

MOBILE VOTING PILOT PROJECT

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble

House Sponsor: Mike Winder

LONG TITLE

Committee Note:

The Government Operations Interim Committee recommended this bill.

Legislative Vote: 7 voting for 3 voting against 6 absent

General Description:

This bill creates a mobile voting pilot project for municipal elections.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ allows a municipality to choose to permit a voter to vote by electronic means approved by the municipality's election officer; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

20A-3a-201, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 31

20A-6-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 206

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



28 Section 1. Section **20A-3a-201** is amended to read:

29 **20A-3a-201. Voting methods.**

30 (1) Except for an election conducted entirely by mail under Section [20A-7-609.5](#), a
31 voter may vote as follows:

32 (a) by mail;

33 (b) at a polling location during early voting hours;

34 (c) at a polling location on election day when the polls are open;

35 (d) if the voter is an individual with a disability, by voting remotely, via a mechanical
36 ballot or via electronic means if approved by the election officer;

37 (e) electronically or via a federal write-in absentee ballot if the voter is a covered voter,
38 as defined in Section [20A-16-102](#); [~~or~~]

39 (f) by emergency ballot, in accordance with Part 3, Emergency Ballots[~~;~~];

40 (g) electronically, if permitted by a county in accordance with Subsection [20A-6-](#)
41 [103\(1\)](#); or

42 (h) electronically, if the voter is voting in a municipal election conducted in accordance
43 with Subsection [20A-6-103\(2\)](#).

44 (2) A voter may not vote at a polling place if the voter voted by mail or in a manner
45 described in Subsections (1)(d) through (f).

46 Section 2. Section **20A-6-103** is amended to read:

47 **20A-6-103. Internet voting pilot projects.**

48 (1) Notwithstanding any provision of this title to the contrary, a county may allow a
49 covered voter, as defined in Section [20A-16-102](#), or a voter with a disability, as defined in 42
50 U.S.C. 12102(1), to register to vote, and vote electronically.

51 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of this title to the contrary, a municipality may
52 allow a voter to vote electronically in a municipal election via electronic means approved by
53 the municipality's election officer.