in Utah before the
215 certification of the petition names by the county clerk; and

216 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name.

217 NOTICE TO SIGNERS:

218 Public hearings to discuss this petition were held at: (list dates and locations of public
219 hearings.)";

220 (b) If the initiative petition proposes a tax increase, the following statement shall
221 appear, in at least 14-point, bold type, immediately following the information described in
222 Subsection (1)(a):

223 "This initiative petition seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert
224 the tax percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase)
225 percent increase in the current tax rate."

226 (c) The sponsors of an initiative shall attach a copy of the proposed law to each
227 initiative petition.

228 (2) Each signature sheet shall:

229 (a) be printed on sheets of paper 8-1/2 inches long and 11 inches wide;

230 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line three-fourths inch from the top, with the space above
231 that line blank for the purpose of binding;

232 (c) ~~[contain]~~ include the title of the initiative printed below the horizontal line, in at
233 least 14-point, bold type;

234 ~~[(d) be vertically divided into columns as follows:]~~

235 ~~[(i) the edge of the first column shall appear .5 inch from the extreme left of the sheet,
236 be .25 inch wide, and be headed, together with the second column, "For Office Use Only";]~~

237 ~~[(ii) the second column shall be .25 inch wide;]~~

238 ~~[(iii) the third column shall be 2.5 inches wide, headed "Registered Voter's Printed
239 Name (must be legible to be counted)";]~~

240 ~~[(iv) the fourth column shall be 2.5 inches wide, headed "Signature of Registered
241 Voter";]~~

242 ~~[(v) the fifth column shall be .75 inch wide, headed "Date Signed";]~~

243 ~~[(vi) the sixth column shall be three inches wide, headed "Street Address, City, Zip
244 Code"; and]~~

245 ~~[(vii) the seventh column shall be .75 inch wide, headed "Birth Date or Age~~
 246 ~~(Optional)";]~~

247 ~~[(e) be horizontally divided into rows as follows:]~~

248 ~~[(i) the top of the first row, for the purpose of entering the information described in~~
 249 ~~Subsection (2)(d), shall be .5 inch high;]~~

250 ~~[(ii) the second row shall be .15 inch high and contain the following statement printed~~
 251 ~~or typed in not less than 12-point type:]~~

252 ~~["By signing this petition, you are stating that you have read and understand the law~~
 253 ~~proposed by this petition."; and]~~

254 ~~[(iii) the first and second rows shall be repeated, in order, leaving sufficient room at the~~
 255 ~~bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (2)(f); and]~~

256 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the initiative, and beginning .5 inch
 257 from the left side of the paper, as follows:

258 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;

259 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For
 260 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;

261 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;

262 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;

263 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;

264 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
 265 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point type;

266 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;

267 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
 268 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;

269 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;

270 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;

271 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
 272 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;

273 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;

274 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
 275 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;

276 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
 277 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch tall;
 278 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
 279 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;
 280 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;
 281 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
 282 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;
 283 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and
 284 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
 285 and contain the following statement, "By signing this petition, you are stating that you have
 286 read and understand the law proposed by this petition." in 12-point type;
 287 (e) the table described in Subsection (2)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at
 288 the bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (2)(f); and
 289 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, ~~[contain]~~ include in the following order:
 290 (i) the words "Fiscal Impact of" followed by the title of the initiative, in at least
 291 ~~[14-point]~~ 12-point, bold type;
 292 (ii) except as provided in Subsection (4), the initial fiscal impact estimate's summary
 293 statement issued by the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst in accordance with Subsection
 294 [20A-7-202.5\(2\)\(a\)](#), including any update in accordance with Subsection [20A-7-204.1\(5\)](#), in not
 295 less than 12-point~~[-bold]~~ type;
 296 (iii) if the initiative petition proposes a tax increase, the following statement in
 297 12-point, bold type:
 298 "This initiative petition seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert
 299 the tax percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase)
 300 percent increase in the current tax rate."; and
 301 ~~[(iii)]~~ (iv) the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type, followed by the following
 302 statement in not less than eight-point type:
 303 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name
 304 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
 305 once for the same measure, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows that the
 306 individual is not a registered voter and knows that the individual does not intend to become

307 registered to vote before the certification of the petition names by the county clerk.~~["; (iv) the~~
308 ~~following statement: "]~~

309 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity
310 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be
311 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified
312 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."~~]; and]~~

313 ~~[(v) if the initiative petition proposes a tax increase, spanning the bottom of the sheet,~~
314 ~~horizontally, in not less than 14-point, bold type, the following statement:]~~

315 ~~["This initiative petition seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert~~
316 ~~the tax percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase)~~
317 ~~percent increase in the current tax rate."]~~

318 (3) The final page of each initiative packet shall contain the following printed or typed
319 statement:

320 "Verification of signature collector

321 State of Utah, County of _____

322 I, _____, of _____, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

323 I am a resident of Utah and am at least 18 years old;

324 All the names that appear in this packet were signed by individuals who professed to be
325 the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed the individual's
326 name on it in my presence;

327 I believe that each individual has printed and signed the individual's name and written
328 the individual's post office address and residence correctly, that each signer has read and
329 understands the law proposed by the initiative, and that each signer is registered to vote in Utah
330 or intends to become registered to vote before the certification of the petition names by the
331 county clerk.

332 Each individual who signed the packet wrote the correct date of signature next to the
333 individual's name.

334 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this petition to
335 encourage that individual to sign it.

336 _____
337 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)^[#]

338 Verification of initiative sponsor

339 State of Utah, County of _____

340 I, _____, of _____, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

341 I am a sponsor of the initiative petition to which this signature packet relates;

342 I sent, or caused to be sent, to each individual who provided a legible, valid email
343 address in this packet, the email described in Utah Code Subsection [20A-7-206\(1\)\(c\)](#).

344 _____
345 (Name) _____ (Residence Address) _____ (Date)".

346 (4) If the initial fiscal impact estimate described in Subsection (2)(f), as updated in
347 accordance with Subsection [20A-7-204.1\(5\)](#), exceeds 200 words, the Office of the Legislative
348 Fiscal Analyst shall prepare a shorter summary statement, for the purpose of inclusion on a
349 signature sheet, that does not exceed 200 words.

350 (5) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the initiative
351 petitions are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

352 Section 6. Section **20A-7-206** is amended to read:

353 **20A-7-206. Submitting the initiative petition -- Certification of signatures by the**
354 **county clerks -- Transfer to lieutenant governor.**

355 (1) (a) In order to qualify an initiative petition for placement on the regular general
356 election ballot, the sponsors shall deliver a signed and verified initiative packet to the county
357 clerk of the county in which the packet was circulated before 5 p.m. no later than the earlier of:

- 358 (i) 30 days after the day on which the first individual signs the initiative packet;
- 359 (ii) 316 days after the day on which the application for the initiative petition is filed; or
- 360 (iii) the February 15 immediately before the next regular general election immediately
361 after the application is filed under Section [20A-7-202](#).

362 (b) A sponsor may not submit an initiative packet after the deadline described in
363 Subsection (1)(a).

364 (c) Before delivering a packet to the county clerk under Subsection (1), the sponsors
365 shall send an email to each individual who provides a legible, valid email address on the form
366 described in Subsection [20A-7-203\(2\)\(d\)](#) that includes the following:

- 367 (i) the subject of the email shall include the following statement, "Notice Regarding
368 Your Petition Signature";

369 (ii) the body of the email shall include the following statement in 12-point type:

370 "You signed a petition for the following initiative:

371 [insert title of initiative]

372 You may remove your signature from the petition by submitting a statement to your
373 county clerk. Contact your county clerk at [insert phone number for county clerk] for
374 information on how to remove your signature and the applicable deadline for removing your
375 signature.

376 A copy of the initiative petition, the initiative, and the fiscal impact statement are
377 attached for your review."; and

378 (iii) a copy of each of the following documents, separately attached in PDF format:

379 (A) the initiative petition;

380 (B) the initiative; and

381 (C) the fiscal impact statement.

382 (2) For an initiative packet received by the county clerk before December 1, the county
383 clerk shall, within 30 days after the day on which the county clerk receives the packet:

384 (a) determine whether each signer is a registered voter according to the requirements of
385 Section [20A-7-206.3](#);

386 (b) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter;

387 (c) post the name and voter identification number of each registered voter certified
388 under Subsection (2)(b) in a conspicuous location on the county's website for at least 90 days;
389 and

390 (d) deliver the verified initiative packet to the lieutenant governor.

391 (3) For an initiative packet received by the county clerk on or after December 1, the
392 county clerk shall, within 21 days after the day on which the county clerk receives the packet:

393 (a) determine whether each signer is a registered voter according to the requirements of
394 Section [20A-7-206.3](#);

395 (b) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter;

396 (c) post the name and voter identification number of each registered voter certified
397 under Subsection (2)(b) in a conspicuous location on the county's website for at least 45 days;
398 and

399 (d) deliver the verified initiative packet to the lieutenant governor.

400 (4) Within seven days after timely receipt of a statement described in Subsection
401 20A-7-205(3), the county clerk shall:

402 (a) remove the voter's name and voter identification number from the posting described
403 in Subsection (2)(c) or (3)(c); and

404 (b) (i) remove the voter's signature from the signature packet totals; and
405 (ii) inform the lieutenant governor of the removal.

406 (5) The county clerk may not certify a signature under Subsection (2) or (3):

407 (a) on an initiative packet that is not verified in accordance with Section 20A-7-205; or

408 (b) that does not have a date of signature next to the signature.

409 (6) In order to qualify an initiative petition for submission to the Legislature, the

410 sponsors shall deliver each signed and verified initiative packet to the county clerk of the

411 county in which the packet was circulated before 5 p.m. no later than the November 15 before

412 the next annual general session of the Legislature immediately after the application is filed

413 under Section 20A-7-202.

414 (7) The county clerk may not certify a signature under Subsection (8) on an initiative
415 packet that is not verified in accordance with Section 20A-7-205.

416 (8) No later than December 15 before the annual general session of the Legislature, the
417 county clerk shall, for an initiative described in Subsection (6):

418 (a) determine whether each signer is a registered voter according to the requirements of
419 Section 20A-7-206.3;

420 (b) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter; and

421 (c) deliver all of the verified initiative packets to the lieutenant governor.

422 (9) The sponsor or a sponsor's representative may not retrieve an initiative packet from
423 a county clerk after the initiative packet is submitted to the county clerk.

424 Section 7. Section 20A-7-303 is amended to read:

425 **20A-7-303. Form of referendum petition and signature sheets.**

426 (1) (a) Each proposed referendum petition shall be printed in substantially the
427 following form:

428 "REFERENDUM PETITION To the Honorable ____, Lieutenant Governor:

429 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully order that Senate (or House) Bill No.

430 ____, entitled (title of act, and, if the petition is against less than the whole act, set forth here

431 the part or parts on which the referendum is sought), passed by the ____ Session of the
 432 Legislature of the state of Utah, be referred to the people of Utah for their approval or rejection
 433 at a regular general election or a statewide special election;

434 Each signer says:

435 I have personally signed this petition;

436 I am registered to vote in Utah or intend to become registered to vote in Utah before the
 437 certification of the petition names by the county clerk; and

438 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name."

439 (b) The sponsors of a referendum shall attach a copy of the law that is the subject of the
 440 referendum to each referendum petition.

441 (2) Each signature sheet shall:

442 (a) be printed on sheets of paper 8-1/2 inches long and 11 inches wide;

443 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line three-fourths inch from the top, with the space above
 444 that line blank for the purpose of binding;

445 (c) ~~contain~~ include the title of the referendum printed below the horizontal line, in at
 446 least 14-point, bold type;

447 ~~[(d) contain the word "Warning" printed or typed at the top of each signature sheet
 448 under the title of the referendum;]~~

449 ~~[(e) contain, to the right of the word "Warning," the following statement printed or
 450 typed in not less than eight-point, single-leaded type:]~~

451 ~~["It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with any
 452 other name than the individual's own name, or knowingly to sign the individual's name more
 453 than once for the same measure, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual knows
 454 that the individual is not a registered voter and knows that the individual does not intend to
 455 become registered to vote before the certification of the petition names by the county clerk.";]~~

456 ~~[(f) contain horizontally ruled lines, three-eighths inch apart under the "Warning"
 457 statement required by this section; and]~~

458 ~~[(g) be vertically divided into columns as follows:]~~

459 ~~[(i) the edge of the first column shall appear .5 inch from the extreme left of the sheet,
 460 be .25 inch wide, and be headed, together with the second column, "For Office Use Only";]~~

461 ~~[(ii) the second column shall be .25 inch wide;]~~

462 ~~[(iii) the third column shall be 2.5 inches wide, headed "Registered Voter's Printed~~
463 ~~Name (must be legible to be counted)";]~~

464 ~~[(iv) the fourth column shall be 2.5 inches wide, headed "Signature of Registered~~
465 ~~Voter";]~~

466 ~~[(v) the fifth column shall be .75 inch wide, headed "Date Signed";]~~

467 ~~[(vi) the sixth column shall be three inches wide, headed "Street Address, City, Zip~~
468 ~~Code"; and]~~

469 ~~[(vii) the seventh column shall be .75 inch wide, headed "Birth Date or Age~~
470 ~~(Optional)";]~~

471 ~~[(h) be horizontally divided into rows as follows:]~~

472 ~~[(i) the top of the first row, for the purpose of entering the information described in~~
473 ~~Subsection (2)(g), shall be .5 inch high;]~~

474 ~~[(ii) the second row shall be .15 inch high and contain the following statement printed~~
475 ~~or typed in not less than 12-point type:]~~

476 ~~["By signing this petition, you are stating that you have read and understand the law this~~
477 ~~petition seeks to overturn."; and]~~

478 ~~[(iii) the first and second rows shall be repeated, in order, leaving sufficient room at the~~
479 ~~bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (2)(i); and]~~

480 ~~[(i) at the bottom of the sheet, contain the following statement: "Birth date or age~~
481 ~~information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity with voter registration~~
482 ~~records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be verified as a valid signature~~
483 ~~if you change your address before petition signatures are verified or if the information you~~
484 ~~provide does not match your voter registration records."]~~

485 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the referendum, and beginning .5 inch
486 from the left side of the paper, as follows:

487 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;

488 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For
489 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;

490 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;

491 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;

492 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;

493 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
494 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point type;
495 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
496 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
497 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;
498 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
499 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
500 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
501 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;
502 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
503 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
504 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;
505 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
506 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch tall;
507 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
508 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;
509 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;
510 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
511 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;
512 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and
513 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
514 and contain the following words "By signing this petition, you are stating that you have read
515 and understand the law that this petition seeks to overturn." in 12-point type;
516 (e) the table described in Subsection (2)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at
517 the bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (2)(f); and
518 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type,
519 followed by the following statement in not less than eight-point type:
520 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name
521 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
522 once for the same measure, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual knows that the
523 individual is not a registered voter and knows that the individual does not intend to become

524 registered to vote before the certification of the petition names by the county clerk.

525 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity
526 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be
527 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified
528 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."

529 (3) The final page of each referendum packet shall contain the following printed or
530 typed statement:

531 "Verification of signature collector

532 State of Utah, County of ____

533 I, _____, of _____, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

534 I am a Utah resident and am at least 18 years old;

535 All the names that appear in this packet were signed by individuals who professed to be
536 the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed the individual's
537 name on it in my presence;

538 I believe that each individual has printed and signed the individual's name and written
539 the individual's post office address and residence correctly, that each signer has read and
540 understands the law that the referendum seeks to overturn, and that each signer is registered to
541 vote in Utah or intends to become registered to vote before the certification of the petition
542 names by the county clerk.

543 Each individual who signed the packet wrote the correct date of signature next to the
544 individual's name.

545 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this petition to
546 encourage that individual to sign it.

547 _____

548 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)[^{mm}]

549 Verification of referendum sponsor

550 State of Utah, County of _____

551 I, _____, of _____, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

552 I am a sponsor of the referendum petition to which this signature packet relates;

553 I sent, or caused to be sent, to each individual who provided a legible, valid email
554 address in this packet, the email described in Utah Code Subsection [20A-7-306\(1\)\(c\)](#).

555

556 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)".

557 (4) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the referendum
558 petitions are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

559 Section 8. Section **20A-7-304.5** is enacted to read:

560 **20A-7-304.5. Posting referendum information.**

561 (1) On the day on which the lieutenant governor complies with Subsection
562 20A-7-304(2), the lieutenant governor shall post the following information together in a
563 conspicuous place on the lieutenant governor's website:

564 (a) the referendum petition;

565 (b) the referendum; and

566 (c) information describing how an individual may remove the individual's signature
567 from the signature packet.

568 (2) The lieutenant governor shall:

569 (a) promptly update the information described in Subsection (1) if the information
570 changes; and

571 (b) maintain the information described in Subsection (1) on the lieutenant governor's
572 website until the referendum fails to qualify for the ballot or is passed or defeated at an
573 election.

574 Section 9. Section **20A-7-306** is amended to read:

575 **20A-7-306. Submitting the referendum petition -- Certification of signatures by**
576 **the county clerks -- Transfer to lieutenant governor.**

577 (1) (a) The sponsors shall deliver a signed and verified referendum packet to the county
578 clerk of the county in which the packet was circulated before 5 p.m. no later than the earlier of:

579 (i) 14 days after the day on which the first individual signs the referendum packet; or

580 (ii) 40 days after the day on which the legislative session at which the law passed ends.

581 (b) A sponsor may not submit a referendum packet after the deadline described in
582 Subsection (1)(a).

583 (c) Before delivering a packet to the county clerk under Subsection (1), the sponsors
584 shall send an email to each individual who provides a legible, valid email address on the form
585 described in Subsection 20A-7-303(2)(d) that includes the following:

586 (i) the subject of the email shall include the following statement, "Notice Regarding
587 Your Petition Signature";

588 (ii) the body of the email shall include the following statement in 12-point type:

589 "You signed a petition for the following referendum:

590 [insert title of referendum]

591 You may remove your signature from the petition by submitting a statement to your
592 county clerk. Contact your county clerk at [insert phone number for county clerk] for
593 information on how to remove your signature and the applicable deadline for removing your
594 signature.

595 A copy of the referendum petition, the referendum, and the fiscal impact statement are
596 attached for your review."; and

597 (iii) a copy of each of the following documents, separately attached in PDF format:

598 (A) the referendum petition; and

599 (B) the referendum.

600 (2) (a) No later than 14 days after the day on which the county clerk receives a verified
601 referendum packet, the county clerk shall:

602 (i) check the name of each individual who completes the verification on the last page
603 of each referendum packet to determine whether the individual is a resident of Utah and is at
604 least 18 years old; and

605 (ii) submit the name of each individual who is not a Utah resident or who is not at least
606 18 years old to the attorney general and county attorney.

607 (b) The county clerk may not certify a signature under Subsection (3):

608 (i) on a referendum packet that is not verified in accordance with Section [20A-7-305](#);

609 or

610 (ii) that does not have a date of signature next to the signature.

611 (3) No later than 14 days after the day on which the county clerk receives a verified
612 referendum packet, the county clerk shall:

613 (a) determine whether each signer is a registered voter according to the requirements of
614 Section [20A-7-306.3](#);

615 (b) certify on the referendum petition whether each name is that of a registered voter;

616 (c) post the name and voter identification number of each registered voter certified

617 under Subsection (3)(b) in a conspicuous location on the county's website for at least 45 days;
618 and

619 (d) deliver the verified referendum packet to the lieutenant governor.

620 (4) The county clerk shall, after timely receipt of a statement requesting signature
621 removal under Subsection 20A-7-305(3), remove the voter's name and voter identification
622 number from the posting described in Subsection (3)(c), and notify the lieutenant governor's
623 office of the removal, the earlier of:

624 (a) within two business days after the day on which the [the] county clerk timely
625 receives the statement; or

626 (b) 99 days after the day on which the legislative session at which the law passed ends.

627 (5) The sponsor or a sponsor's representative may not retrieve a referendum packet
628 from a county clerk after the referendum packet is submitted to the county clerk.

629 Section 10. Section 20A-7-502.6 is enacted to read:

630 **20A-7-502.6. Posting initiative information.**

631 (1) Within one business day after the day on which the local clerk's office receives the
632 initial fiscal impact estimate under Subsection 20A-7-502.5(4)(a), the local clerk shall post the
633 following information together in a conspicuous place on the local clerk's website:

634 (a) the initiative petition;

635 (b) the initiative;

636 (c) the fiscal impact estimate; and

637 (d) information describing how an individual may remove the individual's signature
638 from the signature packet.

639 (2) The local clerk shall:

640 (a) promptly update the information described in Subsection (1) if the information
641 changes; and

642 (b) maintain the information described in Subsection (1) on the local clerk's website
643 until the initiative fails to qualify for the ballot or is passed or defeated at an election.

644 Section 11. Section 20A-7-503 is amended to read:

645 **20A-7-503. Form of initiative petitions and signature sheets.**

646 (1) (a) Each proposed initiative petition shall be printed in substantially the following
647 form:

648 "INITIATIVE PETITION To the Honorable ____, County Clerk/City Recorder/Town
649 Clerk:

650 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully demand that the following proposed
651 law be submitted to: the legislative body for its approval or rejection at its next meeting; and
652 the legal voters of the county/city/town, if the legislative body rejects the proposed law or takes
653 no action on it.

654 Each signer says:

655 I have personally signed this petition;

656 I am registered to vote in Utah or intend to become registered to vote in Utah before the
657 certification of the petition names by the county clerk; and

658 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name."

659 (b) If the initiative petition proposes a tax increase, the following statement shall
660 appear, in at least 14-point, bold type, immediately following the information described in
661 Subsection (1)(a):

662 "This initiative petition seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert
663 the tax percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase)
664 percent increase in the current tax rate."

665 (c) The sponsors of an initiative shall attach a copy of the proposed law to each
666 initiative petition.

667 (2) Each signature sheet shall:

668 (a) be printed on sheets of paper 8-1/2 inches long and 11 inches wide;

669 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line three-fourths inch from the top, with the space above
670 that line blank for the purpose of binding;

671 (c) ~~[contain]~~ include the title of the initiative printed below the horizontal line, in at
672 least 14-point, bold type;

673 ~~[(d) be vertically divided into columns as follows:]~~

674 ~~[(i) the first column shall appear at the extreme left of the sheet, be five-eighths inch
675 wide, be headed with "For Office Use Only", and be subdivided with a light vertical line down
676 the middle with the left subdivision entitled "Registered" and the right subdivision left
677 untitled;]~~

678 ~~[(ii) the next column shall be 2-1/2 inches wide, headed "Registered Voter's Printed~~

679 Name (must be legible to be counted);]

680 [~~(iii) the next column shall be 2-1/2 inches wide, headed "Signature of Registered~~
681 ~~Voter";]~~

682 [~~(iv) the next column shall be one inch wide, headed "Birth Date or Age (Optional)";~~
683 ~~and]~~

684 [~~(v) the final column shall be 4-3/8 inches wide, headed "Street Address, City, Zip~~
685 ~~Code";]~~

686 [~~(e) spanning the sheet horizontally beneath each row on which a registered voter may~~
687 ~~submit the information described in Subsection (2)(d), contain the following statement printed~~
688 ~~or typed in not less than eight-point type:]~~

689 [~~"By signing this petition, you are stating that you have read and understand the law~~
690 ~~proposed by this petition."; and]~~

691 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the initiative, and beginning .5 inch
692 from the left side of the paper, as follows:

693 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;

694 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For
695 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;

696 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;

697 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;

698 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;

699 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
700 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point type;

701 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;

702 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
703 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;

704 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;

705 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;

706 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
707 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;

708 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;

709 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words

710 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;
 711 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
 712 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch tall;
 713 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
 714 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;
 715 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;
 716 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
 717 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;
 718 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and
 719 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
 720 and contain the following words "By signing this petition, you are stating that you have read
 721 and understand the law proposed by this petition." in 12-point type;
 722 (e) the table described in Subsection (2)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at
 723 the bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (2)(f); and
 724 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, [~~contain~~] include in the following order:
 725 (i) the words "Fiscal impact of" followed by the title of the initiative, in at least
 726 [~~14-point~~] 12-point, bold type;
 727 (ii) the initial fiscal impact estimate's summary statement issued by the budget officer
 728 in accordance with Subsection [20A-7-502.5\(2\)\(b\)](#) and the cost estimate for printing and
 729 distributing information related to the initiative petition in accordance with Subsection
 730 [20A-7-502.5\(3\)](#), in not less than 12-point, bold type;
 731 (iii) if the initiative petition proposes a tax increase, the following statement in
 732 12-point, bold type:
 733 "This initiative petition seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert
 734 the tax percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase)
 735 percent increase in the current tax rate."; and
 736 [~~(iii)~~] (iv) the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type, followed by the following
 737 statement in not less than eight-point type:
 738 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name
 739 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
 740 once for the same measure, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows that the

741 individual is not a registered voter and knows that the individual does not intend to become
742 registered to vote before the certification of the petition names by the county clerk.["; (iv) the
743 following statement:"]

744 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity
745 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be
746 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified
747 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."[; and]

748 [~~(v) if the initiative petition proposes a tax increase, spanning the bottom of the sheet,
749 horizontally, in not less than 14-point, bold type, the following statement:]~~

750 ["~~This initiative petition seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert
751 the tax percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase)
752 percent increase in the current tax rate.~~"]

753 (3) The final page of each initiative packet shall contain the following printed or typed
754 statement:

755 "Verification of signature collector

756 State of Utah, County of _____

757 I, _____, of _____, hereby state that:

758 I am a resident of Utah and am at least 18 years old;

759 All the names that appear in this initiative packet were signed by the individuals who
760 professed to be the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed the
761 individual's name on it in my presence;

762 I believe that each individual has printed and signed the individual's name and written
763 the individual's post office address and residence correctly, and that each signer is registered to
764 vote in Utah or intends to become registered to vote before the certification of the petition
765 names by the county clerk.

766 [_____"]

767 _____
768 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)

769 Verification of initiative sponsor

770 State of Utah, County of _____

771 I, _____, of _____, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

772 I am a sponsor of the initiative petition to which this signature packet relates;
 773 I sent, or caused to be sent, to each individual who provided a legible, valid email
 774 address in this packet, the email described in Utah Code Subsection [20A-7-506\(1\)\(c\)](#).

775
 776 (Name) _____ (Residence Address) _____ (Date)".

777 (4) The forms prescribed in this section are not mandatory, and, if substantially
 778 followed, the initiative petitions are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical
 779 errors.

780 Section 12. Section **20A-7-506** is amended to read:

781 **20A-7-506. Submitting the initiative petition -- Certification of signatures by the**
 782 **county clerks -- Transfer to local clerk.**

783 (1) (a) The sponsors shall deliver each signed and verified initiative packet to the
 784 county clerk of the county in which the packet was circulated before 5 p.m. the earlier of:

785 (i) for county initiatives:

786 (A) 316 days after the day on which the application is filed; or

787 (B) the April 15 immediately before the next regular general election immediately after
 788 the application is filed under Section [20A-7-502](#); or

789 (ii) for municipal initiatives:

790 (A) 316 days after the day on which the application is filed; or

791 (B) the April 15 immediately before the next municipal general election immediately
 792 after the application is filed under Section [20A-7-502](#).

793 (b) A sponsor may not submit an initiative packet after the deadline established in this
 794 Subsection (1).

795 (c) Before delivering a packet to the county clerk under Subsection (1), the sponsors
 796 shall send an email to each individual who provides a legible, valid email address on the form
 797 described in Subsection [20A-7-503\(2\)\(d\)](#) that includes the following:

798 (i) the subject of the email shall include the following statement, "Notice Regarding
 799 Your Petition Signature";

800 (ii) the body of the email shall include the following statement in 12-point type:

801 "You signed a petition for the following initiative:

802 [insert title of initiative]

803 You may remove your signature from the petition by submitting a statement to your
804 county clerk. Contact your county clerk at [insert phone number for county clerk] for
805 information on how to remove your signature and the applicable deadline for removing your
806 signature.

807 A copy of the initiative petition, the initiative, and the fiscal impact statement are
808 attached for your review."; and

809 (iii) a copy of each of the following documents, separately attached in PDF format:

810 (A) the initiative petition;

811 (B) the initiative; and

812 (C) the fiscal impact statement.

813 (2) The county clerk may not certify a signature under Subsection (3) on an initiative
814 packet that is not verified in accordance with Section 20A-7-505.

815 (3) No later than May 15, the county clerk shall:

816 (a) determine whether or not each signer is a voter according to the requirements of
817 Section 20A-7-506.3;

818 (b) certify on the petition whether or not each name is that of a voter; and

819 (c) deliver all of the verified packets to the local clerk.

820 Section 13. Section 20A-7-603 is amended to read:

821 **20A-7-603. Form of referendum petition and signature sheets.**

822 (1) (a) Each proposed referendum petition shall be printed in substantially the
823 following form:

824 "REFERENDUM PETITION To the Honorable ____, County Clerk/City
825 Recorder/Town Clerk:

826 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully order that (description of local law or
827 portion of local law being challenged), passed by the ____ be referred to the voters for their
828 approval or rejection at the regular/municipal general election to be held on
829 _____ (month\day\year);

830 Each signer says:

831 I have personally signed this petition;

832 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the
833 petition;

834 I have personally reviewed the entire statement included with this packet;

835 I am registered to vote in Utah or intend to become registered to vote in Utah before the
836 certification of the petition names by the county clerk; and

837 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name."

838 (b) The sponsors of a referendum shall attach a copy of the law that is the subject of the
839 referendum to each referendum petition.

840 (2) Each signature sheet shall:

841 (a) be printed on sheets of paper 8-1/2 inches long and 11 inches wide;

842 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line three-fourths inch from the top, with the space above
843 that line blank for the purpose of binding;

844 (c) ~~contain~~ include the title of the referendum printed below the horizontal line, in at
845 least 14-point type;

846 ~~[(d) contain the word "Warning" printed or typed at the top of each signature sheet~~
847 ~~under the title of the referendum;]~~

848 ~~[(e) contain, to the right of the word "Warning," the following statement printed or~~
849 ~~typed in not less than eight-point, single-leaded type:]~~

850 ~~["It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with any~~
851 ~~other name than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more~~
852 ~~than once for the same measure, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual knows~~
853 ~~that the individual is not a registered voter and knows that the individual does not intend to~~
854 ~~become registered to vote before the certification of the petition names by the county clerk.";]~~

855 ~~[(f) contain horizontally ruled lines three-eighths inch apart under the "Warning"~~
856 ~~statement required by this section;]~~

857 ~~[(g) be vertically divided into columns as follows:]~~

858 ~~[(i) the edge of the first column shall appear .5 inch from the extreme left of the sheet,~~
859 ~~be .25 inch wide, and be headed, together with the second column, "For Office Use Only";]~~

860 ~~[(ii) the second column shall be .25 inch wide;]~~

861 ~~[(iii) the third column shall be 2.5 inches wide, headed "Registered Voter's Printed~~
862 ~~Name (must be legible to be counted)";]~~

863 ~~[(iv) the fourth column shall be 2.5 inches wide, headed "Signature of Registered~~
864 ~~Voter";]~~

865 ~~[(v) the fifth column shall be .75 inch wide, headed "Date Signed";]~~
866 ~~[(vi) the sixth column shall be three inches wide, headed "Street Address, City, Zip~~
867 ~~Code"; and]~~
868 ~~[(vii) the seventh column shall be .75 inch wide, headed "Birth Date or Age~~
869 ~~(Optional)";]~~
870 ~~[(h) be horizontally divided into rows as follows:]~~
871 ~~[(i) the top of the first row, for the purpose of entering the information described in~~
872 ~~Subsection (2)(g), shall be .5 inch high;]~~
873 ~~[(ii) the second row shall be .15 inch high and contain the following statement printed~~
874 ~~or typed in not less than eight-point, single-leaded type: "By signing this petition, you are~~
875 ~~stating that you have read and understand the law this petition seeks to overturn."; and]~~
876 ~~[(iii) the first and second rows shall be repeated, in order, leaving sufficient room at the~~
877 ~~bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (2)(i); and]~~
878 ~~[(i) at the bottom of the sheet, contain the following statement: "Birth date or age~~
879 ~~information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity with voter registration~~
880 ~~records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be verified as a valid signature~~
881 ~~if you change your address before petition signatures are verified or if the information you~~
882 ~~provide does not match your voter registration records."]~~
883 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the referendum, and beginning .5 inch
884 from the left side of the paper, as follows:
885 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;
886 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For
887 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;
888 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;
889 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;
890 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
891 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
892 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point type;
893 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
894 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
895 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;

896 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
897 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
898 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
899 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;
900 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
901 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
902 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;
903 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
904 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch tall;
905 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
906 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;
907 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;
908 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
909 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;
910 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and
911 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
912 and contain the following words, "By signing this petition, you are stating that you have read
913 and understand the law that this petition seeks to overturn." in 12-point type;
914 (e) the table described in Subsection (2)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at
915 the bottom of the sheet or the information described in Subsection (2)(f); and
916 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type,
917 followed by the following statement in not less than eight-point type:
918 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name
919 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
920 once for the same measure, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual knows that the
921 individual is not a registered voter and knows that the individual does not intend to become
922 registered to vote before the certification of the petition names by the county clerk.
923 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity
924 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be
925 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified
926 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."

927 (3) The final page of each referendum packet shall contain the following printed or
928 typed statement:

929 "Verification of signature collector

930 State of Utah, County of _____

931 I, _____, of _____, hereby state that:

932 I am a resident of Utah and am at least 18 years old;

933 All the names that appear in this referendum packet were signed by individuals who
934 professed to be the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed the
935 individual's name on it in my presence;

936 I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law this petition
937 seeks to overturn;

938 I believe that each individual has printed and signed the individual's name and written
939 the individual's post office address and residence correctly, and that each signer is registered to
940 vote in Utah or intends to become registered to vote before the certification of the petition
941 names by the county clerk.

942 [_____"]

943 _____
944 (Name) _____ (Residence Address) _____ (Date)

945 Verification of referendum sponsor

946 State of Utah, County of _____

947 I, _____, of _____, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

948 I am a sponsor of the referendum petition to which this signature packet relates;

949 I sent, or caused to be sent, to each individual who provided a legible, valid email
950 address in this packet, the email described in Utah Code Subsection [20A-7-606\(1\)\(c\)](#).

951 _____
952 (Name) _____ (Residence Address) _____ (Date)".

953 (4) The forms prescribed in this section are not mandatory, and, if substantially
954 followed, the referendum petitions are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical
955 errors.

956 Section 14. Section **20A-7-604.5** is enacted to read:

957 **20A-7-604.5. Posting referendum information.**

958 (1) On the day on which the local clerk complies with Subsection 20A-7-604(2), the
959 local clerk shall post the following information together in a conspicuous place on the local
960 clerk's website:

961 (a) the referendum petition;
962 (b) the referendum; and
963 (c) information describing how an individual may remove the individual's signature
964 from the signature packet.

965 (2) The local clerk shall:
966 (a) promptly update the information described in Subsection (1) if the information
967 changes; and

968 (b) maintain the information described in Subsection (1) on the local clerk's website
969 until the referendum fails to qualify for the ballot or is passed or defeated at an election.

970 Section 15. Section **20A-7-606** is amended to read:

971 **20A-7-606. Submitting the referendum petition -- Certification of signatures by**
972 **the county clerks -- Transfer to local clerk.**

973 (1) (a) The sponsors shall deliver each signed and verified referendum packet to the
974 county clerk of the county in which the packet was circulated before 5 p.m. no later than 45
975 days after the day on which the sponsors receive the items described in Subsection
976 20A-7-604(2) from the local clerk.

977 (b) A sponsor may not submit a referendum packet after the deadline established in this
978 Subsection (1).

979 (c) Before delivering a packet to the county clerk under Subsection (1), the sponsors
980 shall send an email to each individual who provides a legible, valid email address on the form
981 described in Subsection 20A-7-603(2)(d) that includes the following:

982 (i) the subject of the email shall include the following statement, "Notice Regarding
983 Your Petition Signature";

984 (ii) the body of the email shall include the following statement in 12-point type:

985 "You signed a petition for the following referendum:

986 [insert title of referendum]

987 You may remove your signature from the petition by submitting a statement to your
988 county clerk. Contact your county clerk at [insert phone number for county clerk] for

989 information on how to remove your signature and the applicable deadline for removing your
990 signature.

991 A copy of the referendum petition, the referendum, and the fiscal impact statement are
992 attached for your review."; and

993 (iii) a copy of each of the following documents, separately attached in PDF format:

994 (A) the referendum petition; and

995 (B) the referendum.

996 (2) (a) No later than 15 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a

997 referendum packet under Subsection (1)(a), the county clerk shall:

998 (i) check the names of all persons completing the verification on the last page of each

999 referendum packet to determine whether those persons are Utah residents and are at least 18

1000 years old; and

1001 (ii) submit the name of each of those persons who is not a Utah resident or who is not
1002 at least 18 years old to the attorney general and county attorney.

1003 (b) The county clerk may not certify a signature under Subsection (3) on a referendum
1004 packet that is not verified in accordance with Section [20A-7-605](#).

1005 (3) No later than 30 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a referendum
1006 packet under Subsection (1)(a), the county clerk shall:

1007 (a) determine whether each signer is a registered voter according to the requirements of
1008 Section [20A-7-606.3](#);

1009 (b) certify on the referendum petition whether each name is that of a registered voter;

1010 and

1011 (c) deliver all of the verified referendum packets to the local clerk.