

Representative Jordan D. Teuscher proposes the following substitute bill:

BALLOT MEASURE AMENDMENTS

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jordan D. Teuscher

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions relating to ballot measures.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ modifies provisions relating to a ballot title for a constitutional amendment;
- ▶ establishes a process for the electronic collection of signatures, in the presence of a

signature gatherer using an approved device, as follows:

- for, at the discretion of the lieutenant governor, a statewide initiative, a statewide referendum, or a petition seeking the nomination of a registered political party; or
- for, at the discretion of a local clerk, a local initiative or a local referendum;
- ▶ limits eligible signatures on a petition to registered voters;
- ▶ modifies criminal provisions in relation to eligibility to sign a petition;
- ▶ provides for the security of signatures and information collected in relation to signatures; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:



26 None

27 **Other Special Clauses:**

28 None

29 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

30 AMENDS:

31 **10-9a-509**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapters 140 and 385

32 **11-14-301**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 140

33 **17-27a-508**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapters 140 and 385

34 **20A-1-306**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 24

35 **20A-1-609**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapters 140 and 418

36 **20A-7-101**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 80

37 **20A-7-103**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Fifth Special Session, Chapter 20

38 **20A-7-203**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapters 140, 418 and last

39 amended by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 418

40 **20A-7-204**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapters 140, 418 and last

41 amended by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 418

42 **20A-7-205**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 140

43 **20A-7-206**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapters 140 and 418

44 **20A-7-206.3**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 210

45 **20A-7-207**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 140

46 **20A-7-213**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 210

47 **20A-7-303**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapters 140, 418 and last

48 amended by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 418

49 **20A-7-304**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapters 140, 418 and last

50 amended by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 418

51 **20A-7-304.5**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 418

52 **20A-7-305**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 140

53 **20A-7-306**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapters 140 and 418

54 **20A-7-306.3**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 140

55 **20A-7-307**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 140

56 **20A-7-312**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 210

- 57 [20A-7-502.6](#), as enacted by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 418
- 58 [20A-7-502.7](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 418
- 59 [20A-7-503](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapters 140, 418 and last
- 60 amended by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 418
- 61 [20A-7-504](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapters 140, 418 and last
- 62 amended by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 418
- 63 [20A-7-505](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 140
- 64 [20A-7-506](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapters 140 and 418
- 65 [20A-7-506.3](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 140
- 66 [20A-7-507](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 140
- 67 [20A-7-512](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 203
- 68 [20A-7-602.7](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 418
- 69 [20A-7-602.8](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 418
- 70 [20A-7-603](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapters 140, 418 and last
- 71 amended by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 418
- 72 [20A-7-604](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapters 140, 418 and last
- 73 amended by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 418
- 74 [20A-7-604.5](#), as enacted by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 418
- 75 [20A-7-605](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 140
- 76 [20A-7-606](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapters 140 and 418
- 77 [20A-7-606.3](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 140
- 78 [20A-7-607](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapters 80 and 140
- 79 [20A-7-611](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 140
- 80 [20A-7-612](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 203
- 81 [20A-7-613](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 140
- 82 [20A-9-101](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 344
- 83 [20A-9-403](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 22
- 84 [20A-9-405](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 281
- 85 [20A-9-408](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Second Special Session, Chapter 6
- 86 ENACTS:
- 87 [20A-7-215](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953

- 88 **20A-7-216**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 89 **20A-7-217**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 90 **20A-7-313**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 91 **20A-7-314**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 92 **20A-7-315**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 93 **20A-7-514**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 94 **20A-7-515**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 95 **20A-7-516**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 96 **20A-7-614**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 97 **20A-7-615**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 98 **20A-7-616**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 99 **20A-21-101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 100 **20A-21-201**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

103 Section 1. Section **10-9a-509** is amended to read:

104 **10-9a-509. Applicant's entitlement to land use application approval --**
 105 **Municipality's requirements and limitations -- Vesting upon submission of development**
 106 **plan and schedule.**

107 (1) (a) (i) An applicant who has submitted a complete land use application as described
 108 in Subsection (1)(c), including the payment of all application fees, is entitled to substantive
 109 review of the application under the land use regulations:

110 (A) in effect on the date that the application is complete; and

111 (B) applicable to the application or to the information shown on the application.

112 (ii) An applicant is entitled to approval of a land use application if the application
 113 conforms to the requirements of the applicable land use regulations, land use decisions, and
 114 development standards in effect when the applicant submits a complete application and pays
 115 application fees, unless:

116 (A) the land use authority, on the record, formally finds that a compelling,
 117 countervailing public interest would be jeopardized by approving the application and specifies
 118 the compelling, countervailing public interest in writing; or

119 (B) in the manner provided by local ordinance and before the applicant submits the
120 application, the municipality formally initiates proceedings to amend the municipality's land
121 use regulations in a manner that would prohibit approval of the application as submitted.

122 (b) The municipality shall process an application without regard to proceedings the
123 municipality initiated to amend the municipality's ordinances as described in Subsection
124 (1)(a)(ii)(B) if:

125 (i) 180 days have passed since the municipality initiated the proceedings; and

126 (ii) the proceedings have not resulted in an enactment that prohibits approval of the
127 application as submitted.

128 (c) A land use application is considered submitted and complete when the applicant
129 provides the application in a form that complies with the requirements of applicable ordinances
130 and pays all applicable fees.

131 (d) A subsequent incorporation of a municipality or a petition that proposes the
132 incorporation of a municipality does not affect a land use application approved by a county in
133 accordance with Section [17-27a-508](#).

134 (e) The continuing validity of an approval of a land use application is conditioned upon
135 the applicant proceeding after approval to implement the approval with reasonable diligence.

136 (f) A municipality may not impose on an applicant who has submitted a complete
137 application a requirement that is not expressed in:

138 (i) this chapter;

139 (ii) a municipal ordinance; or

140 (iii) a municipal specification for public improvements applicable to a subdivision or
141 development that is in effect on the date that the applicant submits an application.

142 (g) A municipality may not impose on a holder of an issued land use permit or a final,
143 unexpired subdivision plat a requirement that is not expressed:

144 (i) in a land use permit;

145 (ii) on the subdivision plat;

146 (iii) in a document on which the land use permit or subdivision plat is based;

147 (iv) in the written record evidencing approval of the land use permit or subdivision
148 plat;

149 (v) in this chapter; or

150 (vi) in a municipal ordinance.

151 (h) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(i), a municipality may not withhold issuance
152 of a certificate of occupancy or acceptance of subdivision improvements because of an
153 applicant's failure to comply with a requirement that is not expressed:

154 (i) in the building permit or subdivision plat, documents on which the building permit
155 or subdivision plat is based, or the written record evidencing approval of the land use permit or
156 subdivision plat; or

157 (ii) in this chapter or the municipality's ordinances.

158 (i) A municipality may not unreasonably withhold issuance of a certificate of
159 occupancy where an applicant has met all requirements essential for the public health, public
160 safety, and general welfare of the occupants, in accordance with this chapter, unless:

161 (i) the applicant and the municipality have agreed in a written document to the
162 withholding of a certificate of occupancy; or

163 (ii) the applicant has not provided a financial assurance for required and uncompleted
164 landscaping or infrastructure improvements in accordance with an applicable ordinance that the
165 legislative body adopts under this chapter.

166 (2) A municipality is bound by the terms and standards of applicable land use
167 regulations and shall comply with mandatory provisions of those regulations.

168 (3) A municipality may not, as a condition of land use application approval, require a
169 person filing a land use application to obtain documentation regarding a school district's
170 willingness, capacity, or ability to serve the development proposed in the land use application.

171 (4) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), for a period of 10 years after the day on
172 which a subdivision plat is recorded, a municipality may not impose on a building permit
173 applicant for a single-family dwelling located within the subdivision any land use regulation
174 that is enacted within 10 years after the day on which the subdivision plat is recorded.

175 (b) Subsection (4)(a) does not apply to any changes in the requirements of the
176 applicable building code, health code, or fire code, or other similar regulations.

177 (5) Upon a specified public agency's submission of a development plan and schedule as
178 required in Subsection 10-9a-305(8) that complies with the requirements of that subsection, the
179 specified public agency vests in the municipality's applicable land use maps, zoning map,
180 hookup fees, impact fees, other applicable development fees, and land use regulations in effect

181 on the date of submission.

182 (6) (a) If sponsors of a referendum timely challenge a project in accordance with
183 Subsection 20A-7-601(5), the project's affected owner may rescind the project's land use
184 approval by delivering a written notice:

185 (i) to the local clerk as defined in Section 20A-7-101; and

186 (ii) no later than seven days after the day on which a petition for a referendum is
187 determined sufficient under Subsection [~~20A-7-607(4)~~] 20A-7-607(5).

188 (b) Upon delivery of a written notice described in Subsection (6)(a) the following are
189 rescinded and are of no further force or effect:

190 (i) the relevant land use approval; and

191 (ii) any land use regulation enacted specifically in relation to the land use approval.

192 Section 2. Section 11-14-301 is amended to read:

193 **11-14-301. Issuance of bonds by governing body -- Computation of indebtedness**
194 **under constitutional and statutory limitations.**

195 (1) If the governing body has declared the bond proposition to have carried and no
196 contest has been filed, or if a contest has been filed and favorably terminated, the governing
197 body may proceed to issue the bonds voted at the election.

198 (2) (a) It is not necessary that all of the bonds be issued at one time, but, except as
199 otherwise provided in this Subsection (2), bonds approved by the voters may not be issued
200 more than 10 years after the day on which the election is held.

201 (b) The 10-year period described in Subsection (2)(a) is tolled if, at any time during the
202 10-year period:

203 (i) an application for a referendum petition is filed with a local clerk, in accordance
204 with Section 20A-7-602, with respect to the local obligation law relating to the bonds; or

205 (ii) the bonds are challenged in a court of law or an administrative proceeding in
206 relation to:

207 (A) the legality or validity of the bonds, or the election or proceedings authorizing the
208 bonds;

209 (B) the authority of the local political subdivision to issue the bonds;

210 (C) the provisions made for the security or payment of the bonds; or

211 (D) any other issue that materially and adversely affects the marketability of the bonds,

212 as determined by the individual or body that holds the executive powers of the local political
213 subdivision.

214 (c) For a bond described in this section that is approved by voters on or after May 8,
215 2002, but before May 14, 2019, a tolling period described in Subsection (2)(b)(i) ends on the
216 later of the day on which:

217 (i) the local clerk determines that the petition is insufficient, in accordance with
218 Subsection [~~20A-7-607(2)(e)~~] 20A-7-607(3)(d), unless an application, described in Subsection
219 [~~20A-7-607(3)(a)~~] 20A-7-607(4)(a), is made to a court;

220 (ii) a court determines, under Subsection [~~20A-7-607(3)(c)~~] 20A-7-607(4)(c), that the
221 petition for the referendum is not legally sufficient; or

222 (iii) for a referendum petition that is sufficient, the governing body declares, as
223 provided by law, the results of the referendum election on the local obligation law.

224 (d) For a bond described in this section that was approved by voters on or after May
225 14, 2019, a tolling period described in Subsection (2)(b)(i) ends:

226 (i) if a county, city, town, metro township, or court determines, under Section
227 20A-7-602.7, that the proposed referendum is not legally referable to voters, the later of:

228 (A) the day on which the county, city, town, or metro township provides the notice
229 described in Subsection 20A-7-602.7(1)(b)(ii); or

230 (B) if a sponsor appeals, under Subsection 20A-7-602.7(4), the day on which a court
231 decision that the proposed referendum is not legally referable to voters becomes final; or

232 (ii) if a county, city, town, metro township, or court determines, under Section
233 20A-7-602.7, that the proposed referendum is legally referable to voters, the later of:

234 (A) the day on which the local clerk determines, under Section 20A-7-607, that the
235 number of certified names is insufficient for the proposed referendum to appear on the ballot;
236 or

237 (B) if the local clerk determines, under Section 20A-7-607, that the number of certified
238 names is sufficient for the proposed referendum to appear on the ballot, the day on which the
239 governing body declares, as provided by law, the results of the referendum election on the local
240 obligation law.

241 (e) A tolling period described in Subsection (2)(b)(ii) ends after:

242 (i) there is a final settlement, a final adjudication, or another type of final resolution of

243 all challenges described in Subsection (2)(b)(ii); and

244 (ii) the individual or body that holds the executive powers of the local political
245 subdivision issues a document indicating that all challenges described in Subsection (2)(b)(ii)
246 are resolved and final.

247 (f) If the 10-year period described in Subsection (2)(a) is tolled under this Subsection
248 (2) and, when the tolling ends and after giving effect to the tolling, the period of time
249 remaining to issue the bonds is less than one year, the period of time remaining to issue the
250 bonds shall be extended to one year.

251 (g) The tolling provisions described in this Subsection (2) apply to all bonds described
252 in this section that were approved by voters on or after May 8, 2002.

253 (3) (a) Bonds approved by the voters may not be issued to an amount that will cause
254 the indebtedness of the local political subdivision to exceed that permitted by the Utah
255 Constitution or statutes.

256 (b) In computing the amount of indebtedness that may be incurred pursuant to
257 constitutional and statutory limitations, the constitutionally or statutorily permitted percentage,
258 as the case may be, shall be applied to the fair market value, as defined under Section 59-2-102,
259 of the taxable property in the local political subdivision, as computed from the last applicable
260 equalized assessment roll before the incurring of the additional indebtedness.

261 (c) In determining the fair market value of the taxable property in the local political
262 subdivision as provided in this section, the value of all tax equivalent property, as defined in
263 Section 59-3-102, shall be included as a part of the total fair market value of taxable property
264 in the local political subdivision, as provided in Title 59, Chapter 3, Tax Equivalent Property
265 Act.

266 (4) Bonds of improvement districts issued in a manner that they are payable solely
267 from the revenues to be derived from the operation of the facilities of the district may not be
268 included as bonded indebtedness for the purposes of the computation.

269 (5) Where bonds are issued by a city, town, or county payable solely from revenues
270 derived from the operation of revenue-producing facilities of the city, town, or county, or
271 payable solely from a special fund into which are deposited excise taxes levied and collected by
272 the city, town, or county, or excise taxes levied by the state and rebated pursuant to law to the
273 city, town, or county, or any combination of those excise taxes, the bonds shall be included as

274 bonded indebtedness of the city, town, or county only to the extent required by the Utah
275 Constitution, and any bonds not so required to be included as bonded indebtedness of the city,
276 town, or county need not be authorized at an election, except as otherwise provided by the Utah
277 Constitution, the bonds being hereby expressly excluded from the election requirement of
278 Section 11-14-201.

279 (6) A bond election is not void when the amount of bonds authorized at the election
280 exceeded the limitation applicable to the local political subdivision at the time of holding the
281 election, but the bonds may be issued from time to time in an amount within the applicable
282 limitation at the time the bonds are issued.

283 (7) (a) A local political subdivision may not receive, from the issuance of bonds
284 approved by the voters at an election, an aggregate amount that exceeds by more than 2% the
285 maximum principal amount stated in the bond proposition.

286 (b) The provision in Subsection (7)(a) applies to bonds issued pursuant to an election
287 held after January 1, 2019.

288 Section 3. Section 17-27a-508 is amended to read:

289 **17-27a-508. Applicant's entitlement to land use application approval --**
290 **Application relating to land in a high priority transportation corridor -- County's**
291 **requirements and limitations -- Vesting upon submission of development plan and**
292 **schedule.**

293 (1) (a) (i) An applicant who has submitted a complete land use application, including
294 the payment of all application fees, is entitled to substantive review of the application under the
295 land use regulations:

296 (A) in effect on the date that the application is complete; and

297 (B) applicable to the application or to the information shown on the submitted
298 application.

299 (ii) An applicant is entitled to approval of a land use application if the application
300 conforms to the requirements of the applicable land use regulations, land use decisions, and
301 development standards in effect when the applicant submits a complete application and pays all
302 application fees, unless:

303 (A) the land use authority, on the record, formally finds that a compelling,
304 countervailing public interest would be jeopardized by approving the application and specifies

305 the compelling, countervailing public interest in writing; or

306 (B) in the manner provided by local ordinance and before the applicant submits the
307 application, the county formally initiates proceedings to amend the county's land use
308 regulations in a manner that would prohibit approval of the application as submitted.

309 (b) The county shall process an application without regard to proceedings the county
310 initiated to amend the county's ordinances as described in Subsection (1)(a)(ii)(B) if:

311 (i) 180 days have passed since the county initiated the proceedings; and

312 (ii) the proceedings have not resulted in an enactment that prohibits approval of the
313 application as submitted.

314 (c) A land use application is considered submitted and complete when the applicant
315 provides the application in a form that complies with the requirements of applicable ordinances
316 and pays all applicable fees.

317 (d) The continuing validity of an approval of a land use application is conditioned upon
318 the applicant proceeding after approval to implement the approval with reasonable diligence.

319 (e) A county may not impose on an applicant who has submitted a complete
320 application a requirement that is not expressed:

321 (i) in this chapter;

322 (ii) in a county ordinance; or

323 (iii) in a county specification for public improvements applicable to a subdivision or
324 development that is in effect on the date that the applicant submits an application.

325 (f) A county may not impose on a holder of an issued land use permit or a final,
326 unexpired subdivision plat a requirement that is not expressed:

327 (i) in a land use permit;

328 (ii) on the subdivision plat;

329 (iii) in a document on which the land use permit or subdivision plat is based;

330 (iv) in the written record evidencing approval of the land use permit or subdivision
331 plat;

332 (v) in this chapter; or

333 (vi) in a county ordinance.

334 (g) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(h), a county may not withhold issuance of a
335 certificate of occupancy or acceptance of subdivision improvements because of an applicant's

336 failure to comply with a requirement that is not expressed:

337 (i) in the building permit or subdivision plat, documents on which the building permit
338 or subdivision plat is based, or the written record evidencing approval of the building permit or
339 subdivision plat; or

340 (ii) in this chapter or the county's ordinances.

341 (h) A county may not unreasonably withhold issuance of a certificate of occupancy
342 where an applicant has met all requirements essential for the public health, public safety, and
343 general welfare of the occupants, in accordance with this chapter, unless:

344 (i) the applicant and the county have agreed in a written document to the withholding
345 of a certificate of occupancy; or

346 (ii) the applicant has not provided a financial assurance for required and uncompleted
347 landscaping or infrastructure improvements in accordance with an applicable ordinance that the
348 legislative body adopts under this chapter.

349 (2) A county is bound by the terms and standards of applicable land use regulations and
350 shall comply with mandatory provisions of those regulations.

351 (3) A county may not, as a condition of land use application approval, require a person
352 filing a land use application to obtain documentation regarding a school district's willingness,
353 capacity, or ability to serve the development proposed in the land use application.

354 (4) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), for a period of 10 years after the day on
355 which a subdivision plat is recorded, a county may not impose on a building permit applicant
356 for a single-family dwelling located within the subdivision any land use regulation that is
357 enacted within 10 years after the day on which the subdivision plat is recorded.

358 (b) Subsection (4)(a) does not apply to any changes in the requirements of the
359 applicable building code, health code, or fire code, or other similar regulations.

360 (5) Upon a specified public agency's submission of a development plan and schedule as
361 required in Subsection 17-27a-305(8) that complies with the requirements of that subsection,
362 the specified public agency vests in the county's applicable land use maps, zoning map, hookup
363 fees, impact fees, other applicable development fees, and land use regulations in effect on the
364 date of submission.

365 (6) (a) If sponsors of a referendum timely challenge a project in accordance with
366 Subsection 20A-7-601(5), the project's affected owner may rescind the project's land use

367 approval by delivering a written notice:

368 (i) to the local clerk as defined in Section [20A-7-101](#); and

369 (ii) no later than seven days after the day on which a petition for a referendum is
370 determined sufficient under Subsection [~~[20A-7-607\(4\)](#)~~ [20A-7-607\(5\)](#)].

371 (b) Upon delivery of a written notice described in Subsection (6)(a) the following are
372 rescinded and are of no further force or effect:

373 (i) the relevant land use approval; and

374 (ii) any land use regulation enacted specifically in relation to the land use approval.

375 Section 4. Section **20A-1-306** is amended to read:

376 **20A-1-306. Electronic signatures prohibited.**

377 Notwithstanding Title 46, Chapter 4, Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, and
378 Subsections [68-3-12\(1\)\(e\)](#) and [68-3-12.5\(28\)](#) and (40), an electronic signature may not be used
379 to sign a petition to:

380 (1) except as provided in Section [20A-21-201](#), qualify a ballot proposition for the
381 ballot under Chapter 7, Issues Submitted to the Voters;

382 (2) organize and register a political party under Chapter 8, Political Party Formation
383 and Procedures; or

384 (3) except as provided in Section [20A-21-201](#), qualify a candidate for the ballot under
385 Chapter 9, Candidate Qualifications and Nominating Procedures.

386 Section 5. Section **20A-1-609** is amended to read:

387 **20A-1-609. Omnibus penalties.**

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

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

392 (c) An individual is not guilty of a crime for, by signing a petition for an initiative or
393 referendum, falsely making the statement described in Subsection [~~[20A-7-203\(2\)\(d\)\(xx\)](#);
394 [20A-7-303\(2\)\(d\)\(xx\)](#), [20A-7-503\(2\)\(d\)\(xx\)](#), or [20A-7-603\(2\)\(d\)\(xx\)](#)] [20A-7-203\(3\)\(d\)\(xx\)](#),
395 [20A-7-303\(3\)\(d\)\(xx\)](#), [20A-7-503\(3\)\(d\)\(xx\)](#), or [20A-7-603\(3\)\(d\)\(xx\)](#)].~~

396 (2) Except as provided by Section [20A-2-101.3](#) or [20A-2-101.5](#), an individual
397 convicted of any offense under this title may not:

398 (a) file a declaration of candidacy for any office or appear on the ballot as a candidate
399 for any office during the election cycle in which the violation occurred;

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

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

402 (3) (a) Any individual convicted of any offense under this title forfeits the right to vote
403 at any election unless the right to vote is restored as provided in Section [20A-2-101.3](#) or
404 [20A-2-101.5](#).

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

407 Section 6. Section **20A-7-101** is amended to read:

408 **20A-7-101. Definitions.**

409 As used in this chapter:

410 (1) "Approved device" means a device described in Subsection [20A-21-201\(4\)](#) used to
411 gather signatures for the electronic initiative process, the electronic referendum process, or the
412 electronic candidate qualification process.

413 [~~1~~] (2) "Budget officer" means:

414 (a) for a county, the person designated as budget officer in Section [17-19a-203](#);

415 (b) for a city, the person designated as budget officer in Subsection [10-6-106\(4\)](#);

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

417 (d) for a metro township, the person described in Subsection [~~1~~] (2)(a) for the county
418 in which the metro township is located.

419 [~~2~~] (3) "Certified" means that the county clerk has acknowledged a signature as being
420 the signature of a registered voter.

421 [~~3~~] (4) "Circulation" means the process of submitting an initiative or referendum
422 petition to legal voters for their signature.

423 (5) "Electronic initiative process" means:

424 (a) as it relates to a statewide initiative, the process, described in Sections [20A-7-215](#)
425 and [20A-21-201](#), for gathering signatures; or

426 (b) as it relates to a local initiative, the process, described in Sections [20A-7-514](#) and
427 [20A-21-201](#), for gathering signatures.

428 (6) "Electronic referendum process" means:

429 (a) as it relates to a statewide referendum, the process, described in Sections
 430 20A-7-313 and 20A-21-201, for gathering signatures; or

431 (b) as it relates to a local referendum, the process, described in Sections 20A-7-614 and
 432 20A-21-201, for gathering signatures.

433 [(4)] (7) "Eligible voter" means a legal voter who resides in the jurisdiction of the
 434 county, city, or town that is holding an election on a ballot proposition.

435 [(5)] (8) "Final fiscal impact statement" means a financial statement prepared after
 436 voters approve an initiative that contains the information required by Subsection
 437 20A-7-202.5(2) or 20A-7-502.5(2).

438 [(6)] (9) "Initial fiscal impact estimate" means:

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

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

443 [(7)] (10) "Initiative" means a new law proposed for adoption by the public as provided
 444 in this chapter.

445 [(8)] (11) "Initiative packet" means a copy of the initiative petition, a copy of the
 446 proposed law, and the signature sheets, all of which have been bound together as a unit.

447 [(9)] (12) (a) "Land use law" means a law of general applicability, enacted based on the
 448 weighing of broad, competing policy considerations, that relates to the use of land, including
 449 land use regulation, a general plan, a land use development code, an annexation ordinance, the
 450 rezoning of a single property or multiple properties, or a comprehensive zoning ordinance or
 451 resolution.

452 (b) "Land use law" does not include a land use decision, as defined in Section
 453 10-9a-103 or 17-27a-103.

454 [(10)] (13) "Legal signatures" means the number of signatures of legal voters that:

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

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

457 [(11)] (14) "Legal voter" means a person who ~~is~~ registered to vote ~~or~~ in Utah.

458 ~~[(b) becomes registered to vote before the county clerk certifies the signatures on an~~
 459 ~~initiative or referendum petition.]~~

460 [~~(12)~~] (15) "Legally referable to voters" means:

461 (a) for a proposed local initiative, that the proposed local initiative is legally referable
462 to voters under Section 20A-7-502.7; or

463 (b) for a proposed local referendum, that the proposed local referendum is legally
464 referable to voters under Section 20A-7-602.7.

465 [~~(13)~~] (16) "Local attorney" means the county attorney, city attorney, or town attorney
466 in whose jurisdiction a local initiative or referendum petition is circulated.

467 [~~(14)~~] (17) "Local clerk" means the county clerk, city recorder, or town clerk in whose
468 jurisdiction a local initiative or referendum petition is circulated.

469 [~~(15)~~] (18) (a) "Local law" includes:

470 (i) an ordinance;

471 (ii) a resolution;

472 (iii) a land use law;

473 (iv) a land use regulation, as defined in Section 10-9a-103; or

474 (v) other legislative action of a local legislative body.

475 (b) "Local law" does not include a land use decision, as defined in Section 10-9a-103.

476 [~~(16)~~] (19) "Local legislative body" means the legislative body of a county, city, town,
477 or metro township.

478 [~~(17)~~] (20) "Local obligation law" means a local law passed by the local legislative
479 body regarding a bond that was approved by a majority of qualified voters in an election.

480 [~~(18)~~] (21) "Local tax law" means a law, passed by a political subdivision with an
481 annual or biannual calendar fiscal year, that increases a tax or imposes a new tax.

482 (22) "Manual initiative process" means the process for gathering signatures for an
483 initiative using paper signature packets that a signer physically signs.

484 (23) "Manual referendum process" means the process for gathering signatures for a
485 referendum using paper signature packets that a signer physically signs.

486 [~~(19)~~] (24) "Measure" means a proposed constitutional amendment, an initiative, or
487 referendum.

488 [~~(20)~~] (25) "Referendum" means a process by which a law passed by the Legislature or
489 by a local legislative body is submitted or referred to the voters for their approval or rejection.

490 [~~(21)~~] (26) "Referendum packet" means a copy of the referendum petition, a copy of

491 the law being submitted or referred to the voters for their approval or rejection, and the
492 signature sheets, all of which have been bound together as a unit.

493 ~~[(22) (a) "Signature" means a holographic signature.]~~

494 ~~[(b) "Signature" does not mean an electronic signature.]~~

495 (27) "Signature":

496 (a) for a statewide initiative:

497 (i) as it relates to the electronic initiative process, means an electronic signature

498 collected under Section [20A-7-215](#) and Subsection [20A-21-201\(6\)\(c\)](#); or

499 (ii) as it relates to the manual initiative process:

500 (A) means a holographic signature collected physically on a signature sheet described

501 in Section [20A-7-203](#); and

502 (B) does not include an electronic signature;

503 (b) for a statewide referendum:

504 (i) as it relates to the electronic referendum process, means an electronic signature

505 collected under Section [20A-7-313](#) and Subsection [20A-21-201\(6\)\(c\)](#); or

506 (ii) as it relates to the manual referendum process:

507 (A) means a holographic signature collected physically on a signature sheet described

508 in Section [20A-7-303](#); and

509 (B) does not include an electronic signature;

510 (c) for a local initiative:

511 (i) as it relates to the electronic initiative process, means an electronic signature

512 collected under Section [20A-7-514](#) and Subsection [20A-21-201\(6\)\(c\)](#); or

513 (ii) as it relates to the manual initiative process:

514 (A) means a holographic signature collected physically on a signature sheet described

515 in Section [20A-7-503](#); and

516 (B) does not include an electronic signature; or

517 (d) for a local referendum:

518 (i) as it relates to the electronic referendum process, means an electronic signature

519 collected under Section [20A-7-614](#) and Subsection [20A-21-201\(6\)\(c\)](#); or

520 (ii) as it relates to the manual referendum process:

521 (A) means a holographic signature collected physically on a signature sheet described

522 in Section [20A-7-603](#); and

523 (B) does not include an electronic signature.

524 ~~[(23)]~~ (28) "Signature sheets" means sheets in the form required by this chapter that are
525 used to collect signatures in support of an initiative or referendum.

526 ~~[(24)]~~ (29) "Special local ballot proposition" means a local ballot proposition that is
527 not a standard local ballot proposition.

528 ~~[(25)]~~ (30) "Sponsors" means the legal voters who support the initiative or referendum
529 and who sign the application for petition copies.

530 ~~[(26)]~~ (31) (a) "Standard local ballot proposition" means a local ballot proposition for
531 an initiative or a referendum.

532 (b) "Standard local ballot proposition" does not include a property tax referendum
533 described in Section [20A-7-613](#).

534 ~~[(27)]~~ (32) "Tax percentage difference" means the difference between the tax rate
535 proposed by an initiative or an initiative petition and the current tax rate.

536 ~~[(28)]~~ (33) "Tax percentage increase" means a number calculated by dividing the tax
537 percentage difference by the current tax rate and rounding the result to the nearest thousandth.

538 ~~[(29)]~~ (34) "Verified" means acknowledged by the person circulating the petition as
539 required in Sections [20A-7-205](#) and [20A-7-305](#).

540 Section 7. Section **20A-7-103** is amended to read:

541 **20A-7-103. Constitutional amendments and other questions submitted by the**
542 **Legislature -- Publication -- Ballot title -- Procedures for submission to popular vote.**

543 (1) The procedures contained in this section govern when the Legislature submits a
544 proposed constitutional amendment or other question to the voters.

545 (2) The lieutenant governor shall, not more than 60 days or less than 14 days before the
546 date of the election, publish the full text of the amendment, question, or statute in at least one
547 newspaper in every county of the state where a newspaper is published.

548 (3) The legislative general counsel shall:

549 (a) entitle each proposed constitutional amendment "Constitutional Amendment ___"
550 and assign it a letter according to the requirements of Section [20A-6-107](#);

551 (b) entitle each proposed question "Proposition Number ___" with the number assigned
552 to the proposition under Section [20A-6-107](#) placed in the blank;

553 (c) draft and designate a ballot title for each proposed amendment or question
554 submitted by the Legislature that:

555 (i) summarizes the subject matter of the amendment or question; and

556 (ii) for a proposed constitutional amendment, summarizes any legislation that is
557 enacted and will become effective upon the voters' adoption of the proposed constitutional
558 amendment; and

559 (d) deliver each letter or number and ballot title to the lieutenant governor.

560 (4) The lieutenant governor shall certify the letter or number and ballot title of each
561 amendment or question to the county clerk of each county no later than 65 days before the date
562 of the election.

563 (5) The county clerk of each county shall:

564 (a) ensure that [~~both~~] the letter or number and the ballot title of each amendment and
565 question [~~is~~] prepared in accordance with this section are printed on the sample ballots and
566 official ballots; and

567 (b) publish [~~them~~] the sample ballots and official ballots as provided by law.

568 Section 8. Section **20A-7-203** is amended to read:

569 **20A-7-203. Manual initiative process -- Form of initiative petition and signature**
570 **sheets.**

571 (1) This section applies only to the manual initiative process.

572 [~~(1)~~] (2) (a) Each proposed initiative petition shall be printed in substantially the
573 following form:

574 "INITIATIVE PETITION To the Honorable ____, Lieutenant Governor:

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

578 Each signer says:

579 I have personally signed this petition;

580 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the
581 petition;

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

583 I am registered to vote in Utah [~~or intend to become registered to vote in Utah before~~]

584 ~~the certification of the petition names by the county clerk]; and~~

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

586 NOTICE TO SIGNERS:

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

589 (b) If the initiative petition proposes a tax increase, the following statement shall
590 appear, in at least 14-point, bold type, immediately following the information described in
591 Subsection ~~[(1)]~~ (2)(a):

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

595 (c) The sponsors of an initiative or an agent of the sponsors shall attach a copy of the
596 proposed law to each initiative petition.

597 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) Each signature sheet shall:

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

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

601 (c) include the title of the initiative printed below the horizontal line, in at least
602 14-point, bold type;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

614 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words

615 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;
616 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
617 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
618 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
619 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;
620 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
621 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
622 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;
623 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
624 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;
625 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
626 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;
627 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;
628 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
629 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;
630 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and
631 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
632 and contain the following statement, "By signing this petition, you are stating that you have
633 read and understand the law proposed by this petition." in 12-point type;
634 (e) the table described in Subsection ~~[(2)]~~ (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient
635 room at the bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection ~~[(2)]~~ (3)(f); and
636 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include in the following order:
637 (i) the words "Fiscal Impact of" followed by the title of the initiative, in at least
638 12-point, bold type;
639 (ii) except as provided in Subsection ~~[(4)]~~ (5), the initial fiscal impact estimate's
640 summary statement issued by the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst in accordance with
641 Subsection 20A-7-202.5(2)(a), including any update in accordance with Subsection
642 20A-7-204.1(5), in not less than 12-point type;
643 (iii) if the initiative petition proposes a tax increase, the following statement in
644 12-point, bold type:
645 "This initiative petition seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert

646 the tax percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase)
647 percent increase in the current tax rate."; and

648 (iv) the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type, followed by the following statement in
649 not less than eight-point type:

650 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name
651 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
652 once for the same measure, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows that the
653 individual is not a registered voter [~~and knows that the individual does not intend to become~~
654 ~~registered to vote before the certification of the petition names by the county clerk~~].

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

659 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) The final page of each initiative packet shall contain the following printed or
660 typed statement:

661 Verification of signature collector

662 State of Utah, County of _____

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

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

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

668 I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law proposed by
669 the initiative;

670 I believe that each individual has printed and signed the individual's name and written
671 the individual's post office address and residence correctly, that each signer has read and
672 understands the law proposed by the initiative, and that each signer is registered to vote in Utah
673 [~~or intends to become registered to vote before the certification of the petition names by the~~
674 ~~county clerk~~].

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

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

679 _____
680 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)

681 [~~(4)~~] (5) If the initial fiscal impact estimate described in Subsection [~~(2)~~](~~i~~) [~~(3)~~](~~f~~)(~~ii~~), as
682 updated in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-204.1(5), exceeds 200 words, the Office of the
683 Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall prepare a shorter summary statement, for the purpose of
684 inclusion on a signature sheet, that does not exceed 200 words.

685 [~~(5)~~] (6) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the initiative
686 petitions are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

687 [~~(6)~~] (7) An individual's status as a resident, under Subsection [~~(3)~~] (4), is determined
688 in accordance with Section 20A-2-105.

689 Section 9. Section 20A-7-204 is amended to read:

690 **20A-7-204. Manual initiative process -- Circulation requirements -- Lieutenant**
691 **governor to provide sponsors with materials.**

692 (1) This section applies only to the manual initiative process.

693 [~~(1)~~] (2) In order to obtain the necessary number of signatures required by this part, the
694 sponsors or an agent of the sponsors shall, after the sponsors receive the documents described
695 in Subsection [~~(2)~~] (3), circulate initiative packets that meet the form requirements of this part.

696 [~~(2)~~] (3) The lieutenant governor shall furnish to the sponsors:

697 (a) a copy of the initiative petition, with any change submitted under Subsection
698 20A-7-204.1(5); and

699 (b) a signature sheet.

700 [~~(3)~~] (4) The sponsors of the petition shall:

701 (a) arrange and pay for the printing of all additional copies of the petition and signature
702 sheets; and

703 (b) ensure that the copies of the petition and signature sheets meet the form
704 requirements of this section.

705 [~~(4)~~] (5) (a) The sponsors or an agent of the sponsors may prepare the initiative for
706 circulation by creating multiple initiative packets.

707 (b) The sponsors or an agent of the sponsors shall create the initiative packets by

708 binding a copy of the initiative petition and no more than 50 signature sheets together at the top
709 in a manner that the packets may be conveniently opened for signing.

710 (c) An initiative packet is not required to have a uniform number of signature sheets.

711 [~~5~~] (6) (a) The sponsors or an agent of the sponsors shall, before gathering signatures:

712 (i) contact the lieutenant governor's office to receive a range of numbers that the
713 sponsors may use to number signature packets; and

714 (ii) number each signature packet, sequentially, within the range of numbers provided
715 by the lieutenant governor's office, starting with the lowest number in the range.

716 (b) The sponsors or an agent of the sponsors may not:

717 (i) number a signature packet in a manner not directed by the lieutenant governor's
718 office; or

719 (ii) circulate or submit a signature packet that is not numbered in the manner directed
720 by the lieutenant governor's office.

721 (c) The lieutenant governor shall keep a record of the number range provided under
722 Subsection [~~5~~] (6)(a).

723 Section 10. Section **20A-7-205** is amended to read:

724 **20A-7-205. Manual initiative process -- Obtaining signatures -- Verification --**
725 **Removal of signature.**

726 (1) This section applies only to the manual initiative process.

727 [~~1~~] (2) A Utah voter may sign an initiative petition if the voter is a legal voter.

728 [~~2~~] (3) (a) The sponsors shall ensure that the individual in whose presence each
729 signature sheet was signed:

730 (i) is at least 18 years old and meets the residency requirements of Section **20A-2-105**;

731 (ii) verifies each signature sheet by completing the verification printed on the last page
732 of each initiative packet; and

733 (iii) is informed that each signer is required to read and understand the law proposed by
734 the initiative.

735 (b) An individual may not sign the verification printed on the last page of the initiative
736 packet if the person signed a signature sheet in the initiative packet.

737 [~~3~~] (4) (a) A voter who has signed an initiative petition may have the voter's signature
738 removed from the petition by submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the

739 voter's signature be removed before 5 p.m. no later than the earlier of:
740 (i) for an initiative packet received by the county clerk before December 1:
741 (A) 30 days after the day on which the voter signs the signature removal statement; or
742 (B) 90 days after the day on which the lieutenant governor posts the voter's name under
743 Subsection ~~20A-7-207(2)(a)~~; or
744 (ii) for an initiative packet received by the county clerk on or after December 1:
745 (A) 30 days after the day on which the voter signs the signature removal statement; or
746 (B) 45 days after the day on which the lieutenant governor posts the voter's name under
747 Subsection ~~20A-7-207(2)(a)~~.
748 (b) (i) The statement shall include:
749 (A) the name of the voter;
750 (B) the resident address at which the voter is registered to vote;
751 (C) the signature of the voter; and
752 (D) the date of the signature described in Subsection ~~(3)~~ (4)(b)(i)(C).
753 (ii) To increase the likelihood of the voter's signature being identified and removed, the
754 statement may include the voter's birth date or age.
755 (c) A voter may not submit a statement by email or other electronic means.
756 (d) In order for the signature to be removed, the county clerk must receive the
757 statement before 5 p.m. no later than the applicable deadline described in Subsection ~~(3)~~
758 (4)(a).
759 (e) A person may only remove a signature from an initiative petition in accordance
760 with this Subsection ~~(3)~~ (4).
761 (f) A county clerk shall analyze a signature, for purposes of removing a signature from
762 an initiative petition, in accordance with Section ~~20A-7-206.3~~.
763 Section 11. Section ~~20A-7-206~~ is amended to read:
764 **20A-7-206. Manual initiative process -- Submitting the initiative petition --**
765 **Certification of signatures by the county clerks -- Transfer to lieutenant governor.**
766 (1) This section applies only to the manual initiative process.
767 ~~(1)~~ (2) (a) The sponsors, or an agent of the sponsors, shall submit a signed and
768 verified initiative packet to the county clerk of the county in which the packet was circulated
769 before 5 p.m. no later than the earlier of:

770 (i) 30 days after the day on which the first individual signs the initiative packet;
 771 (ii) 316 days after the day on which the application for the initiative petition is filed; or
 772 (iii) the February 15 immediately before the next regular general election immediately
 773 after the application is filed under Section 20A-7-202.

774 (b) A person may not submit an initiative packet after the deadline described in
 775 Subsection ~~[(1)]~~ (2)(a).

776 (c) Before delivering a packet to the county clerk under Subsection ~~[(1)]~~ (2), the
 777 sponsors shall send an email to each individual who provides a legible, valid email address on
 778 the form described in Subsection 20A-7-203~~[(2)]~~(3)(d) that includes the following:

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

781 (ii) the body of the email shall include the following statement in 12-point type:
 782 "You signed a petition for the following initiative:
 783 [insert title of initiative]

784 To access a copy of the initiative petition, the initiative, the fiscal impact statement, and
 785 information on the deadline for removing your signature from the petition, please visit the
 786 following link: [insert a uniform resource locator that takes the individual directly to the page
 787 on the lieutenant governor's website that includes the information referred to in the email]."

788 (d) When the sponsors submit the final signature packet to the county clerk, the
 789 sponsors shall submit to the county clerk the following written verification, completed and
 790 signed by each of the sponsors:

791 Verification of initiative sponsor

792 State of Utah, County of _____

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

794 I am a sponsor of the initiative petition entitled _____;

795 I sent, or caused to be sent, to each individual who provided a legible, valid email
 796 address on a signature packet submitted to the county clerk in relation to the initiative petition,
 797 the email described in Utah Code Subsection 20A-7-206~~[(1)]~~(2)(c).

799 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)

800 (e) Signatures gathered for the initiative petition are not valid if the sponsors do not

801 comply with this Subsection [~~(1)~~] (2).

802 [~~(2)~~] (3) The county clerk shall, within 21 days after the day on which the county clerk
803 receives the packet:

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

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

807 (c) except as provided in Subsection [~~(3)~~] (4), post the name [~~and~~], voter identification
808 number, and date of signature of each registered voter certified under Subsection [~~(2)~~] (3)(b) on
809 the lieutenant governor's website, in a conspicuous location designated by the lieutenant
810 governor; and

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

812 [~~(3)~~] (4) (a) If the county clerk timely receives a statement requesting signature
813 removal under Subsection 20A-7-205[~~(3)~~](4), the county clerk shall:

814 (i) ensure that the voter's name [~~and~~], voter identification number, and date of signature
815 are not included in the posting described in Subsection [~~(2)~~] (3)(c); and

816 (ii) remove the voter's signature from the signature packets and signature packet totals.

817 (b) The county clerk shall comply with Subsection [~~(3)~~] (4)(a) before the later of:

818 (i) the deadline described in Subsection [~~(2)~~] (3); or

819 (ii) two business days after the day on which the county clerk receives a statement
820 requesting signature removal under Subsection 20A-7-205[~~(3)~~](4).

821 [~~(4)~~] (5) The county clerk may not certify a signature under Subsection [~~(2)~~] (3):

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

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

824 [~~(5)~~] (6) A person may not retrieve an initiative packet from a county clerk, or make
825 any alterations or corrections to an initiative packet, after the initiative packet is submitted to
826 the county clerk.

827 Section 12. Section 20A-7-206.3 is amended to read:

828 **20A-7-206.3. Verification of petition signatures.**

829 (1) As used in this section:

830 (a) "Substantially similar name" means:

831 (i) the given name and surname shown on the petition, or both, contain only minor

832 spelling differences when compared to the given name and surname shown on the official
833 register;

834 (ii) the surname shown on the petition exactly matches the surname shown on the
835 official register, and the given names differ only because one of the given names shown is a
836 commonly used abbreviation or variation of the other;

837 (iii) the surname shown on the petition exactly matches the surname shown on the
838 official register, and the given names differ only because one of the given names shown is
839 accompanied by a first or middle initial or a middle name which is not shown on the other
840 record; or

841 (iv) the surname shown on the petition exactly matches the surname shown on the
842 official register, and the given names differ only because one of the given names shown is an
843 alphabetically corresponding initial that has been provided in the place of a given name shown
844 on the other record.

845 (b) "Substantially similar name" does not include a name having an initial or a middle
846 name shown on the petition that does not match a different initial or middle name shown on the
847 official register.

848 (2) [The] In relation to an individual who signs an initiative petition with a holographic
849 signature, the county clerk shall use the following procedures in determining whether a signer
850 is a registered voter:

851 (a) if a signer's name and address shown on the petition exactly match a name and
852 address shown on the official register and the signer's signature appears substantially similar to
853 the signature on the statewide voter registration database, the county clerk shall declare the
854 signature valid;

855 (b) if there is no exact match of an address and a name, the county clerk shall declare
856 the signature valid if:

857 (i) the address on the petition matches the address of an individual on the official
858 register with a substantially similar name; and

859 (ii) the signer's signature appears substantially similar to the signature on the statewide
860 voter registration database of the individual described in Subsection (2)(b)(i);

861 (c) if there is no match of an address and a substantially similar name, the county clerk
862 shall declare the signature valid if:

863 (i) the birth date or age on the petition matches the birth date or age of an individual on
864 the official register with a substantially similar name; and

865 (ii) the signer's signature appears substantially similar to the signature on the statewide
866 voter registration database of the individual described in Subsection (2)(c)(i); and

867 (d) if a signature is not declared valid under Subsection (2)(a), (b), or (c), the county
868 clerk shall declare the signature to be invalid.

869 (3) [~~The~~] In relation to an individual who, with a holographic signature, signs a
870 statement to remove the individual's signature from an initiative petition, the county clerk shall
871 use the following procedures in determining whether to remove a signature from a petition
872 after receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature:

873 (a) if a signer's name and address shown on the statement and the petition exactly
874 match a name and address shown on the official register and the signer's signature on both the
875 statement and the petition appears substantially similar to the signature on the statewide voter
876 registration database, the county clerk shall remove the signature from the petition;

877 (b) if there is no exact match of an address and a name, the county clerk shall remove
878 the signature from the petition if:

879 (i) the address on the statement and the petition matches the address of an individual
880 on the official register with a substantially similar name; and

881 (ii) the signer's signature on both the statement and the petition appears substantially
882 similar to the signature on the statewide voter registration database of the individual described
883 in Subsection (3)(b)(i);

884 (c) if there is no match of an address and a substantially similar name, the county clerk
885 shall remove the signature from the petition if:

886 (i) the birth date or age on the statement and petition match the birth date or age of an
887 individual on the official register with a substantially similar name; and

888 (ii) the signer's signature on both the statement and the petition appears substantially
889 similar to the signature on the statewide voter registration database of the individual described
890 in Subsection (3)(c)(i); and

891 (d) if a signature does not qualify for removal under Subsection (3)(a), (b), or (c), the
892 county clerk may not remove the signature from the petition.

893 Section 13. Section **20A-7-207** is amended to read:

894 **20A-7-207. Evaluation by the lieutenant governor.**

895 (1) [~~When~~] In relation to the manual initiative process, when the lieutenant governor
896 receives an initiative packet from a county clerk, the lieutenant governor shall record the
897 number of the initiative packet received.

898 (2) [~~(a)~~] The county clerk shall:

899 (a) in relation to the manual initiative process:

900 (i) post the names [~~and~~], voter identification numbers, and dates of signatures
901 described in Subsection 20A-7-206[(2)](3)(c) on the lieutenant governor's website, in a
902 conspicuous location designated by the lieutenant governor:

903 (A) for an initiative packet received by the county clerk before December 1, for at least
904 90 days; or

905 (B) for an initiative packet received by the county clerk on or after December 1, for at
906 least 45 days; and

907 (ii) update on the lieutenant governor's website the number of signatures certified as of
908 the date of the update[-]; or

909 (b) in relation to the electronic initiative process:

910 (i) post the names, voter identification numbers, and dates of signatures described in
911 Subsection 20A-7-217(4) on the lieutenant governor's website, in a conspicuous location
912 designated by the lieutenant governor:

913 (A) for a signature received by the county clerk before December 1, for at least 90
914 days; or

915 (B) for a signature received by the county clerk on or after December 1, for at least 45
916 days; and

917 (ii) update on the lieutenant governor's website the number of signatures certified as of
918 the date of the update.

919 [~~(b)~~] (3) The lieutenant governor:

920 [~~(i)~~] (a) shall, except as provided in Subsection [~~(2)(b)(i)~~] (3)(b), declare the petition
921 to be sufficient or insufficient on April 30 before the regular general election described in
922 Subsection 20A-7-201(2)(b); or

923 [~~(i)~~] (b) may declare the petition to be insufficient before the day described in
924 Subsection [~~(2)(b)(i)~~] (3)(a) if:

925 ~~[(A)]~~ (i) in relation to the manual initiative process, the total of all valid signatures on
926 timely and lawfully submitted signature packets that have been certified by the county clerks,
927 plus the number of signatures on timely and lawfully submitted signature packets that have not
928 yet been evaluated for certification, is less than the number of names required under Section
929 [20A-7-201](#); ~~[or]~~

930 (ii) in relation to the electronic initiative process, the total of all timely and lawfully
931 submitted valid signatures that have been certified by the county clerks, plus the number of
932 timely and lawfully submitted valid signatures received under Subsection [20A-21-201\(6\)\(b\)](#)
933 that have not yet been evaluated for certification, is less than the number of names required
934 under Section [20A-7-201](#); or

935 ~~[(B)]~~ (iii) a requirement of this part has not been met.

936 ~~[(e)]~~ (4) (a) If the total number of names certified under ~~[this]~~ Subsection ~~[(2)]~~ (3)
937 equals or exceeds the number of names required under Section [20A-7-201](#), and the
938 requirements of this part are met, the lieutenant governor shall mark upon the front of the
939 petition the word "sufficient."

940 ~~[(d)]~~ (b) If the total number of names certified under ~~[this]~~ Subsection ~~[(2)]~~ (3) does
941 not equal or exceed the number of names required under Section [20A-7-201](#) or a requirement
942 of this part is not met, the lieutenant governor shall mark upon the front of the petition the
943 word "insufficient."

944 ~~[(e)]~~ (c) The lieutenant governor shall immediately notify any one of the sponsors of
945 the lieutenant governor's finding.

946 ~~[(3)]~~ (5) After a petition is declared insufficient, a person may not submit additional
947 signatures to qualify the petition for the ballot.

948 ~~[(4)]~~ (6) (a) If the lieutenant governor refuses to accept and file an initiative petition
949 that a voter believes is legally sufficient, the voter may, no later than May 15, apply to the
950 appropriate court for an extraordinary writ to compel the lieutenant governor to accept and file
951 the initiative petition.

952 (b) If the court determines that the initiative petition is legally sufficient, the lieutenant
953 governor shall file the petition, with a verified copy of the judgment attached to the petition, as
954 of the date on which the petition was originally offered for filing in the lieutenant governor's
955 office.

956 (c) If the court determines that a petition filed is not legally sufficient, the court may
957 enjoin the lieutenant governor and all other officers from certifying or printing the ballot title
958 and numbers of that measure on the official ballot.

959 ~~[(5)]~~ (7) A petition determined to be sufficient in accordance with this section is
960 qualified for the ballot.

961 Section 14. Section **20A-7-213** is amended to read:

962 **20A-7-213. Misconduct of electors and officers -- Penalty.**

963 (1) It is unlawful for any person to:

964 (a) sign any name other than the person's own to an initiative petition or a statement
965 described in Subsection ~~[20A-7-205(3)]~~ 20A-7-205(4) or 20A-7-216(4);

966 (b) knowingly sign the person's name more than once for the same measure at one
967 election;

968 (c) knowingly indicate ~~[on an initiative packet]~~ that a person who signed ~~[the packet]~~
969 an initiative petition signed the ~~[packet]~~ petition on a date other than the date that the person
970 signed the ~~[packet]~~ petition;

971 (d) sign an initiative petition knowing the person is not a legal voter; or

972 (e) knowingly and willfully violate any provision of this part.

973 (2) It is unlawful for any person to sign the verification for an initiative packet, or to
974 electronically sign the verification for a signature under Subsection 20A-21-201(9), knowing
975 that:

976 (a) the person does not meet the residency requirements of Section 20A-2-105;

977 (b) the signature date ~~[next to]~~ associated with the person's ~~[name on the initiative~~
978 ~~packet]~~ signature for the initiative petition is not the date that the person signed the ~~[packet]~~
979 petition;

980 (c) the person has not witnessed the signatures of those persons ~~[whose names appear~~
981 ~~in the initiative packet]~~ whose signatures the person collects or submits; or

982 (d) one or more ~~[persons whose signatures appear in the initiative packet is either: (i)]~~
983 individuals who signed the initiative petition are not registered to vote in Utah~~[-or]~~.

984 ~~[(ii) does not intend to become registered to vote in Utah:]~~

985 (3) It is unlawful for any person to:

986 (a) pay a person to sign an initiative petition;

- 987 (b) pay a person to remove the person's signature from an initiative petition;
- 988 (c) accept payment to sign an initiative petition; or
- 989 (d) accept payment to have the person's name removed from an initiative petition.

990 (4) Any person violating this section is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

991 Section 15. Section **20A-7-215** is enacted to read:

992 **20A-7-215. Electronic initiative process -- Form of initiative petition -- Circulation**
993 **requirements -- Signature collection.**

994 (1) This section applies only to the electronic initiative process.

995 (2) (a) The first screen presented on the approved device shall include the following
996 statement:

997 "This INITIATIVE PETITION is addressed to the Honorable _____, Lieutenant
998 Governor:

999 The citizens of Utah who sign this petition respectfully demand that the following
1000 proposed law be submitted to the legal voters/Legislature of Utah for their/its approval or
1001 rejection at the regular general election/session to be held/ beginning on
1002 _____ (month\day\year)."

1003 (b) An individual may not advance to the second screen until the individual clicks a
1004 link at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and
1005 understand the information presented on this screen."

1006 (3) (a) The second screen presented on the approved device shall include the following
1007 statement:

1008 "Public hearings to discuss this petition were held at: (list dates and locations of public
1009 hearings.)"

1010 (b) An individual may not advance to the third screen until the individual clicks a link
1011 at the bottom of the second screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and
1012 understand the information presented on this screen."

1013 (4) (a) The third screen presented on the approved device shall include the title of
1014 proposed law, described in Subsection [20A-7-202\(2\)\(d\)\(i\)](#), followed by the entire text of the
1015 proposed law.

1016 (b) An individual may not advance to the fourth screen until the individual clicks a link
1017 at the bottom of the third screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and

1018 understand the entire text of the proposed law."

1019 (5) Subsequent screens shall be presented on the device in the following order, with the
1020 individual viewing the device being required, before advancing to the next screen, to click a
1021 link at the bottom of the screen with the following statement: "By clicking here, I attest that I
1022 have read and understand the information presented on this screen.";

1023 (a) a description of all proposed sources of funding for the costs associated with the
1024 proposed law, including the proposed percentage of total funding from each source;

1025 (b) (i) if the initiative petition proposes a tax increase, the following statement, "This
1026 initiative petition seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax
1027 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent
1028 increase in the current tax rate."; or

1029 (ii) if the initiative petition does not propose a tax increase, the following statement,
1030 "This initiative petition does not propose a tax increase.";

1031 (c) the initial fiscal impact estimate's summary statement issued by the Office of the
1032 Legislative Fiscal Analyst in accordance with Subsection [20A-7-202.5\(2\)\(a\)](#), including any
1033 update in accordance with Subsection [20A-7-204.1\(5\)](#);

1034 (d) a statement indicating whether persons gathering signatures for the petition may be
1035 paid for gathering signatures; and

1036 (e) the following statement, followed by links where the individual may click "yes" or
1037 "no":

1038 "I have personally reviewed the entirety of each statement presented on this device;

1039 I am personally signing this petition;

1040 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

1041 All information I enter on this device, including my residence and post office address, is
1042 accurate.

1043 It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name
1044 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
1045 once for the same measure, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows that the
1046 individual is not a registered voter.

1047 WARNING

1048 Even if your voter registration record is classified as private, your name, voter

1049 identification number, and date of signature in relation to signing this petition will be made
1050 public.

1051 Do you wish to continue and sign this petition?"

1052 (6) (a) If the individual clicks "no" in response to the question described in Subsection
1053 (5)(e), the next screen shall include the following statement, "Thank you for your time. Please
1054 return this device to the signature-gatherer."

1055 (b) If the individual clicks "yes" in response to the question described in Subsection
1056 (5)(e), the website, or the application that accesses the website, shall take the signature-gatherer
1057 and the individual signing the petition through the signature process described in Section
1058 20A-21-201.

1059 Section 16. Section **20A-7-216** is enacted to read:

1060 **20A-7-216. Electronic initiative process -- Obtaining signatures -- Request to**
1061 **remove signature.**

1062 (1) This section applies to the electronic initiative process.

1063 (2) A Utah voter may sign an initiative if the voter is a legal voter.

1064 (3) The sponsors shall ensure that the signature-gatherer who collects a signature from
1065 an individual:

1066 (a) verifies that the individual is at least 18 years old and meets the residency
1067 requirements of Section 20A-2-105; and

1068 (b) is informed that each signer is required to read and understand the law proposed by
1069 the initiative.

1070 (4) A voter who has signed an initiative petition may have the voter's signature
1071 removed from the petition by submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the
1072 voter's signature be removed before 5 p.m. no later than the earlier of:

1073 (a) for an electronic signature gathered before December 1:

1074 (i) 30 days after the day on which the voter signs the signature removal statement; or

1075 (ii) 90 days after the day on which the county clerk posts the voter's name under
1076 Subsection 20A-7-217(4); or

1077 (b) for an electronic signature gathered on or after December 1:

1078 (i) 30 days after the day on which the voter signs the signature removal statement; or

1079 (ii) 45 days after the day on which the county clerk posts the voter's name under

1080 Subsection 20A-7-217(4).

1081 (5) (a) The statement shall include:

1082 (i) the name of the voter;

1083 (ii) the resident address at which the voter is registered to vote;

1084 (iii) the signature of the voter; and

1085 (iv) the date of the signature described in Subsection (5)(a)(iii).

1086 (b) To increase the likelihood of the voter's signature being identified and removed, the
1087 statement may include the voter's birth date or age.

1088 (c) A voter may not submit a signature removal statement by email or other electronic
1089 means, unless the lieutenant governor establishes a signature removal process that is consistent
1090 with the requirements of this section and Section 20A-21-201.

1091 (d) A person may only remove an electronic signature from an initiative petition in
1092 accordance with this section.

1093 (e) A county clerk shall analyze a holographic signature, for purposes of removing an
1094 electronic signature from an initiative petition, in accordance with Section 20A-7-206.3.

1095 Section 17. Section **20A-7-217** is enacted to read:

1096 **20A-7-217. Electronic initiative process -- Collecting signatures -- Email**
1097 **notification -- Removal of signatures.**

1098 (1) This section applies only to the electronic initiative process.

1099 (2) A signature-gatherer may not collect a signature after 5 p.m., the earlier of:

1100 (a) 316 days after the day on which the application for the initiative petition is filed; or

1101 (b) the February 15 immediately before the next regular general election immediately
1102 after the application is filed under Section 20A-7-202.

1103 (3) The lieutenant governor shall send to each individual who provides a valid email
1104 address during the signature-gathering process an email that includes the following:

1105 (a) the subject of the email shall include the following statement, "Notice Regarding
1106 Your Petition Signature"; and

1107 (b) the body of the email shall include the following statement in 12-point type:

1108 "You signed a petition for the following initiative:

1109 [insert title of initiative]

1110 To access a copy of the initiative petition, the initiative, the fiscal impact statement, and

1111 information on the deadline for removing your signature from the petition, please visit the
1112 following link: [insert a uniform resource locator that takes the individual directly to the page
1113 on the lieutenant governor's website that includes the information referred to in the email]."

1114 (4) Except as provided in Subsection (5), the county clerk shall, within two business
1115 days after the day on which the signature of an individual who signs a petition is certified under
1116 Section 20A-21-201, post the name, voter identification number, and date of signature of the
1117 individual on the lieutenant governor's website, in a conspicuous location designated by the
1118 lieutenant governor.

1119 (5) (a) If the county clerk timely receives a statement requesting signature removal
1120 under Subsection 20A-7-216(4), the county clerk shall:

1121 (i) ensure that the voter's name, voter identification number, and date of signature are
1122 not included in the posting described in Subsection (4); and

1123 (ii) remove the voter's signature from the petition and the petition signature totals.

1124 (b) The county clerk shall comply with Subsection (5)(a) before the later of:

1125 (i) the deadline described in Subsection (4); or

1126 (ii) two business days after the day on which the county clerk receives a statement
1127 requesting signature removal under Subsection 20A-7-216(4).

1128 Section 18. Section 20A-7-303 is amended to read:

1129 **20A-7-303. Manual referendum process -- Form of referendum petition and**
1130 **signature sheets.**

1131 (1) This section applies only to the manual referendum process.

1132 [(+)] (2) (a) Each proposed referendum petition shall be printed in substantially the
1133 following form:

1134 "REFERENDUM PETITION To the Honorable ____, Lieutenant Governor:

1135 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully order that Senate (or House) Bill No.
1136 ____, entitled (title of act, and, if the petition is against less than the whole act, set forth here
1137 the part or parts on which the referendum is sought), passed by the Legislature of the state of
1138 Utah during the ____ Session, be referred to the people of Utah for their approval or rejection
1139 at a regular general election or a statewide special election;

1140 Each signer says:

1141 I have personally signed this petition;

1142 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the
1143 petition;

1144 I have personally reviewed the entire statement included with this packet;

1145 I am registered to vote in Utah [~~or intend to become registered to vote in Utah before~~
1146 ~~the certification of the petition names by the county clerk~~]; and

1147 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name."

1148 (b) The sponsors of a referendum or an agent of the sponsors shall attach a copy of the
1149 law that is the subject of the referendum to each referendum petition.

1150 [(2)] (3) Each signature sheet shall:

1151 (a) be printed on sheets of paper 8-1/2 inches long and 11 inches wide;

1152 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line three-fourths inch from the top, with the space above
1153 that line blank for the purpose of binding;

1154 (c) include the title of the referendum printed below the horizontal line, in at least
1155 14-point, bold type;

1156 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the referendum, and beginning .5 inch
1157 from the left side of the paper, as follows:

1158 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;

1159 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For
1160 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;

1161 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;

1162 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;

1163 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;

1164 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
1165 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point type;

1166 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;

1167 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
1168 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;

1169 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;

1170 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;

1171 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words

1172 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;

1173 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;

1174 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words

1175 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;

1176 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;

1177 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;

1178 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words

1179 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;

1180 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;

1181 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words

1182 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;

1183 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and

1184 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,

1185 and contain the following words "By signing this petition, you are stating that you have read

1186 and understand the law that this petition seeks to overturn." in 12-point type;

1187 (e) the table described in Subsection ~~[(2)]~~ (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient

1188 room at the bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection ~~[(2)]~~ (3)(f); and

1189 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type,

1190 followed by the following statement in not less than eight-point type:

1191 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name

1192 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than

1193 once for the same measure, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual knows that the

1194 individual is not a registered voter ~~[and knows that the individual does not intend to become~~

1195 ~~registered to vote before the certification of the petition names by the county clerk].~~

1196 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity

1197 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be

1198 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified

1199 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."

1200 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) The final page of each referendum packet shall contain the following printed

1201 or typed statement:

1202 Verification of signature collector

1203 State of Utah, County of _____

1204 I, _____, of _____, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

1205 I am a Utah resident and am at least 18 years old;

1206 All the names that appear in this packet were signed by individuals who professed to be
1207 the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed the individual's
1208 name on it in my presence;

1209 I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law this petition
1210 seeks to overturn;

1211 I believe that each individual has printed and signed the individual's name and written
1212 the individual's post office address and residence correctly, that each signer has read and
1213 understands the law that the referendum seeks to overturn, and that each signer is registered to
1214 vote in Utah [~~or intends to become registered to vote before the certification of the petition~~
1215 ~~names by the county clerk~~].

1216 Each individual who signed the packet wrote the correct date of signature next to the
1217 individual's name.

1218 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this petition to
1219 encourage that individual to sign it.

1220 _____
1221 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date).

1222 [(4)] (5) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the
1223 referendum petitions are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

1224 [(5)] (6) An individual's status as a resident, under Subsection [(3)] (4), is determined
1225 in accordance with Section 20A-2-105.

1226 Section 19. Section 20A-7-304 is amended to read:

1227 **20A-7-304. Manual referendum process -- Circulation requirements --**

1228 **Lieutenant governor to provide sponsors with materials.**

1229 (1) This section applies only to the manual referendum process.

1230 [(1)] (2) In order to obtain the necessary number of signatures required by this part, the
1231 sponsors or an agent of the sponsors shall, after the sponsors receive the documents described
1232 in Subsection [(2)] (3), circulate referendum packets that meet the form requirements of this
1233 part.

1234 [(2)] (3) The lieutenant governor shall furnish to the sponsors:

1235 (a) a copy of the referendum petition; and

1236 (b) a signature sheet.

1237 [~~(3)~~] (4) The sponsors of the petition shall:

1238 (a) arrange and pay for the printing of all additional copies of the petition and signature
1239 sheets; and

1240 (b) ensure that the copies of the petition and signature sheets meet the form
1241 requirements of this section.

1242 [~~(4)~~] (5) (a) The sponsors or an agent of the sponsors may prepare the referendum for
1243 circulation by creating multiple referendum packets.

1244 (b) The sponsors or an agent of the sponsors shall create referendum packets by
1245 binding a copy of the referendum and no more than 50 signature sheets together at the top in a
1246 manner that the packets may be conveniently opened for signing.

1247 (c) A referendum packet is not required to have a uniform number of signature sheets.

1248 [~~(5)~~] (6) (a) The sponsors or an agent of the sponsors shall, before gathering signatures:

1249 (i) contact the lieutenant governor's office to receive a range of numbers that the
1250 sponsors may use to number signature packets; and

1251 (ii) number each signature packet, sequentially, within the range of numbers provided
1252 by the lieutenant governor's office, starting with the lowest number in the range.

1253 (b) The sponsors or an agent of the sponsors may not:

1254 (i) number a signature packet in a manner not directed by the lieutenant governor's
1255 office; or

1256 (ii) circulate or submit a signature packet that is not numbered in the manner directed
1257 by the lieutenant governor's office.

1258 (c) The lieutenant governor shall keep a record of the number range provided under
1259 Subsection [~~(5)~~] (6)(a).

1260 Section 20. Section **20A-7-304.5** is amended to read:

1261 **20A-7-304.5. Posting referendum information.**

1262 (1) On the day on which the lieutenant governor complies with Subsection

1263 [~~20A-7-304(2)~~] 20A-7-304(3), or provides the sponsors with access to the website defined in

1264 Section 20A-21-101, the lieutenant governor shall post the following information together in a

1265 conspicuous place on the lieutenant governor's website:

1266 (a) the referendum petition;
1267 (b) the referendum; and
1268 (c) information describing how an individual may remove the individual's signature
1269 from the ~~[signature packet]~~ petition.

1270 (2) The lieutenant governor shall:

1271 (a) promptly update the information described in Subsection (1) if the information
1272 changes; and

1273 (b) maintain the information described in Subsection (1) on the lieutenant governor's
1274 website until the referendum fails to qualify for the ballot or is passed or defeated at an
1275 election.

1276 Section 21. Section **20A-7-305** is amended to read:

1277 **20A-7-305. Manual referendum process -- Obtaining signatures -- Verification --**

1278 **Removal of signature.**

1279 (1) This section applies only to the manual referendum process.

1280 ~~[(+)]~~ (2) A Utah voter may sign a referendum petition if the voter is a legal voter.

1281 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) (a) The sponsors shall ensure that the individual in whose presence each
1282 signature sheet was signed:

1283 (i) is at least 18 years old and meets the residency requirements of Section [20A-2-105](#);

1284 (ii) verifies each signature sheet by completing the verification printed on the last page
1285 of each referendum packet; and

1286 (iii) is informed that each signer is required to read and understand the law that the
1287 referendum seeks to overturn.

1288 (b) An individual may not sign the verification printed on the last page of the
1289 referendum packet if the person signed a signature sheet in the referendum packet.

1290 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) (a) A voter who has signed a referendum petition may have the voter's
1291 signature removed from the petition by submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting
1292 that the voter's signature be removed before 5 p.m. no later than the earlier of:

1293 (i) 30 days after the day on which the voter signs the statement requesting removal; or

1294 (ii) 45 days after the day on which the lieutenant governor posts the voter's name under
1295 Subsection [20A-7-307\(2\)](#)~~[(a)]~~.

1296 (b) (i) The statement shall include:

- 1297 (A) the name of the voter;
- 1298 (B) the resident address at which the voter is registered to vote;
- 1299 (C) the signature of the voter; and
- 1300 (D) the date of the signature described in Subsection [~~(3)~~] (4)(b)(i)(C).
- 1301 (ii) To increase the likelihood of the voter's signature being identified and removed, the
- 1302 statement may include the voter's birth date or age.
- 1303 (c) A voter may not submit a statement by email or other electronic means.
- 1304 (d) In order for the signature to be removed, the county clerk must receive the
- 1305 statement before 5 p.m. no later than 45 days after the day on which the lieutenant governor
- 1306 posts the voter's name under Subsection [20A-7-307\(2\)](#)[~~(a)~~].
- 1307 (e) A person may only remove a signature from a referendum petition in accordance
- 1308 with this Subsection [~~(3)~~] (4).
- 1309 (f) A county clerk shall analyze a signature, for purposes of removing a signature from
- 1310 a referendum petition, in accordance with Section [~~20A-7-206.3~~] [20A-7-306.3](#).
- 1311 Section 22. Section **20A-7-306** is amended to read:
- 1312 **20A-7-306. Manual referendum process -- Submitting the referendum petition --**
- 1313 **Certification of signatures by the county clerks -- Transfer to lieutenant governor.**
- 1314 (1) This section applies only to the manual referendum process.
- 1315 [~~(1)~~] (2) (a) The sponsors, or an agent of the sponsors, shall submit a signed and
- 1316 verified referendum packet to the county clerk of the county in which the packet was circulated
- 1317 before 5 p.m. no later than the earlier of:
- 1318 (i) 30 days after the day on which the first individual signs the referendum packet; or
- 1319 (ii) 40 days after the day on which the legislative session at which the law passed ends.
- 1320 (b) A person may not submit a referendum packet after the deadline described in
- 1321 Subsection [~~(1)~~] (2)(a).
- 1322 [~~(2)~~] (3) No later than 21 days after the day on which the county clerk receives a
- 1323 verified referendum packet, the county clerk shall:
- 1324 (a) determine whether each signer is a registered voter according to the requirements of
- 1325 Section [20A-7-306.3](#);
- 1326 (b) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter;
- 1327 (c) except as provided in Subsection [~~(3)~~] (4), post the name [~~and~~], voter identification

1328 number, and date of signature of each registered voter certified under Subsection ~~[(2)]~~ (3)(b) on
1329 the lieutenant governor's website, in a conspicuous location designated by the lieutenant
1330 governor; and

1331 (d) deliver the verified packet to the lieutenant governor.

1332 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) (a) If the county clerk timely receives a statement requesting signature
1333 removal under Subsection 20A-7-305~~[(3)]~~(4), the county clerk shall:

1334 (i) ensure that the voter's name ~~[and]~~₂ voter identification number, and date of signature
1335 are not included in the posting described in Subsection ~~[(2)]~~ (3)(c); and

1336 (ii) remove the voter's signature from the signature packets and signature packet totals.

1337 (b) The county clerk shall comply with Subsection ~~[(3)]~~ (4)(a) before the later of:

1338 (i) the deadline described in Subsection ~~[(2)]~~ (3); or

1339 (ii) two business days after the day on which the county clerk receives a statement
1340 requesting signature removal under Subsection 20A-7-305~~[(3)]~~(4).

1341 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) The county clerk may not certify a signature under Subsection ~~[(2)]~~ (3):

1342 (a) on an initiative packet that is not verified in accordance with Section 20A-7-305; or

1343 (b) that does not have a date of signature next to the signature.

1344 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) A person may not retrieve a referendum packet from a county clerk, or make
1345 any alterations or corrections to a referendum packet, after the referendum packet is submitted
1346 to the county clerk.

1347 Section 23. Section 20A-7-306.3 is amended to read:

1348 **20A-7-306.3. Verification of petition signatures.**

1349 (1) As used in this section:

1350 (a) "Substantially similar name" means:

1351 (i) the given name and surname shown on the petition, or both, contain only minor
1352 spelling differences when compared to the given name and surname shown on the official
1353 register;

1354 (ii) the surname shown on the petition exactly matches the surname shown on the
1355 official register, and the given names differ only because one of the given names shown is a
1356 commonly used abbreviation or variation of the other;

1357 (iii) the surname shown on the petition exactly matches the surname shown on the
1358 official register, and the given names differ only because one of the given names shown is

1359 accompanied by a first or middle initial or a middle name which is not shown on the other
1360 record; or

1361 (iv) the surname shown on the petition exactly matches the surname shown on the
1362 official register, and the given names differ only because one of the given names shown is an
1363 alphabetically corresponding initial that has been provided in the place of a given name shown
1364 on the other record.

1365 (b) "Substantially similar name" does not include a name having an initial or a middle
1366 name shown on the petition that does not match a different initial or middle name shown on the
1367 official register.

1368 (2) ~~[The]~~ In relation to an individual who signs a referendum petition with a
1369 holographic signature, the county clerk shall use the following procedures in determining
1370 whether a signer is a registered voter:

1371 (a) When a signer's name and address shown on the petition exactly match a name and
1372 address shown on the official register and the signer's signature appears substantially similar to
1373 the signature on the statewide voter registration database, the county clerk shall declare the
1374 signature valid.

1375 (b) When there is no exact match of an address and a name, the county clerk shall
1376 declare the signature valid if:

1377 (i) the address on the petition matches the address of a person on the official register
1378 with a substantially similar name; and

1379 (ii) the signer's signature appears substantially similar to the signature on the statewide
1380 voter registration database of the person described in Subsection (2)(b)(i).

1381 (c) When there is no match of an address and a substantially similar name, the county
1382 clerk shall declare the signature valid if:

1383 (i) the birth date or age on the petition matches the birth date or age of a person on the
1384 official register with a substantially similar name; and

1385 (ii) the signer's signature appears substantially similar to the signature on the statewide
1386 voter registration database of the person described in Subsection (2)(c)(i).

1387 (d) If a signature is not declared valid under Subsection (2)(a), (b), or (c), the county
1388 clerk shall declare the signature to be invalid.

1389 (3) ~~[The]~~ In relation to an individual who, with a holographic signature, signs a

1390 statement to remove the individual's signature from a referendum petition, the county clerk
1391 shall use the following procedures in determining whether to remove a signature from a
1392 petition after receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature:

1393 (a) if a signer's name and address shown on the statement and the petition exactly
1394 match a name and address shown on the official register and the signer's signature on both the
1395 statement and the petition appears substantially similar to the signature on the statewide voter
1396 registration database, the county clerk shall remove the signature from the petition;

1397 (b) if there is no exact match of an address and a name, the county clerk shall remove
1398 the signature from the petition if:

1399 (i) the address on the statement and the petition matches the address of an individual
1400 on the official register with a substantially similar name; and

1401 (ii) the signer's signature on both the statement and the petition appears substantially
1402 similar to the signature on the statewide voter registration database of the individual described
1403 in Subsection (3)(b)(i);

1404 (c) if there is no match of an address and a substantially similar name, the county clerk
1405 shall remove the signature from the petition if:

1406 (i) the birth date or age on the statement and petition match the birth date or age of an
1407 individual on the official register with a substantially similar name; and

1408 (ii) the signer's signature on both the statement and the petition appears substantially
1409 similar to the signature on the statewide voter registration database of the individual described
1410 in Subsection (3)(c)(i); and

1411 (d) if a signature does not qualify for removal under Subsection (3)(a), (b), or (c), the
1412 county clerk may not remove the signature from the petition.

1413 Section 24. Section **20A-7-307** is amended to read:

1414 **20A-7-307. Evaluation by the lieutenant governor.**

1415 (1) [~~When~~] In relation to the manual referendum process, when the lieutenant governor
1416 receives a referendum packet from a county clerk, the lieutenant governor shall record the
1417 number of the referendum packet received.

1418 (2) [~~(a)~~] The county clerk shall:

1419 (a) in relation to the manual referendum process:

1420 (i) post the names [~~and~~], voter identification numbers, and dates of signatures

1421 described in Subsection 20A-7-306(3)(c) on the lieutenant governor's website, in a conspicuous
1422 location designated by the lieutenant governor, for at least 45 days; and

1423 (ii) update on the lieutenant governor's website the number of signatures certified as of
1424 the date of the update~~[-]; or~~

1425 (b) in relation to the electronic referendum process:

1426 (i) post the names, voter identification numbers, and dates of signatures described in
1427 Subsection 20A-7-315(4) on the lieutenant governor's website, in a conspicuous location
1428 designated by the lieutenant governor, for at least 45 days; and

1429 (ii) update on the lieutenant governor's website the number of signatures certified as of
1430 the date of the update.

1431 ~~[(b)]~~ (3) The lieutenant governor:

1432 ~~[(i)]~~ (a) shall, except as provided in Subsection ~~[(2)(b)(ii)]~~ (3)(b), declare the petition
1433 to be sufficient or insufficient 106 days after the end of the legislative session at which the law
1434 passed; or

1435 ~~[(i)]~~ (b) may declare the petition to be insufficient before the day described in
1436 Subsection ~~[(2)(b)(i)]~~ (3)(a) if:

1437 ~~[(A)]~~ (i) in relation to the manual referendum process, the total of all valid signatures
1438 on timely and lawfully submitted signature packets that have been certified by the county
1439 clerks, plus the number of signatures on timely and lawfully submitted signature packets that
1440 have not yet been evaluated for certification, is less than the number of names required under
1441 Section 20A-7-301; ~~[or]~~

1442 (ii) in relation to the electronic referendum process, the total of all timely and lawfully
1443 submitted valid signatures that have been certified by the county clerks, plus the number of
1444 timely and lawfully submitted valid signatures received under Subsection 20A-21-201(6)(b)
1445 that have not yet been evaluated for certification, is less than the number of names required
1446 under Section 20A-7-301; or

1447 ~~[(B)]~~ (iii) a requirement of this part has not been met.

1448 ~~[(c)]~~ (4) (a) If the total number of names certified under ~~[this]~~ Subsection ~~[(2)]~~ (3)
1449 equals or exceeds the number of names required under Section 20A-7-301, and the
1450 requirements of this part are met, the lieutenant governor shall mark upon the front of the
1451 petition the word "sufficient."

1452 [(d)] (b) If the total number of names certified under [this] Subsection [(2)] (3) does
1453 not equal or exceed the number of names required under Section 20A-7-301 or a requirement
1454 of this part is not met, the lieutenant governor shall mark upon the front of the petition the
1455 word "insufficient."

1456 [(e)] (c) The lieutenant governor shall immediately notify any one of the sponsors of
1457 the lieutenant governor's finding.

1458 [(f)] (d) After a petition is declared insufficient, a person may not submit additional
1459 signatures to qualify the petition for the ballot.

1460 [(3)] (5) (a) If the lieutenant governor refuses to accept and file a referendum that a
1461 voter believes is legally sufficient, the voter may, no later than 10 days after the day on which
1462 the lieutenant governor declares the petition insufficient, apply to the appropriate court for an
1463 extraordinary writ to compel the lieutenant governor to accept and file the referendum petition.

1464 (b) If the court determines that the referendum petition is legally sufficient, the
1465 lieutenant governor shall file the petition, with a verified copy of the judgment attached to the
1466 referendum petition, as of the date on which the petition was originally offered for filing in the
1467 lieutenant governor's office.

1468 (c) If the court determines that a petition filed is not legally sufficient, the court may
1469 enjoin the lieutenant governor and all other officers from certifying or printing the ballot title
1470 and numbers of that measure on the official ballot.

1471 [(4)] (6) A petition determined to be sufficient in accordance with this section is
1472 qualified for the ballot.

1473 Section 25. Section 20A-7-312 is amended to read:

1474 **20A-7-312. Misconduct of electors and officers -- Penalty.**

1475 (1) It is unlawful for any person to:

1476 (a) sign any name other than the person's own to a referendum petition;

1477 (b) knowingly sign the person's name more than once for the same measure at one
1478 election;

1479 (c) knowingly indicate [~~on a referendum packet~~] that a person who signed [~~the packet~~
1480 ~~signed the packet~~] a referendum petition signed the petition on a date other than the date that
1481 the person signed the [~~packet~~] petition;

1482 (d) sign a referendum knowing the person is not a legal voter; or

1483 (e) knowingly and willfully violate any provision of this part.

1484 (2) It is unlawful for any person to sign the verification for a referendum packet, or to
 1485 electronically sign the verification for a signature under Subsection 20A-21-201(9) knowing
 1486 that:

1487 (a) the person does not meet the residency requirements of Section 20A-2-105;

1488 (b) the signature date [~~next to~~] associated with the person's [~~name on the referendum~~
 1489 ~~packet~~] signature for the referendum is not the date that the person signed the [~~packet~~] petition;

1490 (c) the person has not witnessed the signatures of those persons whose [~~names appear~~
 1491 ~~in the referendum packet~~] signatures the person collects or submits; or

1492 (d) one or more [~~persons whose signatures appear in the referendum packet is either:~~

1493 ~~(i)] individuals who sign the referendum are not registered to vote in Utah[~~; or~~].~~

1494 [~~(ii) does not intend to become registered to vote in Utah.~~]

1495 (3) It is unlawful for any person to:

1496 (a) pay a person to sign a referendum petition;

1497 (b) pay a person to remove the person's signature from a referendum petition;

1498 (c) accept payment to sign a referendum petition; or

1499 (d) accept payment to have the person's name removed from a referendum petition.

1500 (4) Any person violating this section is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

1501 Section 26. Section 20A-7-313 is enacted to read:

1502 **20A-7-313. Electronic referendum process -- Form of referendum petition --**

1503 **Circulation requirements -- Signature collection.**

1504 (1) This section applies only to the electronic referendum process.

1505 (2) (a) The first screen presented on the approved device shall include the following
 1506 statement:

1507 "This REFERENDUM PETITION is addressed to the Honorable _____, Lieutenant
 1508 Governor:

1509 The citizens of Utah who sign this petition respectfully order that Senate (or House)

1510 Bill No. _____, entitled (title of act, and, if the petition is against less than the whole act, set

1511 forth here the part or parts on which the referendum is sought), passed by the Legislature of the

1512 state of Utah during the _____ Session, be referred to the people of Utah for their approval or

1513 rejection at a regular general election or a statewide special election."

1514 (b) An individual may not advance to the second screen until the individual clicks a
1515 link at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and
1516 understand the information presented on this screen."

1517 (3) (a) The second screen presented on the approved device shall include the entire text
1518 of the law that is the subject of the referendum petition.

1519 (b) An individual may not advance to the third screen until the individual clicks a link
1520 at the bottom of the second screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and
1521 understand the entire text of the law that is the subject of the referendum petition."

1522 (4) (a) The third screen presented on the approved device shall include a statement
1523 indicating whether persons gathering signatures for the petition may be paid for gathering
1524 signatures.

1525 (b) An individual may not advance to the fourth screen until the individual clicks a link
1526 at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and
1527 understand the information presented on this screen."

1528 (5) The fourth screen presented on the approved device shall include the following
1529 statement, followed by links where the individual may click "yes" or "no":

1530 "I have personally reviewed the entirety of each statement presented on this device;

1531 I am personally signing this petition;

1532 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

1533 All information I enter on this device, including my residence and post office address, is
1534 accurate.

1535 It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name
1536 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
1537 once for the same measure, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual knows that the
1538 individual is not a registered voter.

1539 WARNING

1540 Even if your voter registration record is classified as private, your name, voter
1541 identification number, and date of signature in relation to signing this petition will be made
1542 public.

1543 Do you wish to continue and sign this petition?"

1544 (6) (a) If the individual clicks "no" in response to the question described in Subsection

1545 (5), the next screen shall include the following statement, "Thank you for your time. Please
1546 return this device to the signature-gatherer."

1547 (b) If the individual clicks "yes" in response to the question described in Subsection
1548 (5), the website, or the application that accesses the website, shall take the signature-gatherer
1549 and the individual signing the petition through the signature process described in Section
1550 20A-21-201.

1551 Section 27. Section **20A-7-314** is enacted to read:

1552 **20A-7-314. Electronic referendum process -- Obtaining signatures -- Request to**
1553 **remove signature.**

1554 (1) This section applies to the electronic referendum process.

1555 (2) A Utah voter may sign a referendum petition if the voter is a legal voter.

1556 (3) The sponsors shall ensure that the signature-gatherer who collects a signature from
1557 an individual:

1558 (a) verifies that the individual is at least 18 years old and meets the residency
1559 requirements of Section 20A-2-105; and

1560 (b) is informed that each signer is required to read and understand the law that is the
1561 subject of the referendum petition.

1562 (4) A voter who has signed a referendum petition may have the voter's signature
1563 removed from the petition by submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the
1564 voter's signature be removed before 5 p.m. no later than the earlier of:

1565 (a) 30 days after the day on which the voter signs the statement requesting removal; or

1566 (b) 45 days after the day on which the lieutenant governor posts the voter's name under
1567 Subsection 20A-7-315(4).

1568 (5) (a) The statement shall include:

1569 (i) the name of the voter;

1570 (ii) the resident address at which the voter is registered to vote;

1571 (iii) the signature of the voter; and

1572 (iv) the date of the signature described in Subsection (5)(a)(iii).

1573 (b) To increase the likelihood of the voter's signature being identified and removed, the
1574 statement may include the voter's birth date or age.

1575 (c) A voter may not submit a signature removal statement by email or other electronic

1576 means, unless the lieutenant governor establishes a signature removal process that is consistent
1577 with the requirements of this section and Section [20A-21-201](#).

1578 (d) A person may only remove an electronic signature from a referendum petition in
1579 accordance with this section.

1580 (e) A county clerk shall analyze a holographic signature, for purposes of removing an
1581 electronic signature from a referendum petition, in accordance with Section [20A-7-306.3](#).

1582 Section 28. Section **20A-7-315** is enacted to read:

1583 **20A-7-315. Electronic referendum process -- Collecting signatures ---- Removal of**
1584 **signatures.**

1585 (1) This section applies only to the electronic referendum process.

1586 (2) A signature-gatherer may not collect a signature after 5 p.m., 40 days after the day
1587 on which the legislative session at which the law passed ends.

1588 (3) The lieutenant governor shall send to each individual who provides a valid email
1589 address during the signature-gathering process an email that includes the following:

1590 (a) the subject of the email shall include the following statement, "Notice Regarding
1591 Your Petition Signature"; and

1592 (b) the body of the email shall include the following statement in 12-point type:
1593 "You signed a petition for the following referendum:

1594 [insert title of initiative]

1595 To access a copy of the referendum petition, the referendum, and information on the
1596 deadline for removing your signature from the petition, please visit the following link: [insert a
1597 uniform resource locator that takes the individual directly to the page on the lieutenant
1598 governor's website that includes the information referred to in the email]."

1599 (4) Except as provided in Subsection (5), the county clerk shall, within two business
1600 days after the day on which the signature of an individual who signs a petition is certified under
1601 Section [20A-21-201](#), post the name, voter identification number, and date of signature of the
1602 individual on the lieutenant governor's website, in a conspicuous location designated by the
1603 lieutenant governor.

1604 (5) (a) If the county clerk timely receives a statement requesting signature removal
1605 under Subsection [20A-7-314](#)(4), the county clerk shall:

1606 (i) ensure that the voter's name, voter identification number, and date of signature are

1607 not included in the posting described in Subsection (4); and
1608 (ii) remove the voter's signature from the petition and the petition signature totals.
1609 (b) The county clerk shall comply with Subsection (5)(a) before the later of:
1610 (i) the deadline described in Subsection (4); or
1611 (ii) two business days after the day on which the county clerk receives a statement
1612 requesting signature removal under Subsection 20A-7-314(4).

1613 Section 29. Section **20A-7-502.6** is amended to read:

1614 **20A-7-502.6. Posting initiative information.**

1615 (1) Within one business day after the day on which the local clerk's office receives the
1616 initial fiscal impact estimate under Subsection 20A-7-502.5(4)(a), the local clerk shall post the
1617 following information together in a conspicuous place on the local clerk's website:

- 1618 (a) the initiative petition;
- 1619 (b) the initiative;
- 1620 (c) the fiscal impact estimate; and
- 1621 (d) information describing how an individual may remove the individual's signature
1622 from the signature [~~packet~~] petition.

1623 (2) The local clerk shall:

- 1624 (a) promptly update the information described in Subsection (1) if the information
1625 changes; and
- 1626 (b) maintain the information described in Subsection (1) on the local clerk's website
1627 until the initiative fails to qualify for the ballot or is passed or defeated at an election.

1628 Section 30. Section **20A-7-502.7** is amended to read:

1629 **20A-7-502.7. Referability to voters.**

1630 (1) Within 20 days after the day on which an eligible voter files an application to
1631 circulate an initiative petition under Section 20A-7-502, counsel for the county, city, town, or
1632 metro township to which the initiative pertains shall:

- 1633 (a) review the proposed law in the initiative application to determine whether the law is
1634 legally referable to voters; and
- 1635 (b) notify the first three sponsors, in writing, whether the proposed law is:
1636 (i) legally referable to voters; or
1637 (ii) rejected as not legally referable to voters.

1638 (2) A proposed law in an initiative application is legally referable to voters unless:
1639 (a) the proposed law is patently unconstitutional;
1640 (b) the proposed law is nonsensical;
1641 (c) the proposed law is administrative, rather than legislative, in nature;
1642 (d) the proposed law could not become law if passed;
1643 (e) the proposed law contains more than one subject as evaluated in accordance with
1644 Subsection [20A-7-502\(3\)](#);
1645 (f) the subject of the proposed law is not clearly expressed in the law's title;
1646 (g) the proposed law is identical or substantially similar to a legally referable proposed
1647 law sought by an initiative application submitted to the local clerk, under Section [20A-7-502](#),
1648 within two years before the day on which the application for the current proposed initiative is
1649 filed; or
1650 (h) the application for the proposed law was not timely filed or does not comply with
1651 the requirements of this part.
1652 (3) After the end of the 20-day period described in Subsection (1), a county, city, town,
1653 or metro township may not:
1654 (a) reject a proposed initiative as not legally referable to voters; or
1655 (b) bring a legal action, other than to appeal a court decision, challenging a proposed
1656 initiative on the grounds that the proposed initiative is not legally referable to voters.
1657 (4) If a county, city, town, or metro township rejects a proposed initiative, a sponsor of
1658 the proposed initiative may, within 10 days after the day on which a sponsor is notified under
1659 Subsection (1)(b), appeal the decision to:
1660 (a) district court; or
1661 (b) the Supreme Court, if the Supreme Court has original jurisdiction over the appeal.
1662 (5) If, on appeal, the court determines that the law proposed in the initiative petition is
1663 legally referable to voters, the local clerk shall comply with Subsection [[20A-7-504\(2\)](#)]
1664 [20A-7-504\(3\)](#), or give the sponsors access to the website defined in Section [20A-21-101](#),
1665 within five days after the day on which the determination, and any appeal of the determination,
1666 is final.
1667 Section 31. Section **20A-7-503** is amended to read:
1668 **20A-7-503. Manual initiative process -- Form of initiative petitions and signature**

1669 sheets.

1670 (1) This section applies only to the manual initiative process.

1671 ~~[(1)]~~ (2) (a) Each proposed initiative petition shall be printed in substantially the
1672 following form:

1673 "INITIATIVE PETITION To the Honorable _____, County Clerk/City Recorder/Town
1674 Clerk:

1675 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully demand that the following proposed
1676 law be submitted to: the legislative body for its approval or rejection at its next meeting; and
1677 the legal voters of the county/city/town, if the legislative body rejects the proposed law or takes
1678 no action on it.

1679 Each signer says:

1680 I have personally signed this petition;

1681 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the
1682 petition;

1683 I have personally reviewed the entire statement included with this packet;

1684 I am registered to vote in Utah ~~[or intend to become registered to vote in Utah before~~
1685 ~~the certification of the petition names by the county clerk];~~ and

1686 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name."

1687 (b) If the initiative petition proposes a tax increase, the following statement shall
1688 appear, in at least 14-point, bold type, immediately following the information described in
1689 Subsection ~~[(1)]~~ (2)(a):

1690 "This initiative petition seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert
1691 the tax percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase)
1692 percent increase in the current tax rate."

1693 (c) The sponsors of an initiative or an agent of the sponsors shall attach a copy of the
1694 proposed law to each initiative petition.

1695 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) Each signature sheet shall:

1696 (a) be printed on sheets of paper 8-1/2 inches long and 11 inches wide;

1697 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line three-fourths inch from the top, with the space above
1698 that line blank for the purpose of binding;

1699 (c) include the title of the initiative printed below the horizontal line, in at least

1700 14-point, bold type;

1701 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the initiative, and beginning .5 inch

1702 from the left side of the paper, as follows:

1703 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;

1704 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For

1705 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;

1706 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;

1707 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;

1708 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;

1709 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words

1710 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point type;

1711 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;

1712 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words

1713 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;

1714 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;

1715 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;

1716 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words

1717 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;

1718 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;

1719 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words

1720 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;

1721 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;

1722 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;

1723 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words

1724 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;

1725 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;

1726 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words

1727 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;

1728 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and

1729 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,

1730 and contain the following words "By signing this petition, you are stating that you have read

1731 and understand the law proposed by this petition." in 12-point type;

1732 (e) the table described in Subsection [(2)] (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient
1733 room at the bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection [(2)] (3)(f); and

1734 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include in the following order:

1735 (i) the words "Fiscal impact of" followed by the title of the initiative, in at least
1736 12-point, bold type;

1737 (ii) the initial fiscal impact estimate's summary statement issued by the budget officer
1738 in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-502.5(2)(b) and the cost estimate for printing and
1739 distributing information related to the initiative petition in accordance with Subsection
1740 20A-7-502.5(3), in not less than 12-point, bold type;

1741 (iii) if the initiative petition proposes a tax increase, the following statement in
1742 12-point, bold type:

1743 "This initiative petition seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert
1744 the tax percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase)
1745 percent increase in the current tax rate."; and

1746 (iv) the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type, followed by the following statement in
1747 not less than eight-point type:

1748 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name
1749 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
1750 once for the same measure, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows that the
1751 individual is not a registered voter [~~and knows that the individual does not intend to become~~
1752 ~~registered to vote before the certification of the petition names by the county clerk~~].

1753 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity
1754 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be
1755 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified
1756 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."

1757 [(3)] (4) The final page of each initiative packet shall contain the following printed or
1758 typed statement:

1759 "Verification of signature collector
1760 State of Utah, County of _____

1761 I, _____, of _____, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

1762 I am a resident of Utah and am at least 18 years old;

1763 All the names that appear in this packet were signed by individuals who professed to be
1764 the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed the individual's
1765 name on it in my presence;

1766 I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law proposed by
1767 the initiative;

1768 I believe that each individual has printed and signed the individual's name and written
1769 the individual's post office address and residence correctly, that each signer has read and
1770 understands the law proposed by the initiative, and that each signer is registered to vote in Utah
1771 [~~or intends to become registered to vote before the certification of the petition names by the~~
1772 ~~county clerk~~].

1773 _____
1774 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)

1775 Each individual who signed the packet wrote the correct date of signature next to the
1776 individual's name.

1777 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this petition to
1778 encourage that individual to sign it.

1779 _____
1780 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)".

1781 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the initiative
1782 petitions are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

1783 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) An individual's status as a resident, under Subsection ~~[(3)]~~ (4), is determined
1784 in accordance with Section 20A-2-105.

1785 Section 32. Section 20A-7-504 is amended to read:

1786 **20A-7-504. Manual initiative process -- Circulation requirements -- Local clerk to**
1787 **provide sponsors with materials.**

1788 (1) This section applies only to the manual initiative process.

1789 ~~[(1)]~~ (2) In order to obtain the necessary number of signatures required by this part, the
1790 sponsors or an agent of the sponsors shall, after the sponsors receive the documents described
1791 in Subsections ~~[(2)]~~ (3) and 20A-7-401.5(4)(b), circulate initiative packets that meet the form

1792 requirements of this part.

1793 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) Within five days after the day on which a county, city, town, metro township,
1794 or court determines, in accordance with Section 20A-7-502.7, that a law proposed in an
1795 initiative petition is legally referable to voters, the local clerk shall furnish to the sponsors:

1796 (a) a copy of the initiative petition; and

1797 (b) a signature sheet.

1798 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) The sponsors of the petition shall:

1799 (a) arrange and pay for the printing of all additional copies of the petition and signature
1800 sheets; and

1801 (b) ensure that the copies of the petition and signature sheets meet the form
1802 requirements of this section.

1803 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) (a) The sponsors or an agent of the sponsors may prepare the initiative for
1804 circulation by creating multiple initiative packets.

1805 (b) The sponsors or an agent of the sponsors shall create initiative packets by binding a
1806 copy of the initiative petition and no more than 50 signature sheets together at the top in a
1807 manner that the packets may be conveniently opened for signing.

1808 (c) An initiative packet is not required to have a uniform number of signature sheets.

1809 (d) The sponsors or an agent of the sponsors shall include, with each packet, a copy of
1810 the proposition information pamphlet provided to the sponsors under Subsection
1811 20A-7-401.5(4)(b).

1812 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) (a) The sponsors or an agent of the sponsors shall, before gathering signatures:

1813 (i) contact the county clerk to receive a range of numbers that the sponsors may use to
1814 number signature packets; and

1815 (ii) number each signature packet, sequentially, within the range of numbers provided
1816 by the county clerk, starting with the lowest number in the range.

1817 (b) The sponsors or an agent of the sponsors may not:

1818 (i) number a signature packet in a manner not directed by the county clerk; or

1819 (ii) circulate or submit a signature packet that is not numbered in the manner directed
1820 by the county clerk.

1821 (c) The county clerk shall keep a record of the number range provided under
1822 Subsection ~~[(5)]~~ (6)(a).

1823 Section 33. Section 20A-7-505 is amended to read:

1824 **20A-7-505. Manual initiative process -- Obtaining signatures -- Verification --**

1825 **Removal of signature.**

1826 (1) This section applies only to the manual initiative process.

1827 ~~[(+)]~~ (2) A Utah voter may sign a local initiative petition if the voter is a legal voter and
1828 resides in the local jurisdiction.

1829 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) (a) The sponsors shall ensure that the individual in whose presence each
1830 signature sheet was signed:

1831 (i) is at least 18 years old and meets the residency requirements of Section 20A-2-105;

1832 (ii) verifies each signature sheet by completing the verification printed on the last page
1833 of each initiative packet; and

1834 (iii) is informed that each signer is required to read and understand the law proposed by
1835 the initiative.

1836 (b) An individual may not sign the verification printed on the last page of the initiative
1837 packet if the individual signed a signature sheet in the initiative packet.

1838 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) (a) A voter who has signed an initiative petition may have the voter's signature
1839 removed from the petition by submitting a statement requesting that the voter's signature be
1840 removed before 5 p.m. no later than the earlier of:

1841 (i) 30 days after the day on which the voter signs the signature removal statement;

1842 (ii) 90 days after the day on which the local clerk posts the voter's name under

1843 Subsection 20A-7-507(2)~~[(a)]~~;

1844 (iii) 316 days after the day on which the application is filed; or

1845 (iv) (A) for a county initiative, April 15 immediately before the next regular general
1846 election immediately after the application is filed under Section 20A-7-502; or

1847 (B) for a municipal initiative, April 15 immediately before the next municipal general
1848 election immediately after the application is filed under Section 20A-7-502.

1849 (b) (i) The statement shall include:

1850 (A) the name of the voter;

1851 (B) the resident address at which the voter is registered to vote;

1852 (C) the signature of the voter; and

1853 (D) the date of the signature described in Subsection ~~[(3)]~~ (4)(b)(i)(C).

1854 (ii) To increase the likelihood of the voter's signature being identified and removed, the
1855 statement may include the voter's birth date or age.

1856 (c) A voter may not submit a statement by email or other electronic means.

1857 (d) In order for the signature to be removed, the county clerk must receive the
1858 statement before 5 p.m. no later than the applicable deadline described in Subsection [~~(3)~~]
1859 (4)(a).

1860 (e) A person may only remove a signature from an initiative petition in accordance
1861 with this Subsection [~~(3)~~] (4)(a).

1862 (f) A county clerk shall analyze a signature, for purposes of removing a signature from
1863 an initiative petition, in accordance with Section [20A-7-506.3](#).

1864 Section 34. Section [20A-7-506](#) is amended to read:

1865 **20A-7-506. Manual initiative process -- Submitting the initiative petition --**

1866 **Certification of signatures by the county clerks -- Transfer to local clerk.**

1867 (1) This section applies only to the manual initiative process.

1868 [~~(1)~~] (2) (a) The sponsors, or an agent of the sponsors, shall submit a signed and
1869 verified initiative packet to the county clerk of the county in which the packet was circulated
1870 before 5 p.m. no later than the earlier of:

1871 (i) 30 days after the day on which the first individual signs the initiative packet;

1872 (ii) 316 days after the day on which the application is filed; or

1873 (iii) (A) for a county initiative, April 15 immediately before the next regular general
1874 election immediately after the application is filed under Section [20A-7-502](#); or

1875 (B) for a municipal initiative, April 15 immediately before the next municipal general
1876 election immediately after the application is filed under Section [20A-7-502](#).

1877 (b) A person may not submit an initiative packet after the deadline established in
1878 Subsection [~~(1)~~] (2)(a).

1879 (c) Before delivering a packet to the county clerk under Subsection [~~(1)~~] (2), the
1880 sponsors shall send an email to each individual who provides a legible, valid email address on
1881 the form described in Subsection [20A-7-503](#)[~~(2)~~](3)(d) that includes the following:

1882 (i) the subject of the email shall include the following statement, "Notice Regarding
1883 Your Petition Signature"; and

1884 (ii) the body of the email shall include the following statement in 12-point type:

1885 "You signed a petition for the following initiative:

1886 [insert title of initiative]

1887 To access a copy of the initiative petition, the initiative, the fiscal impact statement, and
1888 information on the deadline for removing your signature from the petition, please visit the
1889 following link: [insert a uniform resource locator that takes the individual directly to the page
1890 on the county clerk's website that includes the information referred to in the email]."

1891 (d) When the sponsors submit the final signature packet to the county clerk, the
1892 sponsors shall submit to the county clerk the following written verification, completed and
1893 signed by each of the sponsors:

1894 "Verification of initiative sponsor
1895 State of Utah, County of _____

1896 I, _____, of _____, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

1897 I am a sponsor of the initiative petition entitled _____;

1898 I sent, or caused to be sent, to each individual who provided a legible, valid email
1899 address on a signature packet submitted to the county clerk in relation to the initiative petition,
1900 the email described in Utah Code Subsection 20A-7-506~~(+)(c)~~(2)(c).

1901 _____
1902 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)".

1903 (e) Signatures gathered for the initiative petition are not valid if the sponsors do not
1904 comply with this Subsection ~~(+)~~ (2).

1905 ~~(2)~~ (3) The county clerk shall, within 21 days after the day on which the county clerk
1906 receives the packet:

1907 (a) determine whether each signer is a registered voter according to the requirements of
1908 Section 20A-7-506.3;

1909 (b) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter;

1910 (c) except as provided in Subsection ~~(3)~~ (4), post the name ~~and~~, voter identification
1911 number, and date of signature of each registered voter certified under Subsection ~~(2)~~ (3)(b) on
1912 the lieutenant governor's website, in a conspicuous location designated by the lieutenant
1913 governor; and

1914 (d) deliver the verified initiative packet to the local clerk.

1915 ~~(3)~~ (4) (a) If the county clerk timely receives a statement requesting signature

1916 removal under Subsection [20A-7-505](#)~~(3)~~(4), the county clerk shall:

1917 (i) ensure that the voter's name ~~[and]~~, voter identification number, and date of signature
1918 are not included in the posting described in Subsection ~~(2)~~ (3)(c); and

1919 (ii) remove the voter's signature from the signature packets and signature packet totals.

1920 (b) The county clerk shall comply with Subsection ~~(3)~~ (4)(a) before the later of:

1921 (i) the deadline described in Subsection ~~(2)~~ (3); or

1922 (ii) two business days after the day on which the county clerk receives a statement
1923 requesting signature removal under Subsection ~~[20A-7-505(3)]~~ [20A-7-505\(4\)](#).

1924 (c) The local clerk shall post a link in a conspicuous location on the local government's
1925 website to the posting described in Subsection ~~(2)~~ (3)(c) during the period of time described
1926 in Subsection ~~[20A-7-507(2)(a)(i)]~~ [20A-7-507\(3\)\(a\)](#).

1927 ~~(4)~~ (5) The county clerk may not certify a signature under Subsection ~~(2)~~ (3) on an
1928 initiative packet that is not verified in accordance with Section [20A-7-505](#).

1929 ~~(5)~~ (6) A person may not retrieve an initiative packet from a county clerk, or make
1930 any alterations or corrections to an initiative packet, after the initiative packet is submitted to
1931 the county clerk.

1932 Section 35. Section [20A-7-506.3](#) is amended to read:

1933 **[20A-7-506.3. Verification of petition signatures.](#)**

1934 (1) As used in this section:

1935 (a) "Substantially similar name" means:

1936 (i) the given name and surname shown on the petition, or both, contain only minor
1937 spelling differences when compared to the given name and surname shown on the official
1938 register;

1939 (ii) the surname shown on the petition exactly matches the surname shown on the
1940 official register, and the given names differ only because one of the given names shown is a
1941 commonly used abbreviation or variation of the other;

1942 (iii) the surname shown on the petition exactly matches the surname shown on the
1943 official register, and the given names differ only because one of the given names shown is
1944 accompanied by a first or middle initial or a middle name which is not shown on the other
1945 record; or

1946 (iv) the surname shown on the petition exactly matches the surname shown on the

1947 official register, and the given names differ only because one of the given names shown is an
1948 alphabetically corresponding initial that has been provided in the place of a given name shown
1949 on the other record.

1950 (b) "Substantially similar name" does not mean a name having an initial or a middle
1951 name shown on the petition that does not match a different initial or middle name shown on the
1952 official register.

1953 (2) [~~The~~] In relation to an individual who signs an initiative petition with a holographic
1954 signature, the county clerk shall use the following procedures in determining whether a signer
1955 is a registered voter:

1956 (a) When a signer's name and address shown on the petition exactly match a name and
1957 address shown on the official register and the signer's signature appears substantially similar to
1958 the signature on the statewide voter registration database, the county clerk shall declare the
1959 signature valid.

1960 (b) When there is no exact match of an address and a name, the county clerk shall
1961 declare the signature valid if:

1962 (i) the address on the petition matches the address of an individual on the official
1963 register with a substantially similar name; and

1964 (ii) the signer's signature appears substantially similar to the signature on the statewide
1965 voter registration database of the individual described in Subsection (2)(b)(i).

1966 (c) When there is no match of an address and a substantially similar name, the county
1967 clerk shall declare the signature valid if:

1968 (i) the birth date or age on the petition matches the birth date or age of an individual on
1969 the official register with a substantially similar name; and

1970 (ii) the signer's signature appears substantially similar to the signature on the statewide
1971 voter registration database of the individual described in Subsection (2)(c)(i).

1972 (d) If a signature is not declared valid under Subsection (2)(a), (2)(b), or (2)(c), the
1973 county clerk shall declare the signature to be invalid.

1974 (3) [~~The~~] In relation to an individual who, with a holographic signature, signs a
1975 statement to remove the individual's signature from an initiative petition, the county clerk shall
1976 use the following procedures in determining whether to remove a signature from a petition
1977 after receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature:

1978 (a) if a signer's name and address shown on the statement and the petition exactly
1979 match a name and address shown on the official register and the signer's signature on both the
1980 statement and the petition appears substantially similar to the signature on the statewide voter
1981 registration database, the county clerk shall remove the signature from the petition;

1982 (b) if there is no exact match of an address and a name, the county clerk shall remove
1983 the signature from the petition if:

1984 (i) the address on the statement and the petition matches the address of an individual
1985 on the official register with a substantially similar name; and

1986 (ii) the signer's signature on both the statement and the petition appears substantially
1987 similar to the signature on the statewide voter registration database of the individual described
1988 in Subsection (3)(b)(i);

1989 (c) if there is no match of an address and a substantially similar name, the county clerk
1990 shall remove the signature from the petition if:

1991 (i) the birth date or age on the statement and petition match the birth date or age of an
1992 individual on the official register with a substantially similar name; and

1993 (ii) the signer's signature on both the statement and the petition appears substantially
1994 similar to the signature on the statewide voter registration database of the individual described
1995 in Subsection (3)(c)(i); and

1996 (d) if a signature does not qualify for removal under Subsection (3)(a), (b), or (c), the
1997 county clerk may not remove the signature from the petition.

1998 Section 36. Section **20A-7-507** is amended to read:

1999 **20A-7-507. Evaluation by the local clerk.**

2000 (1) [~~When~~] In relation to the manual initiative process, when a local clerk receives an
2001 initiative packet from a county clerk, the local clerk shall record the number of the initiative
2002 packet received.

2003 (2) [~~(a)~~] The county clerk shall:

2004 (a) in relation to the manual initiative process:

2005 (i) post the names [~~and~~], voter identification numbers, and dates of signatures
2006 described in Subsection [~~20A-7-506(2)(c)~~] 20A-7-506(3)(c) on the lieutenant governor's
2007 website, in a conspicuous location designated by the lieutenant governor, for at least 90 days;
2008 and

2009 (ii) update on the local government's website the number of signatures certified as of
2010 the date of the update[-]; or

2011 (b) in relation to the electronic initiative process:

2012 (i) post the names, voter identification numbers, and dates of signatures described in
2013 Subsection 20A-7-516(4) on the lieutenant governor's website, in a conspicuous location
2014 designated by the lieutenant governor, for at least 90 days; and

2015 (ii) update on the local government's website the number of signatures certified as of
2016 the date of the update.

2017 [(b)] (3) The local clerk:

2018 [(i)] (a) shall, except as provided in Subsection [(2)(b)(ii)] (3)(b), declare the petition
2019 to be sufficient or insufficient:

2020 (i) in relation to the manual initiative process, no later than 21 days after the day of the
2021 applicable deadline described in Subsection [20A-7-506(1)(a)] 20A-7-506(2)(a); or

2022 (ii) in relation to the electronic initiative process, no later than 21 days after the day of
2023 the applicable deadline described in Subsection 20A-7-516(2); or

2024 [(ii)] (b) may declare the petition to be insufficient before the day described in
2025 Subsection [(2)(b)(i)] (3)(a) if:

2026 [(A)] (i) in relation to the manual initiative process, the total of all valid signatures on
2027 timely and lawfully submitted signature packets that have been certified by the county clerks,
2028 plus the number of signatures on timely and lawfully submitted signature packets that have not
2029 yet been evaluated for certification, is less than the number of names required under Section
2030 20A-7-501; [or]

2031 (ii) in relation to the electronic initiative process, the total of all timely and lawfully
2032 submitted valid signatures that have been certified by the county clerks, plus the number of
2033 timely and lawfully submitted valid signatures received under Subsection 20A-21-201(6)(b)
2034 that have not yet been evaluated for certification, is less than the number of names required
2035 under Section 20A-7-501; or

2036 [(B)] (iii) a requirement of this part has not been met.

2037 [(c)] (4) (a) If the total number of names certified [~~names from each verified signature~~
2038 ~~sheet]~~ under Subsection (3) equals or exceeds the number of names required by Section
2039 20A-7-501 and the requirements of this part are met, the local clerk shall mark upon the front

2040 of the petition the word "sufficient."

2041 ~~[(d)]~~ (b) If the total number of names certified ~~[names from each verified signature~~
 2042 ~~sheet]~~ under Subsection (3) does not equal or exceed the number of names required by Section
 2043 20A-7-501 or a requirement of this part is not met, the local clerk shall mark upon the front of
 2044 the petition the word "insufficient."

2045 ~~[(e)]~~ (c) The local clerk shall immediately notify any one of the sponsors of the local
 2046 clerk's finding.

2047 ~~[(f)]~~ (d) After a petition is declared insufficient, a person may not submit additional
 2048 signatures to qualify the petition for the ballot.

2049 ~~[(3)]~~ (5) If the local clerk finds the total number of certified signatures from each
 2050 verified signature sheet to be insufficient, any sponsor may file a written demand with the local
 2051 clerk for a recount of the signatures appearing on the initiative petition in the presence of any
 2052 sponsor.

2053 ~~[(4)]~~ (6) A petition determined to be sufficient in accordance with this section is
 2054 qualified for the ballot.

2055 Section 37. Section **20A-7-512** is amended to read:

2056 **20A-7-512. Misconduct of electors and officers -- Penalty.**

2057 (1) It is unlawful for any individual to:

2058 (a) sign any name other than the individual's own name to any initiative petition;

2059 (b) sign an initiative knowing the individual is not a legal voter; or

2060 (c) knowingly and willfully violate any provision of this part.

2061 (2) It is unlawful for any individual to sign the verification for an initiative packet, or
 2062 to electronically sign the verification for a signature under Subsection 20A-21-201(9), knowing
 2063 that:

2064 (a) the individual does not meet the residency requirements of Section 20A-2-105;

2065 (b) the individual has not witnessed the signatures of the individuals whose ~~[names~~
 2066 ~~appear in the initiative packet]~~ signatures the individual collects or submits; or

2067 (c) one or more individuals ~~[whose signatures appear in the initiative packet is either:~~

2068 ~~(i)]~~ who signed the initiative petition are not registered to vote in Utah~~[-or]~~.

2069 ~~[(ii) does not intend to become registered to vote in Utah.]~~

2070 (3) An individual who violates this part is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

2071 Section 38. Section **20A-7-514** is enacted to read:

2072 **20A-7-514. Electronic initiative process - Form of initiative petition -- Circulation**
2073 **requirements -- Signature collection.**

2074 (1) This section applies only to the electronic initiative process.

2075 (2) (a) The first screen presented on the approved device shall include the following
2076 statement:

2077 "This INITIATIVE PETITION is addressed to the Honorable _____, County Clerk/City
2078 Recorder/Town Clerk:

2079 The citizens of Utah who sign this petition respectfully demand that the following
2080 proposed law be submitted to: the legislative body for its approval or rejection at its next
2081 meeting; and the legal voters of the county/city/town, if the legislative body rejects the
2082 proposed law or takes no action on it."

2083 (b) An individual may not advance to the second screen until the individual clicks a
2084 link at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and
2085 understand the information presented on this screen."

2086 (3) (a) The second screen presented on the approved device shall include the title of
2087 proposed law, described in Subsection [20A-7-502\(2\)\(d\)\(i\)](#), followed by the entire text of the
2088 proposed law.

2089 (b) An individual may not advance to the third screen until the individual clicks a link
2090 at the bottom of the second screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and
2091 understand the entire text of the proposed law."

2092 (4) Subsequent screens shall be presented on the device in the following order, with the
2093 individual viewing the device being required, before advancing to the next screen, to click a
2094 link at the bottom of the screen with the following statement, "By clicking here, I attest that I
2095 have read and understand the information presented on this screen.":

2096 (a) (i) if the initiative petition proposes a tax increase, the following statement, "This
2097 initiative petition seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax
2098 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent
2099 increase in the current tax rate."; or

2100 (ii) if the initiative petition does not propose a tax increase, the following statement,
2101 "This initiative petition does not propose a tax increase.";

2102 (b) the initial fiscal impact estimate's summary statement issued by the budget officer
2103 in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-502.5(2)(b) and the cost estimate for printing and
2104 distributing information related to the initiative petition in accordance with Subsection
2105 20A-7-502.5(3);

2106 (c) a statement indicating whether persons gathering signatures for the petition may be
2107 paid for gathering signatures; and

2108 (d) the following statement, followed by links where the individual may click "yes" or
2109 "no":

2110 "I have personally reviewed the entirety of each statement presented on this device;

2111 I am personally signing this petition;

2112 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

2113 All information I enter on this device, including my residence and post office address, is
2114 accurate.

2115 It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name
2116 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
2117 once for the same measure, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows that the
2118 individual is not a registered voter.

2119 WARNING

2120 Even if your voter registration record is classified as private, your name, voter
2121 identification number, and date of signature in relation to signing this petition will be made
2122 public.

2123 Do you wish to continue and sign this petition?"

2124 (5) (a) If the individual clicks "no" in response to the question described in Subsection
2125 (4)(d), the next screen shall include the following statement, "Thank you for your time. Please
2126 return this device to the signature-gatherer."

2127 (b) If the individual clicks "yes" in response to the question described in Subsection
2128 (4)(d), the website, or the application that accesses the website, shall take the signature-gatherer
2129 and the individual signing the petition through the signature process described in Section
2130 20A-21-201.

2131 Section 39. Section 20A-7-515 is enacted to read:

2132 **20A-7-515. Electronic initiative process -- Obtaining signatures -- Request to**

2133 **remove signature.**

2134 (1) This section applies to the electronic initiative process.

2135 (2) A Utah voter may sign a local initiative petition if the voter is a legal voter and
2136 resides in the local jurisdiction.

2137 (3) The sponsors shall ensure that the signature-gatherer who collects a signature from
2138 an individual:

2139 (a) verifies that the individual is at least 18 years old and meets the residency
2140 requirements of Section [20A-2-105](#); and

2141 (b) is informed that each signer is required to read and understand the law proposed by
2142 the initiative.

2143 (4) (a) A voter who has signed an initiative petition may have the voter's signature
2144 removed from the petition by submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the
2145 voter's signature be removed before 5 p.m. no later than the earlier of:

2146 (i) 30 days after the day on which the voter signs the signature removal statement;

2147 (ii) 90 days after the day on which the local clerk posts the voter's name under

2148 Subsection [20A-7-516\(4\)](#);

2149 (iii) 316 days after the day on which the application is filed; or

2150 (iv) (A) for a county initiative, April 15 immediately before the next regular general
2151 election immediately after the application is filed under Section [20A-7-502](#); or

2152 (B) for a municipal initiative, April 15 immediately before the next municipal general
2153 election immediately after the application is filed under Section [20A-7-502](#).

2154 (b) The statement shall include:

2155 (i) the name of the voter;

2156 (ii) the resident address at which the voter is registered to vote;

2157 (iii) the signature of the voter; and

2158 (iv) the date of the signature described in Subsection (4)(b)(iii).

2159 (c) To increase the likelihood of the voter's signature being identified and removed, the
2160 statement may include the voter's birth date or age.

2161 (d) A voter may not submit a signature removal statement by email or other electronic
2162 means, unless the lieutenant governor establishes a signature removal process that is consistent
2163 with the requirements of this section and Section [20A-21-201](#).

2164 (e) A person may only remove an electronic signature from an initiative petition in
2165 accordance with this section.

2166 (f) A county clerk shall analyze a holographic signature, for purposes of removing an
2167 electronic signature from an initiative petition, in accordance with Section [20A-7-506.3](#).

2168 Section 40. Section **20A-7-516** is enacted to read:

2169 **20A-7-516. Electronic initiative process -- Collecting signatures -- Email**
2170 **notification -- Removal of signatures.**

2171 (1) This section applies only to the electronic initiative process.

2172 (2) A signature-gatherer may not collect a signature after 5 p.m., the earlier of:

2173 (a) 316 days after the day on which the application is filed; or

2174 (b) (i) for a county initiative, April 15 immediately before the next regular general
2175 election immediately after the application is filed under Section [20A-7-502](#); or

2176 (ii) for a municipal initiative, April 15 immediately before the next municipal general
2177 election immediately after the application is filed under Section [20A-7-502](#).

2178 (3) The local clerk shall send to each individual who provides a valid email address
2179 during the signature-gathering process an email that includes the following:

2180 (a) the subject of the email shall include the following statement, "Notice Regarding
2181 Your Petition Signature"; and

2182 (b) the body of the email shall include the following statement in 12-point type:

2183 "You signed a petition for the following initiative:

2184 [insert title of initiative]

2185 To access a copy of the initiative petition, the initiative, the fiscal impact statement, and
2186 information on the deadline for removing your signature from the petition, please visit the
2187 following link: [insert a uniform resource locator that takes the individual directly to the page
2188 on the lieutenant governor's website that includes the information referred to in the email]."

2189 (4) Except as provided in Subsection (5), the county clerk shall, within two business
2190 days after the day on which the signature of an individual who signs a petition is certified under
2191 Section [20A-21-201](#), post the name, voter identification number, and date of signature of the
2192 individual on the lieutenant governor's website, in a conspicuous location designated by the
2193 lieutenant governor.

2194 (5) (a) If the local clerk timely receives a statement requesting signature removal under

2195 Subsection 20A-7-515(4), the local clerk shall:

2196 (i) ensure that the voter's name, voter identification number, and date of signature are
2197 not included in the posting described in Subsection (4); and

2198 (ii) remove the voter's signature from the petition and the petition signature totals.

2199 (b) The local clerk shall comply with Subsection (5)(a) before the later of:

2200 (i) the deadline described in Subsection (4); or

2201 (ii) two business days after the day on which the county clerk receives a statement
2202 requesting signature removal under Subsection 20A-7-515(4).

2203 Section 41. Section **20A-7-602.7** is amended to read:

2204 **20A-7-602.7. Referability to voters of local law other than land use law.**

2205 (1) Within 20 days after the day on which an eligible voter files an application to
2206 circulate a referendum petition under Section 20A-7-602 for a local law other than a land use
2207 law, counsel for the county, city, town, or metro township to which the referendum pertains
2208 shall:

2209 (a) review the application to determine whether the proposed referendum is legally
2210 referable to voters; and

2211 (b) notify the first three sponsors, in writing, whether the proposed referendum is:

2212 (i) legally referable to voters; or

2213 (ii) rejected as not legally referable to voters.

2214 (2) For a local law other than a land use law, a proposed referendum is legally referable
2215 to voters unless:

2216 (a) the proposed referendum challenges an action that is administrative, rather than
2217 legislative, in nature;

2218 (b) the proposed referendum challenges more than one law passed by the local
2219 legislative body; or

2220 (c) the application for the proposed referendum was not timely filed or does not
2221 comply with the requirements of this part.

2222 (3) After the end of the 20-day period described in Subsection (1), a county, city, town,
2223 or metro township may not, for a local law other than a land use law:

2224 (a) reject a proposed referendum as not legally referable to voters; or

2225 (b) except as provided in Subsection (4), challenge, in a legal action or otherwise, a

2226 proposed referendum on the grounds that the proposed referendum is not legally referable to
2227 voters.

2228 (4) (a) If, under Subsection (1)(b)(ii), a county, city, town, or metro township rejects a
2229 proposed referendum concerning a local law other than a land use law, a sponsor of the
2230 proposed referendum may, within 10 days after the day on which a sponsor is notified under
2231 Subsection (1)(b), challenge or appeal the decision to:

2232 (i) the Supreme Court, by means of an extraordinary writ, if possible; or

2233 (ii) a district court, if the sponsor is prohibited from pursuing an extraordinary writ
2234 under Subsection (4)(a)(i).

2235 (b) Failure of a sponsor to timely challenge or appeal a rejection under Subsection
2236 (4)(a) terminates the referendum.

2237 (5) If, on a challenge or appeal, the court determines that the proposed referendum
2238 described in Subsection (4) is legally referable to voters, the local clerk shall comply with
2239 Subsection [~~20A-7-604(2)~~] 20A-7-604(3), or give the sponsors access to the website defined in
2240 Section 20A-21-101, within five days after the day on which the determination, and any
2241 challenge or appeal of the determination, is final.

2242 Section 42. Section **20A-7-602.8** is amended to read:

2243 **20A-7-602.8. Referability to voters of local land use law.**

2244 (1) Within 20 days after the day on which an eligible voter files an application to
2245 circulate a referendum petition under Section 20A-7-602 for a land use law, counsel for the
2246 county, city, town, or metro township to which the referendum pertains shall:

2247 (a) review the application to determine whether the proposed referendum is legally
2248 referable to voters; and

2249 (b) notify the first three sponsors, in writing, whether the proposed referendum is:

2250 (i) legally referable to voters; or

2251 (ii) rejected as not legally referable to voters.

2252 (2) For a land use law, a proposed referendum is legally referable to voters unless:

2253 (a) the proposed referendum challenges an action that is administrative, rather than
2254 legislative, in nature;

2255 (b) the proposed referendum challenges a land use decision, rather than a land use
2256 regulation, as those terms are defined in Section 10-9a-103 or 17-27a-103;

2257 (c) the proposed referendum challenges more than one law passed by the local
2258 legislative body; or
2259 (d) the application for the proposed referendum was not timely filed or does not
2260 comply with the requirements of this part.
2261 (3) After the end of the 20-day period described in Subsection (1), a county, city, town,
2262 or metro township may not, for a land use law:
2263 (a) reject a proposed referendum as not legally referable to voters; or
2264 (b) except as provided in Subsection (4), challenge, in a legal action or otherwise, a
2265 proposed referendum on the grounds that the proposed referendum is not legally referable to
2266 voters.
2267 (4) (a) If a county, city, town, or metro township rejects a proposed referendum
2268 concerning a land use law, a sponsor of the proposed referendum may, within seven days after
2269 the day on which a sponsor is notified under Subsection (1)(b), challenge or appeal the decision
2270 to:
2271 (i) the Supreme Court, by means of an extraordinary writ, if possible; or
2272 (ii) a district court, if the sponsor is prohibited from pursuing an extraordinary writ
2273 under Subsection (4)(a)(i).
2274 (b) Failure of a sponsor to timely challenge or appeal a rejection under Subsection
2275 (4)(a) terminates the referendum.
2276 (5) If, on challenge or appeal, the court determines that the proposed referendum is
2277 legally referable to voters, the local clerk shall comply with Subsection [~~20A-7-604(2)~~
2278 [20A-7-604\(3\)](#)], or give the sponsors access to the website defined in Section [20A-21-101](#),
2279 within five days after the day on which the determination, and any challenge or appeal of the
2280 determination, is final.

2281 Section 43. Section **20A-7-603** is amended to read:

2282 **20A-7-603. Manual referendum process -- Form of referendum petition and**
2283 **signature sheets.**

2284 (1) This section applies only to the manual referendum process.

2285 [(+)] (2) (a) Each proposed referendum petition shall be printed in substantially the
2286 following form:

2287 "REFERENDUM PETITION To the Honorable ____, County Clerk/City

2288 Recorder/Town Clerk:

2289 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully order that (description of local law or
2290 portion of local law being challenged), passed by the ____ be referred to the voters for their
2291 approval or rejection at the regular/municipal general election to be held on
2292 _____(month\day\year);

2293 Each signer says:

2294 I have personally signed this petition;

2295 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the
2296 petition;

2297 I have personally reviewed the entire statement included with this packet;

2298 I am registered to vote in Utah [~~or intend to become registered to vote in Utah before~~
2299 ~~the certification of the petition names by the county clerk~~]; and

2300 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name."

2301 (b) The sponsors of a referendum or an agent of the sponsors shall attach a copy of the
2302 law that is the subject of the referendum to each referendum petition.

2303 [~~(2)~~] (3) Each signature sheet shall:

2304 (a) be printed on sheets of paper 8-1/2 inches long and 11 inches wide;

2305 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line three-fourths inch from the top, with the space above
2306 that line blank for the purpose of binding;

2307 (c) include the title of the referendum printed below the horizontal line, in at least
2308 14-point type;

2309 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the referendum, and beginning .5 inch
2310 from the left side of the paper, as follows:

2311 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;

2312 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For
2313 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;

2314 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;

2315 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;

2316 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;

2317 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
2318 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point type;

- 2319 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 2320 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 2321 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;
- 2322 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 2323 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
- 2324 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 2325 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;
- 2326 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 2327 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 2328 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;
- 2329 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 2330 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;
- 2331 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 2332 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;
- 2333 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 2334 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 2335 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;
- 2336 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and
- 2337 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
- 2338 and contain the following words, "By signing this petition, you are stating that you have read
- 2339 and understand the law that this petition seeks to overturn." in 12-point type;
- 2340 (e) the table described in Subsection [(2)] (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient
- 2341 room at the bottom of the sheet or the information described in Subsection [(2)] (3)(f); and
- 2342 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type,
- 2343 followed by the following statement in not less than eight-point type:
- 2344 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name
- 2345 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
- 2346 once for the same measure, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual knows that the
- 2347 individual is not a registered voter [~~and knows that the individual does not intend to become~~
- 2348 ~~registered to vote before the certification of the petition names by the county clerk~~].
- 2349 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity

2350 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be
2351 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified
2352 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."

2353 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) The final page of each referendum packet shall contain the following printed
2354 or typed statement:

2355 "Verification of signature collector

2356 State of Utah, County of _____

2357 I, _____, of _____, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

2358 I am a resident of Utah and am at least 18 years old;

2359 All the names that appear in this packet were signed by individuals who professed to be
2360 the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed the individual's
2361 name on it in my presence;

2362 I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law this petition
2363 seeks to overturn;

2364 I believe that each individual has printed and signed the individual's name and written
2365 the individual's post office address and residence correctly, that each signer has read and
2366 understands the law that the referendum seeks to overturn, and that each signer is registered to
2367 vote in Utah [~~or intends to become registered to vote before the certification of the petition~~
2368 ~~names by the county clerk~~].

2369 _____

2370 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)

2371 Each individual who signed the packet wrote the correct date of signature next to the
2372 individual's name.

2373 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this petition to
2374 encourage that individual to sign it.

2375 _____

2376 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)".

2377 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the
2378 referendum petitions are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

2379 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) An individual's status as a resident, under Subsection ~~[(3)]~~ (4), is determined
2380 in accordance with Section 20A-2-105.

2381 Section 44. Section 20A-7-604 is amended to read:

2382 **20A-7-604. Manual referendum process -- Circulation requirements -- Local**
2383 **clerk to provide sponsors with materials.**

2384 (1) This section applies only to the manual referendum process.

2385 [~~(1)~~] (2) In order to obtain the necessary number of signatures required by this part, the
2386 sponsors or an agent of the sponsors shall, after the sponsors receive the documents described
2387 in Subsections [~~(2)~~] (3) and 20A-7-401.5(4)(b), circulate referendum packets that meet the
2388 form requirements of this part.

2389 [~~(2)~~] (3) Within five days after the day on which a county, city, town, metro township,
2390 or court determines, in accordance with Section 20A-7-602.7, that a proposed referendum is
2391 legally referable to voters, the local clerk shall furnish to the sponsors:

2392 (a) a copy of the referendum petition; and

2393 (b) a signature sheet.

2394 [~~(3)~~] (4) The sponsors of the petition shall:

2395 (a) arrange and pay for the printing of all additional copies of the petition and signature
2396 sheets; and

2397 (b) ensure that the copies of the petition and signature sheets meet the form
2398 requirements of this section.

2399 [~~(4)~~] (5) (a) The sponsors or an agent of the sponsors may prepare the referendum for
2400 circulation by creating multiple referendum packets.

2401 (b) The sponsors or an agent of the sponsors shall create referendum packets by
2402 binding a copy of the referendum petition and no more than 50 signature sheets together at the
2403 top in a manner that the packets may be conveniently opened for signing.

2404 (c) A referendum packet is not required to have a uniform number of signature sheets.

2405 (d) The sponsors or an agent of the sponsors shall include, with each packet, a copy of
2406 the proposition information pamphlet provided to the sponsors under Subsection
2407 20A-7-401.5(4)(b).

2408 [~~(5)~~] (6) (a) The sponsors or an agent of the sponsors shall, before gathering signatures:

2409 (i) contact the county clerk to receive a range of numbers that the sponsors may use to
2410 number signature packets; and

2411 (ii) number each signature packet, sequentially, within the range of numbers provided

2412 by the county clerk, starting with the lowest number in the range.

2413 (b) The sponsors or an agent of the sponsors may not:

2414 (i) number a signature packet in a manner not directed by the county clerk; or

2415 (ii) circulate or submit a signature packet that is not numbered in the manner directed

2416 by the county clerk.

2417 (c) The county clerk shall keep a record of the number range provided under

2418 Subsection [~~(5)~~] (6)(a).

2419 Section 45. Section **20A-7-604.5** is amended to read:

2420 **20A-7-604.5. Posting referendum information.**

2421 (1) On the day on which the local clerk complies with Subsection [~~20A-7-604(2)~~]

2422 20A-7-604(3), or gives the sponsors access to the website defined in Section 20A-21-101, the

2423 local clerk shall post the following information together in a conspicuous place on the local

2424 clerk's website:

2425 (a) the referendum petition;

2426 (b) the referendum; and

2427 (c) information describing how an individual may remove the individual's signature

2428 from the [~~signature packet~~] petition.

2429 (2) The local clerk shall:

2430 (a) promptly update the information described in Subsection (1) if the information

2431 changes; and

2432 (b) maintain the information described in Subsection (1) on the local clerk's website

2433 until the referendum fails to qualify for the ballot or is passed or defeated at an election.

2434 Section 46. Section **20A-7-605** is amended to read:

2435 **20A-7-605. Manual referendum process -- Obtaining signatures -- Verification --**

2436 **Removal of signature.**

2437 (1) This section applies only to the manual referendum process.

2438 [~~(1)~~] (2) A Utah voter may sign a local referendum petition if the voter is a legal voter

2439 and resides in the local jurisdiction.

2440 [~~(2)~~] (3) (a) The sponsors shall ensure that the individual in whose presence each

2441 signature sheet was signed:

2442 (i) is at least 18 years old and meets the residency requirements of Section 20A-2-105;

2443 (ii) verifies each signature sheet by completing the verification printed on the last page
2444 of each referendum packet; and

2445 (iii) is informed that each signer is required to read and understand the law that the
2446 referendum seeks to overturn.

2447 (b) An individual may not sign the verification printed on the last page of the
2448 referendum packet if the individual signed a signature sheet in the referendum packet.

2449 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) (a) A voter who has signed a referendum petition may have the voter's
2450 signature removed from the petition by submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting
2451 that the voter's signature be removed no later than the earlier of:

2452 (i) 30 days after the day on which the voter signs the statement requesting removal; or

2453 (ii) 45 days after the day on which the local clerk posts the voter's name under
2454 Subsection 20A-7-607(2)(a).

2455 (b) (i) The statement shall include:

2456 (A) the name of the voter;

2457 (B) the resident address at which the voter is registered to vote;

2458 (C) the signature of the voter; and

2459 (D) the date of the signature described in Subsection ~~[(3)]~~ (4)(b)(i)(C).

2460 (ii) To increase the likelihood of the voter's signature being identified and removed, the
2461 statement may include the voter's birth date or age.

2462 (c) A voter may not submit a statement by email or other electronic means.

2463 (d) In order for the signature to be removed, the county clerk must receive the
2464 statement before 5 p.m. no later than 45 days after the day on which the local clerk posts the
2465 voter's name under Subsection 20A-7-607(2)(a).

2466 (e) A person may only remove a signature from a referendum petition in accordance
2467 with this Subsection ~~[(3)]~~ (4).

2468 (f) A county clerk shall analyze a signature, for purposes of removing a signature from
2469 a referendum petition, in accordance with Section 20A-7-606.3.

2470 Section 47. Section 20A-7-606 is amended to read:

2471 **20A-7-606. Manual referendum process -- Submitting the referendum petition --**
2472 **Certification of signatures by the county clerks -- Transfer to local clerk.**

2473 (1) This section applies only to the manual referendum process.

2474 [(+)] (2) (a) The sponsors, or an agent of the sponsors, shall submit a signed and
2475 verified referendum packet to the county clerk of the county in which the packet was circulated
2476 before 5 p.m. no later than the earlier of:

2477 (i) 30 days after the day on which the first individual signs the referendum packet; or

2478 (ii) 45 days after the day on which the sponsors receive the items described in

2479 Subsection [~~20A-7-604(2)~~] 20A-7-604(3) or from the local clerk.

2480 (b) A person may not submit a referendum packet after the deadline described in

2481 Subsection [(+)] (2)(a).

2482 [(2)] (3) No later than 21 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a verified
2483 referendum packet under Subsection [(+)] (2)(a), the county clerk shall:

2484 (a) determine whether each signer is a registered voter according to the requirements of
2485 Section 20A-7-606.3;

2486 (b) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter;

2487 (c) provide the name [~~and~~], voter identification number, and date of signature of each
2488 registered voter certified under Subsection [(2)] (3)(b); and

2489 (d) deliver the verified packet to the local clerk.

2490 [(3)] (4) (a) If the county clerk timely receives a statement requesting signature
2491 removal under Subsection [~~20A-7-605(3)~~] 20A-7-605(4), the county clerk shall:

2492 (i) ensure that the voter's name [~~and~~], voter identification number, and date of signature
2493 are not included in the posting described in Subsection 20A-7-607(2)(a); and

2494 (ii) remove the voter's signature from the signature packets and signature packet totals.

2495 (b) The county clerk shall comply with Subsection [(3)] (4)(a) before the later of:

2496 (i) the deadline described in Subsection [(2)] (3); or

2497 (ii) two business days after the day on which the county clerk receives a statement
2498 requesting signature removal under Subsection [~~20A-7-605(3)~~] 20A-7-605(4).

2499 (c) The local clerk shall post a link in a conspicuous location on the local government's
2500 website to the posting described in Subsection 20A-7-607(2)(a) during the period of time
2501 described in Subsection 20A-7-607(2)(a)(i).

2502 [(4)] (5) The county clerk may not certify a signature under Subsection [(2)] (3):

2503 (a) on a referendum packet that is not verified in accordance with Section 20A-7-605;

2504 or

2505 (b) that does not have a date of signature next to the signature.

2506 [~~(5)~~] (6) A person may not retrieve a referendum packet from a county clerk, or make
2507 any alterations or corrections to a referendum packet, after the referendum packet is submitted
2508 to the county clerk.

2509 Section 48. Section **20A-7-606.3** is amended to read:

2510 **20A-7-606.3. Verification of petition signatures.**

2511 (1) As used in this section:

2512 (a) "Substantially similar name" means:

2513 (i) the given name and surname shown on the petition, or both, contain only minor
2514 spelling differences when compared to the given name and surname shown on the official
2515 register;

2516 (ii) the surname shown on the petition exactly matches the surname shown on the
2517 official register, and the given names differ only because one of the given names shown is a
2518 commonly used abbreviation or variation of the other;

2519 (iii) the surname shown on the petition exactly matches the surname shown on the
2520 official register, and the given names differ only because one of the given names shown is
2521 accompanied by a first or middle initial or a middle name which is not shown on the other
2522 record; or

2523 (iv) the surname shown on the petition exactly matches the surname shown on the
2524 official register, and the given names differ only because one of the given names shown is an
2525 alphabetically corresponding initial that has been provided in the place of a given name shown
2526 on the other record.

2527 (b) "Substantially similar name" does not mean a name having an initial or a middle
2528 name shown on the petition that does not match a different initial or middle name shown on the
2529 official register.

2530 (2) [~~The~~] In relation to an individual who signs a referendum petition with a
2531 holographic signature, the county clerk shall use the following procedures in determining
2532 whether a signer is a registered voter:

2533 (a) When a signer's name and address shown on the petition exactly match a name and
2534 address shown on the official register and the signer's signature appears substantially similar to
2535 the signature on the statewide voter registration database, the county clerk shall declare the

2536 signature valid.

2537 (b) When there is no exact match of an address and a name, the county clerk shall
2538 declare the signature valid if:

2539 (i) the address on the petition matches the address of an individual on the official
2540 register with a substantially similar name; and

2541 (ii) the signer's signature appears substantially similar to the signature on the statewide
2542 voter registration database of the individual described in Subsection (2)(b)(i).

2543 (c) When there is no match of an address and a substantially similar name, the county
2544 clerk shall declare the signature valid if:

2545 (i) the birth date or age on the petition matches the birth date or age of an individual on
2546 the official register with a substantially similar name; and

2547 (ii) the signer's signature appears substantially similar to the signature on the statewide
2548 voter registration database of the individual described in Subsection (2)(c)(i).

2549 (d) If a signature is not declared valid under Subsection (2)(a), (b), or (c), the county
2550 clerk shall declare the signature to be invalid.

2551 (3) ~~[The]~~ In relation to an individual who, with a holographic signature, signs a
2552 statement to remove the individual's signature from a referendum petition, the county clerk
2553 shall use the following procedures in determining whether to remove a signature from a
2554 petition after receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature:

2555 (a) if a signer's name and address shown on the statement and the petition exactly
2556 match a name and address shown on the official register and the signer's signature on both the
2557 statement and the petition appears substantially similar to the signature on the statewide voter
2558 registration database, the county clerk shall remove the signature from the petition;

2559 (b) if there is no exact match of an address and a name, the county clerk shall remove
2560 the signature from the petition if:

2561 (i) the address on the statement and the petition matches the address of an individual
2562 on the official register with a substantially similar name; and

2563 (ii) the signer's signature on both the statement and the petition appears substantially
2564 similar to the signature on the statewide voter registration database of the individual described
2565 in Subsection (3)(b)(i);

2566 (c) if there is no match of an address and a substantially similar name, the county clerk

2567 shall remove the signature from the petition if:

2568 (i) the birth date or age on the statement and petition match the birth date or age of an
2569 individual on the official register with a substantially similar name; and

2570 (ii) the signer's signature on both the statement and the petition appears substantially
2571 similar to the signature on the statewide voter registration database of the individual described
2572 in Subsection (3)(c)(i); and

2573 (d) if a signature does not qualify for removal under Subsection (3)(a), (b), or (c), the
2574 county clerk may not remove the signature from the petition.

2575 Section 49. Section **20A-7-607** is amended to read:

2576 **20A-7-607. Evaluation by the local clerk -- Determination of election for vote on**
2577 **referendum.**

2578 (1) [~~When~~] In relation to the manual referendum process, when the local clerk receives
2579 a referendum packet from a county clerk, the local clerk shall record the number of the
2580 referendum packet received.

2581 (2) [~~(a)~~] The county clerk shall:

2582 (a) in relation to the manual referendum process:

2583 (i) post the names [~~and~~], voter identification numbers, and dates of signatures
2584 described in Subsection 20A-7-606(3)(c) on the lieutenant governor's website, in a conspicuous
2585 location designated by the lieutenant governor, for at least 45 days; and

2586 (ii) update on the local clerk's website the number of signatures certified as of the date
2587 of the update[-]; or

2588 (b) in relation to the electronic referendum process:

2589 (i) post the names, voter identification numbers, and dates of signatures described in
2590 Subsection 20A-7-616(3) on the lieutenant governor's website, in a conspicuous location
2591 designated by the lieutenant governor, for at least 45 days; and

2592 (ii) update on the lieutenant governor's website the number of signatures certified as of
2593 the date of the update.

2594 [~~(b)~~] (3) The local clerk:

2595 [~~(i)~~] (a) shall, except as provided in Subsection [~~(2)(b)(ii)~~] (3)(b), declare the petition
2596 to be sufficient or insufficient:

2597 (i) in relation to the manual referendum process, no later than 111 days after the day of

2598 the deadline, described in Subsection [20A-7-606](#)~~[(1)]~~(2), to submit a referendum packet to the
2599 county clerk; or

2600 (ii) in relation to the electronic referendum process, no later than 111 days after the day
2601 of the deadline, described in Subsection [20A-7-616](#)(2), to collect a signature; or

2602 ~~[(1)]~~ (b) may declare the petition to be insufficient before the day described in
2603 Subsection ~~[(2)(b)(1)]~~ (3)(a) if:

2604 ~~[(A)]~~ (i) in relation to the manual referendum process, the total of all valid signatures
2605 on timely and lawfully submitted signature packets that have been certified by the county clerk,
2606 plus the number of signatures on timely and lawfully submitted signature packets that have not
2607 yet been evaluated for certification, is less than the number of names required under Section
2608 [20A-7-601](#); ~~[or]~~

2609 (ii) in relation to the electronic referendum process, the total of all timely and lawfully
2610 submitted valid signatures that have been certified by the county clerks, plus the number of
2611 timely and lawfully submitted valid signatures received under Subsection [20A-21-201](#)(6)(b)
2612 that have not yet been evaluated for certification, is less than the number of names required
2613 under Section [20A-7-601](#); or

2614 ~~[(B)]~~ (iii) a requirement of this part has not been met.

2615 ~~[(c)]~~ (4) (a) If the total number of names certified under ~~[this]~~ Subsection (2) equals or
2616 exceeds the number of names required under Section [20A-7-601](#), and the requirements of this
2617 part are met, the local clerk shall mark upon the front of the petition the word "sufficient";

2618 ~~[(d)]~~ (b) If the total number of names certified under this Subsection ~~[(2)]~~ (3) does not
2619 equal or exceed the number of names required under Section [20A-7-601](#) or a requirement of
2620 this part is not met, the local clerk shall mark upon the front of the petition the word
2621 "insufficient."

2622 ~~[(e)]~~ (c) The local clerk shall immediately notify any one of the sponsors of the local
2623 clerk's finding.

2624 ~~[(f)]~~ (d) After a petition is declared insufficient, a person may not submit additional
2625 signatures to qualify the petition for the ballot.

2626 ~~[(g)]~~ (5) (a) If the local clerk refuses to accept and file any referendum petition, any
2627 voter may apply to a court for an extraordinary writ to compel the local clerk to do so within 10
2628 days after the refusal.

2629 (b) If the court determines that the referendum petition is legally sufficient, the local
2630 clerk shall file the petition, with a verified copy of the judgment attached to the petition, as of
2631 the date on which the petition was originally offered for filing in the local clerk's office.

2632 (c) If the court determines that any petition filed is not legally sufficient, the court may
2633 enjoin the local clerk and all other officers from:

2634 (i) certifying or printing the ballot title and numbers of that measure on the official
2635 ballot for the next election; or

2636 (ii) as it relates to a local tax law that is conducted entirely by mail, certifying, printing,
2637 or mailing the ballot title and numbers of that measure under Section 20A-7-609.5.

2638 ~~[(4)]~~ (6) A petition determined to be sufficient in accordance with this section is
2639 qualified for the ballot.

2640 ~~[(5)]~~ (7) (a) Except as provided in Subsection ~~[(6)]~~ (7)(b) or (c), if a referendum relates
2641 to legislative action taken after April 15, the election officer may not place the referendum on
2642 an election ballot until a primary election, a general election, or a special election the following
2643 year.

2644 (b) The election officer may place a referendum described in Subsection ~~[(6)]~~ (7)(a) on
2645 the ballot for a special, primary, or general election held during the year that the legislative
2646 action was taken if the following agree, in writing, on a timeline to place the referendum on
2647 that ballot:

2648 (i) the local clerk;

2649 (ii) the county clerk; and

2650 (iii) the attorney for the county or municipality that took the legislative action.

2651 (c) For a referendum on a land use law, if, before August 30, the local clerk or a court
2652 determines that the total number of certified names equals or exceeds the number of signatures
2653 required in Section 20A-7-601, the election officer shall place the referendum on the election
2654 ballot for:

2655 (i) the next general election; or

2656 (ii) another election, if the following agree, in writing, on a timeline to place the
2657 referendum on that ballot:

2658 (A) the affected owners, as defined in Section 10-9a-103 or 17-27a-103, as applicable;

2659 (B) the local clerk;

2660 (C) the county clerk; and

2661 (D) the attorney for the county or municipality that took the legislative action.

2662 Section 50. Section **20A-7-611** is amended to read:

2663 **20A-7-611. Temporary stay -- Effective date -- Effect of repeal by local legislative**
2664 **body.**

2665 (1) Any proposed law submitted to the people by referendum petition that is rejected by
2666 the voters at any election is repealed as of the date of the election.

2667 (2) If, at the time during the process described in Subsection [~~20A-7-307~~(2)]
2668 ~~20A-7-607~~(2), the local clerk determines that, at that point in time, an adequate number of
2669 signatures are certified to comply with the signature requirements, the local clerk shall:

2670 (a) issue an order temporarily staying the law from going into effect; and

2671 (b) continue the process of certifying signatures and removing signatures as required by
2672 this part.

2673 (3) The temporary stay described in Subsection (2) remains in effect, regardless of
2674 whether a future count falls below the signature threshold, until the day on which:

2675 (a) if the local clerk declares the petition insufficient, five days after the day on which
2676 the local clerk declares the petition insufficient; or

2677 (b) if the local clerk declares the petition sufficient, the day on which the local
2678 legislative body issues the proclamation described in Section ~~20A-7-610~~.

2679 (4) A proposed law submitted to the people by referendum petition that is approved by
2680 the voters at an election takes effect the later of:

2681 (a) five days after the date of the official proclamation of the vote by the local
2682 legislative body; or

2683 (b) the effective date specified in the proposed law.

2684 (5) If, after the local clerk issues a temporary stay order under Subsection (2)(a), the
2685 local clerk declares the petition insufficient, the proposed law takes effect the later of:

2686 (a) five days after the day on which the local clerk declares the petition insufficient; or

2687 (b) the effective date specified in the proposed law.

2688 (6) (a) A law adopted by the people under this part is not subject to veto.

2689 (b) The local legislative body may amend any laws approved by the people under this
2690 part after the people approve the law.

2691 (7) If the local legislative body repeals a law challenged by referendum petition under
2692 this part, the referendum petition is void and no further action on the referendum petition is
2693 required.

2694 Section 51. Section **20A-7-612** is amended to read:

2695 **20A-7-612. Misconduct of electors and officers -- Penalty.**

2696 (1) It is unlawful for an individual to:

2697 (a) sign any name other than the individual's own name to any referendum petition;

2698 (b) sign a referendum knowing that the individual is not a legal voter;

2699 (c) in connection with circulating a referendum petition, represent that a document is
2700 an official government document if the individual knows or has reason to know that the

2701 document is not an official government document; or

2702 (d) knowingly and willfully violate any provision of this part.

2703 (2) It is unlawful for an individual to sign the verification for a referendum packet, or
2704 to electronically sign the verification for a signature under Subsection [20A-21-201\(9\)](#), knowing
2705 that:

2706 (a) the individual does not meet the residency requirements of Section [20A-2-105](#);

2707 (b) the individual has not witnessed the signatures [~~of the individuals whose names~~
2708 ~~appear in the referendum packet~~] the individual collects or submits; or

2709 (c) one or more individuals whose signatures appear in the referendum packet [~~:(i) is~~
2710 ~~either: (A)] is not registered to vote in Utah [~~;~~ ~~or~~].~~

2711 [~~(B) does not intend to become registered to vote in Utah; or~~]

2712 [~~(ii) appears next to an inaccurate date of signature.~~]

2713 (3) An individual who violates this part is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

2714 (4) The county attorney or municipal attorney shall prosecute any violation of this
2715 section.

2716 Section 52. Section **20A-7-613** is amended to read:

2717 **20A-7-613. Property tax referendum petition.**

2718 (1) As used in this section, "certified tax rate" means the same as that term is defined in
2719 Section [59-2-924](#).

2720 (2) Except as provided in this section, the requirements of this part apply to a
2721 referendum petition challenging a taxing entity's legislative body's vote to impose a tax rate that

2722 exceeds the certified tax rate.

2723 (3) Notwithstanding Subsection [~~20A-7-606(1)~~] 20A-7-606(2), the sponsors or an
2724 agent of the sponsors shall deliver a signed and verified referendum packet to the county clerk
2725 of the county in which the packet was circulated before 5 p.m. no later than the earlier of:

2726 (a) 30 days after the day on which the first individual signs the packet; or

2727 (b) 40 days after the day on which the local clerk complies with Subsection

2728 [~~20A-7-604(2)~~] 20A-7-604(3).

2729 (4) Notwithstanding Subsections [~~20A-7-606(2) and (3)~~] 20A-7-606(3) and (4), the

2730 county clerk shall take the actions required in Subsections [~~20A-7-606(2) and (3)~~]

2731 20A-7-606(3) and (4) within 10 working days after the day on which the county clerk receives

2732 the signed and verified referendum packet as described in Subsection (3).

2733 (5) The local clerk shall take the actions required by Section 20A-7-607 within two

2734 working days after:

2735 (a) in relation to the manual referendum process, the day on which the local clerk

2736 receives the referendum packets from the county clerk[-]; or

2737 (b) in relation to the electronic referendum process, the deadline described in

2738 Subsection 20A-7-616(2).

2739 (6) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-7-608(2), the local attorney shall prepare the

2740 ballot title within two working days after the day on which the referendum petition is declared

2741 sufficient for submission to a vote of the people.

2742 (7) (a) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-7-609(2)(c), a referendum that qualifies for

2743 the ballot under this section shall appear on the ballot for the earlier of the next regular general

2744 election or the next municipal general election unless a special election is called.

2745 (8) The election officer shall mail manual ballots on a referendum under this section the

2746 later of:

2747 (a) the time provided in Section 20A-3a-202 or 20A-16-403; or

2748 (b) the time that ballots are prepared for mailing under this section.

2749 (9) Section 20A-7-402 does not apply to a referendum described in this section.

2750 (10) (a) If a majority of voters does not vote against imposing the tax at a rate

2751 calculated to generate the increased revenue budgeted, adopted, and approved by the taxing

2752 entity's legislative body:

2753 (i) the certified tax rate for the fiscal year during which the referendum petition is filed
2754 is its most recent certified tax rate; and

2755 (ii) the proposed increased revenues for purposes of establishing the certified tax rate
2756 for the fiscal year after the fiscal year described in Subsection (10)(a)(i) are the proposed
2757 increased revenues budgeted, adopted, and approved by the taxing entity's legislative body
2758 before the filing of the referendum petition.

2759 (b) If a majority of voters votes against imposing a tax at the rate established by the
2760 vote of the taxing entity's legislative body, the certified tax rate for the taxing entity is the
2761 taxing entity's most recent certified tax rate.

2762 (c) If the tax rate is set in accordance with Subsection (10)(a)(ii), a taxing entity is not
2763 required to comply with the notice and public hearing requirements of Section 59-2-919 if the
2764 taxing entity complies with those notice and public hearing requirements before the referendum
2765 petition is filed.

2766 (11) The ballot title shall, at a minimum, include in substantially this form the
2767 following: "Shall the [name of the taxing entity] be authorized to levy a tax rate in the amount
2768 sufficient to generate an increased property tax revenue of [amount] for fiscal year [year] as
2769 budgeted, adopted, and approved by the [name of the taxing entity].".

2770 (12) A taxing entity shall pay the county the costs incurred by the county that are
2771 directly related to meeting the requirements of this section and that the county would not have
2772 incurred but for compliance with this section.

2773 (13) (a) An election officer shall include on a ballot a referendum that has not yet
2774 qualified for placement on the ballot, if:

2775 (i) sponsors file an application for a referendum described in this section;

2776 (ii) the ballot will be used for the election for which the sponsors are attempting to
2777 qualify the referendum; and

2778 (iii) the deadline for qualifying the referendum for placement on the ballot occurs after
2779 the day on which the ballot will be printed.

2780 (b) If an election officer includes on a ballot a referendum described in Subsection
2781 (13)(a), the ballot title shall comply with Subsection (11).

2782 (c) If an election officer includes on a ballot a referendum described in Subsection
2783 (13)(a) that does not qualify for placement on the ballot, the election officer shall inform the

2784 voters by any practicable method that the referendum has not qualified for the ballot and that
2785 votes cast in relation to the referendum will not be counted.

2786 Section 53. Section **20A-7-614** is enacted to read:

2787 **20A-7-614. Electronic referendum process -- Form of referendum petition --**
2788 **Circulation requirements -- Signature collection.**

2789 (1) This section applies only to the electronic referendum process.

2790 (2) (a) The first screen presented on the approved device shall include the following
2791 statement:

2792 "This REFERENDUM PETITION is addressed to the Honorable _____, County
2793 Clerk/City Recorder/Town Clerk:

2794 The citizens of Utah who sign this petition respectfully order that (description of local
2795 law or portion of local law being challenged), passed by the _____ be referred to the voters for
2796 their approval or rejection at the regular/municipal general election to be held on
2797 _____ (month\day\year)."

2798 (b) An individual may not advance to the second screen until the individual clicks a
2799 link at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and
2800 understand the information presented on this screen."

2801 (3) (a) The second screen presented on the approved device shall include the entire text
2802 of the law that is the subject of the referendum petition.

2803 (b) An individual may not advance to the third screen until the individual clicks a link
2804 at the bottom of the second screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and
2805 understand the entire text of the law that is the subject of the referendum petition."

2806 (4) (a) The third screen presented on the approved device shall include a statement
2807 indicating whether persons gathering signatures for the petition may be paid for gathering
2808 signatures.

2809 (b) An individual may not advance to the fourth screen until the individual clicks a link
2810 at the bottom of the third screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and
2811 understand the information presented on this screen."

2812 (5) The fourth screen presented on the approved device shall include the following
2813 statement, followed by links where the individual may click "yes" or "no":

2814 "I have personally reviewed the entirety of each statement presented on this device;

2815 I am personally signing this petition;
2816 I am registered to vote in Utah; and
2817 All information I enter on this device, including my residence and post office address, is
2818 accurate.

2819 It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name
2820 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
2821 once for the same measure, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual knows that the
2822 individual is not a registered voter.

2823 Do you wish to continue and sign this petition?"

2824 (6) (a) If the individual clicks "no" in response to the question described in Subsection
2825 (5), the next screen shall include the following statement, "Thank you for your time. Please
2826 return this device to the signature-gatherer."

2827 (b) If the individual clicks "yes" in response to the question described in Subsection
2828 (5), the website, or the application that accesses the website, shall take the signature-gatherer
2829 and the individual signing the petition through the signature process described in Section
2830 [20A-21-201](#).

2831 Section 54. Section **20A-7-615** is enacted to read:

2832 **20A-7-615. Electronic referendum process -- Obtaining signatures -- Request to**
2833 **remove signature.**

2834 (1) This section applies to the electronic referendum process described in Section
2835 [20A-21-201](#).

2836 (2) A Utah voter may sign a local referendum petition if the voter is a legal voter and
2837 resides in the local jurisdiction.

2838 (3) The sponsors shall ensure that the signature-gatherer who collects a signature from
2839 an individual:

2840 (a) verifies that the individual is at least 18 years old and meets the residency
2841 requirements of Section [20A-2-105](#); and

2842 (b) is informed that each signer is required to read and understand the law that is the
2843 subject of the referendum petition.

2844 (4) (a) A voter who has signed a referendum petition may have the voter's signature
2845 removed from the petition by submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the

2846 voter's signature be removed before 5 p.m. no later than the earlier of:

2847 (i) 30 days after the day on which the voter signs the statement requesting removal; or

2848 (ii) 45 days after the day on which the local clerk posts the voter's name under

2849 Subsection [20A-7-616\(3\)](#).

2850 (b) The statement shall include:

2851 (i) the name of the voter;

2852 (ii) the resident address at which the voter is registered to vote;

2853 (iii) the signature of the voter; and

2854 (iv) the date of the signature described in Subsection (4)(b)(iii).

2855 (c) To increase the likelihood of the voter's signature being identified and removed, the
2856 statement may include the voter's birth date or age.

2857 (d) A voter may not submit a signature removal statement by email or other electronic
2858 means, unless the lieutenant governor establishes a signature removal process that is consistent
2859 with the requirements of this section and Section [20A-21-201](#).

2860 (e) A person may only remove an electronic signature from an initiative petition in
2861 accordance with this section.

2862 (f) A county clerk shall analyze a holographic signature, for purposes of removing an
2863 electronic signature from a referendum petition, in accordance with Section [20A-7-606.3](#).

2864 Section 55. Section **20A-7-616** is enacted to read:

2865 **20A-7-616. Electronic referendum process -- Collecting signatures -- Removal of**
2866 **signatures.**

2867 (1) This section applies only to the electronic referendum process.

2868 (2) A signature-gatherer may not collect a signature after 5 p.m. 45 days after the day
2869 on which the first three sponsors receive notice, under Section [20A-7-602.7](#) or [20A-7-602.8](#),
2870 that the referendum is legally referable to voters.

2871 (3) The local clerk shall send to each individual who provides a valid email address
2872 during the signature-gathering process an email that includes the following:

2873 (a) the subject of the email shall include the following statement, "Notice Regarding
2874 Your Petition Signature"; and

2875 (b) the body of the email shall include the following statement in 12-point type:

2876 "You signed a petition for the following referendum:

2877 [insert title of initiative]

2878 To access a copy of the referendum petition, the referendum, and information on the
2879 deadline for removing your signature from the petition, please visit the following link: [insert a
2880 uniform resource locator that takes the individual directly to the page on the lieutenant
2881 governor's website that includes the information referred to in the email]."

2882 (4) Except as provided in Subsection (5), the county clerk shall, within two business
2883 days after the day on which the signature of an individual who signs a petition is certified under
2884 Section [20A-21-201](#), post the name, voter identification number, and date of signature of the
2885 individual on the lieutenant governor's website, in a conspicuous location designated by the
2886 lieutenant governor, for at least 45 days.

2887 (5) (a) If the local clerk timely receives a statement requesting signature removal under
2888 Subsection [20A-7-615\(4\)](#), the local clerk shall:

2889 (i) ensure that the voter's name, voter identification number, and date of signature are
2890 not included in the posting described in Subsection (4); and

2891 (ii) remove the voter's signature from the petition and the petition signature totals.

2892 (b) The local clerk shall comply with Subsection (5)(a) before the later of:

2893 (i) the deadline described in Subsection (4); or

2894 (ii) two business days after the day on which the county clerk receives a statement
2895 requesting signature removal under Subsection [20A-7-615\(4\)](#).

2896 Section 56. Section **20A-9-101** is amended to read:

2897 **20A-9-101. Definitions.**

2898 As used in this chapter:

2899 (1) (a) "Candidates for elective office" means persons who file a declaration of
2900 candidacy under Section [20A-9-202](#) to run in a regular general election for a federal office,
2901 constitutional office, multicounty office, or county office.

2902 (b) "Candidates for elective office" does not mean candidates for:

2903 (i) justice or judge of court of record or not of record;

2904 (ii) presidential elector;

2905 (iii) any political party offices; and

2906 (iv) municipal or local district offices.

2907 (2) "Constitutional office" means the state offices of governor, lieutenant governor,

2908 attorney general, state auditor, and state treasurer.

2909 (3) "Continuing political party" means the same as that term is defined in Section
2910 [20A-8-101](#).

2911 (4) (a) "County office" means an elective office where the officeholder is selected by
2912 voters entirely within one county.

2913 (b) "County office" does not mean:

2914 (i) the office of justice or judge of any court of record or not of record;

2915 (ii) the office of presidential elector;

2916 (iii) any political party offices;

2917 (iv) any municipal or local district offices; and

2918 (v) the office of United States Senator and United States Representative.

2919 (5) "Electronic candidate qualification process" means:

2920 (a) as it relates to a registered political party that is not a qualified political party, the
2921 process for gathering signatures electronically to seek the nomination of a registered political
2922 party, described in:

2923 (i) Section 20A-9-403;

2924 (ii) Section 20a-9-405, except Subsections 20A-9-405(3) and (5); and

2925 (iii) Section 20A-21-201; and

2926 (b) as it relates to a qualified political party, the process, for gathering signatures
2927 electronically to seek the nomination of a registered political party, described in:

2928 (i) Section 20A-9-405, except Subsections 20A-9-405(3) and (5);

2929 (ii) Section 20A-9-408; and

2930 (iii) Section 20A-21-201.

2931 [~~5~~] (6) "Federal office" means an elective office for United States Senator and United
2932 States Representative.

2933 [~~6~~] (7) "Filing officer" means:

2934 (a) the lieutenant governor, for:

2935 (i) the office of United States Senator and United States Representative; and

2936 (ii) all constitutional offices;

2937 (b) for the office of a state senator or state representative, the lieutenant governor or the
2938 applicable clerk described in Subsection [~~6~~] (7)(c) or (d);

- 2939 (c) the county clerk, for county offices and local school district offices;
- 2940 (d) the county clerk in the filer's county of residence, for multicounty offices;
- 2941 (e) the city or town clerk, for municipal offices; or
- 2942 (f) the local district clerk, for local district offices.
- 2943 [~~7~~] (8) "Local district office" means an elected office in a local district.
- 2944 [~~8~~] (9) "Local government office" includes county offices, municipal offices, and
- 2945 local district offices and other elective offices selected by the voters from a political division
- 2946 entirely within one county.
- 2947 (10) "Manual candidate qualification process" means the process for gathering
- 2948 signatures to seek the nomination of a registered political party, using paper signature packets
- 2949 that a signer physically signs.
- 2950 [~~9~~] (11) (a) "Multicounty office" means an elective office where the officeholder is
- 2951 selected by the voters from more than one county.
- 2952 (b) "Multicounty office" does not mean:
- 2953 (i) a county office;
- 2954 (ii) a federal office;
- 2955 (iii) the office of justice or judge of any court of record or not of record;
- 2956 (iv) the office of presidential elector;
- 2957 (v) any political party offices; or
- 2958 (vi) any municipal or local district offices.
- 2959 [~~10~~] (12) "Municipal office" means an elective office in a municipality.
- 2960 [~~11~~] (13) (a) "Political division" means a geographic unit from which an officeholder
- 2961 is elected and that an officeholder represents.
- 2962 (b) "Political division" includes a county, a city, a town, a local district, a school
- 2963 district, a legislative district, and a county prosecution district.
- 2964 [~~12~~] (14) "Qualified political party" means a registered political party that:
- 2965 (a) (i) permits a delegate for the registered political party to vote on a candidate
- 2966 nomination in the registered political party's convention remotely; or
- 2967 (ii) provides a procedure for designating an alternate delegate if a delegate is not
- 2968 present at the registered political party's convention;
- 2969 (b) does not hold the registered political party's convention before the fourth Saturday

2970 in March of an even-numbered year;

2971 (c) permits a member of the registered political party to seek the registered political
2972 party's nomination for any elective office by the member choosing to seek the nomination by
2973 either or both of the following methods:

2974 (i) seeking the nomination through the registered political party's convention process,
2975 in accordance with the provisions of Section [20A-9-407](#); or

2976 (ii) seeking the nomination by collecting signatures, in accordance with the provisions
2977 of Section [20A-9-408](#); and

2978 (d) (i) if the registered political party is a continuing political party, no later than 5 p.m.
2979 on September 30 of an odd-numbered year, certifies to the lieutenant governor that, for the
2980 election in the following year, the registered political party intends to nominate the registered
2981 political party's candidates in accordance with the provisions of Section [20A-9-406](#); or

2982 (ii) if the registered political party is not a continuing political party, certifies at the
2983 time that the registered political party files the petition described in Section [20A-8-103](#) that, for
2984 the next election, the registered political party intends to nominate the registered political
2985 party's candidates in accordance with the provisions of Section [20A-9-406](#).

2986 (15) "Signature," as it relates to a petition for a candidate to seek the nomination of a
2987 registered political party, means:

2988 (a) when using the manual candidate qualification process, a holographic signature
2989 collected physically on a nomination petition described in Subsection [20A-9-405\(3\)](#); or

2990 (b) when using the electronic candidate qualification process:

2991 (i) an electronic signature collected under Subsection [20A-21-201\(6\)\(c\)\(ii\)\(A\)](#); or

2992 (ii) a holographic signature collected electronically under Subsection
2993 [20A-21-201\(5\)\(c\)\(ii\)\(B\)](#).

2994 Section 57. Section [20A-9-403](#) is amended to read:

2995 **20A-9-403. Regular primary elections.**

2996 (1) (a) Candidates for elective office that are to be filled at the next regular general
2997 election shall be nominated in a regular primary election by direct vote of the people in the
2998 manner prescribed in this section. The regular primary election is held on the date specified in
2999 Section [20A-1-201.5](#). Nothing in this section shall affect a candidate's ability to qualify for a
3000 regular general election's ballot as an unaffiliated candidate under Section [20A-9-501](#) or to

3001 participate in a regular general election as a write-in candidate under Section 20A-9-601.

3002 (b) Each registered political party that chooses to have the names of the registered
3003 political party's candidates for elective office featured with party affiliation on the ballot at a
3004 regular general election shall comply with the requirements of this section and shall nominate
3005 the registered political party's candidates for elective office in the manner described in this
3006 section.

3007 (c) A filing officer may not permit an official ballot at a regular general election to be
3008 produced or used if the ballot denotes affiliation between a registered political party or any
3009 other political group and a candidate for elective office who is not nominated in the manner
3010 prescribed in this section or in Subsection 20A-9-202(4).

3011 (d) Unless noted otherwise, the dates in this section refer to those that occur in each
3012 even-numbered year in which a regular general election will be held.

3013 (2) (a) Each registered political party, in a statement filed with the lieutenant governor,
3014 shall:

3015 (i) either declare the registered political party's intent to participate in the next regular
3016 primary election or declare that the registered political party chooses not to have the names of
3017 the registered political party's candidates for elective office featured on the ballot at the next
3018 regular general election; and

3019 (ii) if the registered political party participates in the upcoming regular primary
3020 election, identify one or more registered political parties whose members may vote for the
3021 registered political party's candidates and whether individuals identified as unaffiliated with a
3022 political party may vote for the registered political party's candidates.

3023 (b) (i) A registered political party that is a continuing political party shall file the
3024 statement described in Subsection (2)(a) with the lieutenant governor no later than 5 p.m. on
3025 November 30 of each odd-numbered year.

3026 (ii) An organization that is seeking to become a registered political party under Section
3027 20A-8-103 shall file the statement described in Subsection (2)(a) at the time that the registered
3028 political party files the petition described in Section 20A-8-103.

3029 (3) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(e), an individual who submits a
3030 declaration of candidacy under Section 20A-9-202 shall appear as a candidate for elective
3031 office on the regular primary ballot of the registered political party listed on the declaration of

3032 candidacy only if the individual is certified by the appropriate filing officer as having submitted
3033 a [~~set of nomination petitions~~] nomination petition that was:

3034 (i) circulated and completed in accordance with Section [20A-9-405](#); and

3035 (ii) signed by at least 2% of the registered political party's members who reside in the
3036 political division of the office that the individual seeks.

3037 (b) (i) A candidate for elective office shall submit [~~nomination petitions~~] signatures for
3038 a nomination petition to the appropriate filing officer for verification and certification no later
3039 than 5 p.m. on the final day in March.

3040 (ii) A candidate may supplement the candidate's submissions at any time on or before
3041 the filing deadline.

3042 (c) (i) The lieutenant governor shall determine for each elective office the total number
3043 of signatures that must be submitted under Subsection (3)(a)(ii) or [20A-9-408\(8\)](#) by counting
3044 the aggregate number of individuals residing in each elective office's political division who
3045 have designated a particular registered political party on the individuals' voter registration
3046 forms on or before November 15 of each odd-numbered year.

3047 (ii) The lieutenant governor shall publish the determination for each elective office no
3048 later than November 30 of each odd-numbered year.

3049 (d) The filing officer shall:

3050 (i) except as otherwise provided in Section [20A-21-201](#), verify signatures on
3051 nomination petitions in a transparent and orderly manner, no later than 14 days after the day on
3052 which a candidate submits the signatures to the filing officer;

3053 (ii) for all qualifying candidates for elective office who submit nomination petitions to
3054 the filing officer, issue certifications referenced in Subsection (3)(a) no later than the deadline
3055 described in Subsection [20A-9-202\(1\)\(b\)](#);

3056 (iii) consider active and inactive voters eligible to sign nomination petitions;

3057 (iv) consider an individual who signs a nomination petition a member of a registered
3058 political party for purposes of Subsection (3)(a)(ii) if the individual has designated that
3059 registered political party as the individual's party membership on the individual's voter
3060 registration form; and

3061 (v) except as otherwise provided in Section [20A-21-201](#), utilize procedures described
3062 in Section [20A-7-206.3](#) to verify submitted nomination petition signatures, or use statistical

3063 sampling procedures to verify submitted nomination petition signatures in accordance with
3064 rules made under Subsection (3)(f).

3065 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Subsection (3), a candidate for
3066 lieutenant governor may appear on the regular primary ballot of a registered political party
3067 without submitting nomination petitions if the candidate files a declaration of candidacy and
3068 complies with Subsection [20A-9-202\(3\)](#).

3069 (f) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
3070 director of elections, within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, may make rules that:

3071 (i) provide for the use of statistical sampling procedures that:

3072 (A) filing officers are required to use to verify signatures under Subsection (3)(d); and

3073 (B) reflect a bona fide effort to determine the validity of a candidate's entire
3074 submission, using widely recognized statistical sampling techniques; and

3075 (ii) provide for the transparent, orderly, and timely submission, verification, and
3076 certification of nomination petition signatures.

3077 (g) The county clerk shall:

3078 (i) review the declarations of candidacy filed by candidates for local boards of
3079 education to determine if more than two candidates have filed for the same seat;

3080 (ii) place the names of all candidates who have filed a declaration of candidacy for a
3081 local board of education seat on the nonpartisan section of the ballot if more than two
3082 candidates have filed for the same seat; and

3083 (iii) determine the order of the local board of education candidates' names on the ballot
3084 in accordance with Section [20A-6-305](#).

3085 (4) (a) Before the deadline described in Subsection [20A-9-409\(4\)\(c\)](#), the lieutenant
3086 governor shall provide to the county clerks:

3087 (i) a list of the names of all candidates for federal, constitutional, multi-county, single
3088 county, and county offices who have received certifications under Subsection (3), along with
3089 instructions on how those names shall appear on the primary election ballot in accordance with
3090 Section [20A-6-305](#); and

3091 (ii) a list of unopposed candidates for elective office who have been nominated by a
3092 registered political party under Subsection (5)(c) and instruct the county clerks to exclude the
3093 unopposed candidates from the primary election ballot.

3094 (b) A candidate for lieutenant governor and a candidate for governor campaigning as
3095 joint-ticket running mates shall appear jointly on the primary election ballot.

3096 (c) After the county clerk receives the certified list from the lieutenant governor under
3097 Subsection (4)(a), the county clerk shall post or publish a primary election notice in
3098 substantially the following form:

3099 "Notice is given that a primary election will be held Tuesday, June ____,
3100 ____ (year), to nominate party candidates for the parties and candidates for nonpartisan
3101 local school board positions listed on the primary ballot. The polling place for voting precinct
3102 ____ is _____. The polls will open at 7 a.m. and continue open until 8 p.m. of the same day.
3103 Attest: county clerk."

3104 (5) (a) A candidate who, at the regular primary election, receives the highest number of
3105 votes cast for the office sought by the candidate is:

- 3106 (i) nominated for that office by the candidate's registered political party; or
- 3107 (ii) for a nonpartisan local school board position, nominated for that office.

3108 (b) If two or more candidates are to be elected to the office at the regular general
3109 election, those party candidates equal in number to positions to be filled who receive the
3110 highest number of votes at the regular primary election are the nominees of the candidates'
3111 party for those positions.

3112 (c) (i) As used in this Subsection (5)(c), a candidate is "unopposed" if:

3113 (A) no individual other than the candidate receives a certification under Subsection (3)
3114 for the regular primary election ballot of the candidate's registered political party for a
3115 particular elective office; or

3116 (B) for an office where more than one individual is to be elected or nominated, the
3117 number of candidates who receive certification under Subsection (3) for the regular primary
3118 election of the candidate's registered political party does not exceed the total number of
3119 candidates to be elected or nominated for that office.

3120 (ii) A candidate who is unopposed for an elective office in the regular primary election
3121 of a registered political party is nominated by the party for that office without appearing on the
3122 primary election ballot.

3123 (6) (a) When a tie vote occurs in any primary election for any national, state, or other
3124 office that represents more than one county, the governor, lieutenant governor, and attorney

3125 general shall, at a public meeting called by the governor and in the presence of the candidates
3126 involved, select the nominee by lot cast in whatever manner the governor determines.

3127 (b) When a tie vote occurs in any primary election for any county office, the district
3128 court judges of the district in which the county is located shall, at a public meeting called by
3129 the judges and in the presence of the candidates involved, select the nominee by lot cast in
3130 whatever manner the judges determine.

3131 (7) The expense of providing all ballots, blanks, or other supplies to be used at any
3132 primary election provided for by this section, and all expenses necessarily incurred in the
3133 preparation for or the conduct of that primary election shall be paid out of the treasury of the
3134 county or state, in the same manner as for the regular general elections.

3135 (8) An individual may not file a declaration of candidacy for a registered political party
3136 of which the individual is not a member, except to the extent that the registered political party
3137 permits otherwise under the registered political party's bylaws.

3138 Section 58. Section **20A-9-405** is amended to read:

3139 **20A-9-405. Nomination petitions for regular primary elections.**

3140 (1) This section [~~shall apply~~] applies to the form and circulation of nomination
3141 petitions for regular primary elections described in Subsection **20A-9-403(3)(a)**.

3142 (2) A candidate for elective office, and the agents of the candidate, may not circulate
3143 nomination petitions until the candidate has submitted a declaration of candidacy in accordance
3144 with Subsection **20A-9-202(1)**.

3145 (3) [~~The~~] For the manual candidate qualification process, the nomination petitions shall
3146 be in substantially the following form:

3147 (a) the petition shall be printed on paper 8-1/2 inches long and 11 inches wide;

3148 (b) the petition shall be ruled with a horizontal line 3/4 inch from the top, with the
3149 space above that line blank for purposes of binding;

3150 (c) the petition shall be headed by a caption stating the purpose of the petition and the
3151 name of the proposed candidate;

3152 (d) the petition shall feature the word "Warning" followed by the following statement
3153 in no less than eight-point, single leaded type: "It is a class A misdemeanor for anyone to
3154 knowingly sign a [~~certificate of nomination signature sheet~~] nomination petition with any name
3155 other than the person's own name, or more than once for the same candidate, or if the person is

3156 not registered to vote in this state [~~and does not intend to become registered to vote in this state~~
3157 ~~before signatures are certified by a filing officer].";~~

3158 (e) the petition shall feature 10 lines spaced one-half inch apart and consecutively
3159 numbered one through 10;

3160 (f) the signature portion of the petition shall be divided into columns headed by the
3161 following titles:

- 3162 (i) Registered Voter's Printed Name;
- 3163 (ii) Signature of Registered Voter;
- 3164 (iii) Party Affiliation of Registered Voter;
- 3165 (iv) Birth Date or Age (Optional);
- 3166 (v) Street Address, City, Zip Code; and
- 3167 (vi) Date of Signature; and

3168 (g) a photograph of the candidate may appear on the nomination petition.

3169 (4) For the electronic candidate qualification process, the lieutenant governor shall
3170 design an electronic form, using progressive screens, that includes:

3171 (a) the following warning:

3172 "Warning: "It is a class A misdemeanor for anyone to knowingly sign a nomination
3173 petition with any name other than the person's own name, or more than once for the same
3174 candidate, or if the person is not registered to vote in this state."; and

3175 (b) the following information for each individual who signs the petition:

- 3176 (i) name;
- 3177 (ii) party affiliation;
- 3178 (iii) date of birth or age, (optional);
- 3179 (iv) street address, city, zip code;
- 3180 (v) date of signature;
- 3181 (vi) other information required under Section [20A-21-201](#); and
- 3182 (vii) other information required by the lieutenant governor.

3183 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) ~~[H]~~ For the manual candidate qualification process, if one or more nomination
3184 petitions are bound together, a page shall be bound to the nomination petition(s) that features
3185 the following printed verification statement to be signed and dated by the petition circulator:

3186 "Verification

3187 State of Utah, County of ____

3188 I, ____, of ____, hereby state that:

3189 I am a Utah resident and am at least 18 years old;

3190 All the names that appear on the signature sheets bound to this page were, to the best of
3191 my knowledge, signed by the persons who professed to be the persons whose names appear on
3192 the signature sheets, and each of them signed the person's name on the signature sheets in my
3193 presence;

3194 I believe that each has printed and signed the person's name and written the person's
3195 street address correctly, and that each signer is registered to vote in Utah [~~or will register to~~
3196 ~~vote in Utah before the county clerk certifies the signatures on the signature sheet]."~~

3197 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) The lieutenant governor shall prepare and make public model nomination
3198 petition forms and associated instructions.

3199 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) A nomination petition circulator must be at least 18 years old and a resident of
3200 the state, but may affiliate with any political party.

3201 ~~[(7)]~~ (8) It is unlawful for any person to:

3202 (a) knowingly sign the nomination petition [~~sheet~~] described in [~~Subsection (3)~~] this
3203 section or Section 20A-9-408:

3204 (i) with any name other than the person's own name;

3205 (ii) more than once for the same candidate; or

3206 (iii) if the person is not registered to vote in this state [~~and does not intend to become~~
3207 ~~registered to vote in this state prior to 5 p.m. on the final day in March~~];

3208 (b) sign the verification of a [~~certificate of nomination signature sheet described in~~
3209 ~~Subsection (4)~~] signature for a nomination petition if the person:

3210 (i) does not meet the residency requirements of Section 20A-2-105;

3211 (ii) has not witnessed the signing by those persons whose names appear on the
3212 [~~certificate of nomination signature sheet~~] nomination petition; or

3213 (iii) knows that a person whose signature appears on the [~~certificate of nomination~~
3214 ~~signature sheet~~] nomination petition is not registered to vote in this state [~~and does not intend~~
3215 ~~to become registered to vote in this state~~];

3216 (c) pay compensation to any person to sign a nomination petition; or

3217 (d) pay compensation to any person to circulate a nomination petition, if the

3218 compensation is based directly on the number of signatures submitted to a filing officer rather
3219 than on the number of signatures verified or on some other basis.

3220 ~~[(8)]~~ (9) Any person violating Subsection ~~[(7)]~~ (8) is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

3221 ~~[(9)]~~ (10) Withdrawal of petition signatures ~~[shall not be permitted]~~ is prohibited.

3222 Section 59. Section **20A-9-408** is amended to read:

3223 **20A-9-408. Signature-gathering process to seek the nomination of a qualified**
3224 **political party.**

3225 (1) This section describes the requirements for a member of a qualified political party
3226 who is seeking the nomination of the qualified political party for an elective office through the
3227 signature-gathering process described in this section.

3228 (2) Notwithstanding Subsection [20A-9-201\(7\)\(a\)](#), the form of the declaration of
3229 candidacy for a member of a qualified political party who is nominated by, or who is seeking
3230 the nomination of, the qualified political party under this section shall be substantially as
3231 described in Section [20A-9-408.5](#).

3232 (3) Notwithstanding Subsection [20A-9-202\(1\)\(a\)](#), and except as provided in Subsection
3233 [20A-9-202\(4\)](#), a member of a qualified political party who, under this section, is seeking the
3234 nomination of the qualified political party for an elective office that is to be filled at the next
3235 general election shall:

3236 (a) within the period beginning on January 1 before the next regular general election
3237 and ending at 5 p.m. 52 days after the day on which the Legislature's general session begins, as
3238 provided in Section [36-3-201](#), and before gathering signatures under this section, file with the
3239 filing officer on a form approved by the lieutenant governor a notice of intent to gather
3240 signatures for candidacy that includes:

3241 (i) the name of the member who will attempt to become a candidate for a registered
3242 political party under this section;

3243 (ii) the name of the registered political party for which the member is seeking
3244 nomination;

3245 (iii) the office for which the member is seeking to become a candidate;

3246 (iv) the address and telephone number of the member; and

3247 (v) other information required by the lieutenant governor;

3248 (b) except as provided in Subsection [20A-9-202\(1\)\(c\)](#), file a declaration of candidacy,

3249 in person, with the filing officer:

3250 (i) on or after 48 days after the day on which the Legislature's general session begins,
3251 as provided in Section 36-3-201; and

3252 (ii) before 5 p.m. 52 days after the day on which the Legislature's general session
3253 begins, as provided in Section 36-3-201; and

3254 (c) pay the filing fee.

3255 (4) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-9-202(2)(a), a member of a qualified political
3256 party who, under this section, is seeking the nomination of the qualified political party for the
3257 office of district attorney within a multicounty prosecution district that is to be filled at the next
3258 general election shall:

3259 (a) on or after January 1 before the next regular general election, and before gathering
3260 signatures under this section, file with the filing officer on a form approved by the lieutenant
3261 governor a notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy that includes:

3262 (i) the name of the member who will attempt to become a candidate for a registered
3263 political party under this section;

3264 (ii) the name of the registered political party for which the member is seeking
3265 nomination;

3266 (iii) the office for which the member is seeking to become a candidate;

3267 (iv) the address and telephone number of the member; and

3268 (v) other information required by the lieutenant governor;

3269 (b) except as provided in Subsection 20A-9-202(1)(c), file a declaration of candidacy,
3270 in person, with the filing officer:

3271 (i) on or after 48 days after the day on which the Legislature's general session begins,
3272 as provided in Section 36-3-201; and

3273 (ii) before 5 p.m. 52 days after the day on which the Legislature's general session
3274 begins, as provided in Section 36-3-201; and

3275 (c) pay the filing fee.

3276 (5) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-9-202(3)(a)(iii), a lieutenant governor candidate
3277 who files as the joint-ticket running mate of an individual who is nominated by a qualified
3278 political party, under this section, for the office of governor shall, before the deadline described
3279 in Subsection 20A-9-202(1)(b), file a declaration of candidacy and submit a letter from the

3280 candidate for governor that names the lieutenant governor candidate as a joint-ticket running
3281 mate.

3282 (6) The lieutenant governor shall ensure that the certification described in Subsection
3283 [20A-9-701\(1\)](#) also includes the name of each candidate nominated by a qualified political party
3284 under this section.

3285 (7) Notwithstanding Subsection [20A-9-701\(2\)](#), the ballot shall, for each candidate who
3286 is nominated by a qualified political party under this section, designate the qualified political
3287 party that nominated the candidate.

3288 (8) A member of a qualified political party may seek the nomination of the qualified
3289 political party for an elective office by:

3290 (a) complying with the requirements described in this section; and

3291 (b) collecting signatures, on a form approved by the lieutenant governor that complies
3292 with Subsection [20A-9-405\(3\)](#), during the period beginning on January 1 of an even-numbered
3293 year and ending at 5 p.m. 14 days before the day on which the qualified political party's
3294 convention for the office is held, in the following amounts:

3295 (i) for a statewide race, 28,000 signatures of registered voters in the state who are
3296 permitted by the qualified political party to vote for the qualified political party's candidates in
3297 a primary election;

3298 (ii) for a congressional district race, 7,000 signatures of registered voters who are
3299 residents of the congressional district and are permitted by the qualified political party to vote
3300 for the qualified political party's candidates in a primary election;

3301 (iii) for a state Senate district race, 2,000 signatures of registered voters who are
3302 residents of the state Senate district and are permitted by the qualified political party to vote for
3303 the qualified political party's candidates in a primary election;

3304 (iv) for a state House district race, 1,000 signatures of registered voters who are
3305 residents of the state House district and are permitted by the qualified political party to vote for
3306 the qualified political party's candidates in a primary election;

3307 (v) for a State Board of Education race, the lesser of:

3308 (A) 2,000 signatures of registered voters who are residents of the State Board of
3309 Education district and are permitted by the qualified political party to vote for the qualified
3310 political party's candidates in a primary election; or

3311 (B) 3% of the registered voters of the qualified political party who are residents of the
3312 applicable State Board of Education district; and

3313 (vi) for a county office race, signatures of 3% of the registered voters who are residents
3314 of the area permitted to vote for the county office and are permitted by the qualified political
3315 party to vote for the qualified political party's candidates in a primary election.

3316 (9) (a) This Subsection (9) applies only to the manual candidate qualification process.

3317 ~~[(9)(a)]~~ (b) In order for a member of the qualified political party to qualify as a
3318 candidate for the qualified political party's nomination for an elective office under this section,
3319 using the manual candidate qualification process, the member shall:

3320 (i) collect the signatures on a form approved by the lieutenant governor, using the same
3321 circulation and verification requirements described in Sections 20A-7-204 and 20A-7-205; and

3322 (ii) submit the signatures to the election officer before 5 p.m. no later than 14 days
3323 before the day on which the qualified political party holds the party's convention to select
3324 candidates, for the elective office, for the qualified political party's nomination.

3325 ~~[(b) An individual may not gather signatures under this section until after the
3326 individual files a notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy described in this section.]~~

3327 ~~[(c) An individual who files a notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy,
3328 described in Subsection (3)(a) or (4)(a), is, beginning on the day on which the individual files
3329 the notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy:]~~

3330 ~~[(i) required to comply with the reporting requirements that a candidate for office is
3331 required to comply with; and]~~

3332 ~~[(ii) subject to the same enforcement provisions, and civil and criminal penalties, that
3333 apply to a candidate for office in relation to the reporting requirements described in Subsection
3334 (9)(c)(i).]~~

3335 ~~[(d)]~~ (c) Upon timely receipt of the signatures described in Subsections (8) and
3336 (9)~~[(a)]~~(b), the election officer shall, no later than the earlier of 14 days after the day on which
3337 the election officer receives the signatures, or one day before the day on which the qualified
3338 political party holds the convention to select a nominee for the elective office to which the
3339 signature packets relate:

3340 (i) check the name of each individual who completes the verification for a signature
3341 packet to determine whether each individual is a resident of Utah and is at least 18 years old;

3342 (ii) submit the name of each individual described in Subsection [~~(9)(d)(i)~~] (9)(c)(i) who
3343 is not a Utah resident or who is not at least 18 years old to the attorney general and the county
3344 attorney;

3345 (iii) determine whether each signer is a registered voter who is qualified to sign the
3346 petition, using the same method, described in Section 20A-7-206.3, used to verify a signature
3347 on a petition; and

3348 (iv) certify whether each name is that of a registered voter who is qualified to sign the
3349 signature packet.

3350 (10) (a) This Subsection (10) applies only to the electronic candidate qualification
3351 process.

3352 (b) In order for a member of the qualified political party to qualify as a candidate for
3353 the qualified political party's nomination for an elective office under this section, the member
3354 shall, before 5 p.m. no later than 14 days before the day on which the qualified political party
3355 holds the party's convention to select candidates, for the elective office, for the qualified
3356 political party's nomination, collect signatures electronically:

3357 (i) in accordance with Section 20A-21-201; and

3358 (ii) using progressive screens, in a format approved by the lieutenant governor, that
3359 complies with Subsection 20A-9-405(4).

3360 (c) Upon timely receipt of the signatures described in Subsections (8) and (9)(b), the
3361 election officer shall, no later than the earlier of 14 days after the day on which the election
3362 officer receives the signatures, or one day before the day on which the qualified political party
3363 holds the convention to select a nominee for the elective office to which the signature packets
3364 relate:

3365 (i) check the name of each individual who completes the verification for a signature to
3366 determine whether each individual is a resident of Utah and is at least 18 years old; and

3367 (ii) submit the name of each individual described in Subsection (10)(c)(i) who is not a
3368 Utah resident or who is not at least 18 years old to the attorney general and the county attorney.

3369 (11) (a) An individual may not gather signatures under this section until after the
3370 individual files a notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy described in this section.

3371 (b) An individual who files a notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy,
3372 described in Subsection (3)(a) or (4)(a), is, beginning on the day on which the individual files

3373 the notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy:

3374 (i) required to comply with the reporting requirements that a candidate for office is
3375 required to comply with; and

3376 (ii) subject to the same enforcement provisions, and civil and criminal penalties, that
3377 apply to a candidate for office in relation to the reporting requirements described in Subsection
3378 (11)(b)(i).

3379 ~~[(e)]~~ (c) Upon timely receipt of the signatures described in Subsections (8) and ~~[(9)(a)]~~
3380 (9)(b), or Subsections (8) and (10)(b), the election officer shall, no later than one day before the
3381 day on which the qualified political party holds the convention to select a nominee for the
3382 elective office to which the signature packets relate, notify the qualified political party and the
3383 lieutenant governor of the name of each member of the qualified political party who qualifies
3384 as a nominee of the qualified political party, under this section, for the elective office to which
3385 the convention relates.

3386 ~~[(f)]~~ (d) Upon receipt of a notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy described
3387 in this section, the lieutenant governor shall post the notice of intent to gather signatures for
3388 candidacy on the lieutenant governor's website in the same location that the lieutenant governor
3389 posts a declaration of candidacy.

3390 Section 60. Section **20A-21-101** is enacted to read:

3391 **20A-21-101. Definitions.**

3392 As used in this chapter:

3393 (1) "Approved device" means a device described in Subsection [20A-21-201\(4\)](#).

3394 (2) "Candidate qualification process" means the process, described in Section
3395 [20A-9-403](#) or [20A-9-408](#), of gathering signatures to seek the nomination of a registered
3396 political party.

3397 (3) "Electronic candidate qualification process" means the same as that term is defined
3398 in Section [20A-9-101](#).

3399 (4) "Electronic initiative process" means the same as that term is defined in Section
3400 [20A-7-101](#).

3401 (5) "Electronic referendum process" means the same as that term is defined in Section
3402 [20A-7-101](#).

3403 (6) "Manual candidate qualification process" means the same as that term is defined in

3404 Section 20A-9-101.

3405 (7) "Petition" means:

3406 (a) as it relates to the electronic initiative process or the electronic referendum process,
3407 the electronic record that an individual signs to indicate the individual is in favor of placing the
3408 initiative or referendum on the ballot; or

3409 (b) as it relates to electronic candidate qualification process, the electronic record that
3410 an individual signs to indicate the individual is in favor of placing an individual's name on the
3411 ballot to run for a particular elective office.

3412 (8) "Signature" means:

3413 (a) as it relates to a signature gathered for an initiative or referendum, the same as that
3414 term is defined in Section 20A-7-101; or

3415 (b) as it relates to a signature gathered for the candidate qualification process, the same
3416 as that term is defined in Section 20A-9-101.

3417 (9) "Website" means:

3418 (a) as it relates to the electronic initiative process or the electronic referendum process,
3419 the website designated by the lieutenant governor for collecting the signatures and other
3420 information relating to the electronic initiative process or the electronic referendum process; or

3421 (b) as it relates to the electronic candidate qualification process, a website designated
3422 by the lieutenant governor for collecting the signatures and other information relating to the
3423 electronic candidate qualification process.

3424 Section 61. Section **20A-21-201** is enacted to read:

3425 **20A-21-201. Electronic signature gathering for an initiative, a referendum, or**
3426 **candidate qualification.**

3427 (1) (a) The lieutenant governor may require all signatures to be gathered electronically,
3428 in accordance with the requirements of this section, for a statewide initiative or referendum.

3429 (b) If the lieutenant governor takes the action described in Subsection (1)(a):

3430 (i) in relation to a statewide initiative, signatures for that initiative:

3431 (A) may only be gathered and submitted electronically, in accordance with this section
3432 and Sections 20A-7-215, 20A-7-216, and 20A-7-217; and

3433 (B) may not be gathered using the traditional signature-gathering process described in
3434 Sections 20A-7-204, 20A-7-205, and 20A-7-206; and

3435 (ii) in relation to a statewide referendum, signatures for that referendum:
3436 (A) may only be gathered and submitted electronically, in accordance with this section
3437 and Sections 20A-7-313, 20A-7-314, and 20A-7-315; and
3438 (B) may not be gathered using the traditional signature-gathering process described in
3439 Sections 20A-7-304, 20A-7-305, and 20A-7-306.
3440 (2) (a) A local clerk may require all signatures to be gathered electronically, in
3441 accordance with the requirements of this section, for a local initiative or referendum.
3442 (b) If the local clerk takes the action described in Subsection (2)(a):
3443 (i) in relation to a local initiative, signatures for that initiative:
3444 (A) may only be gathered and submitted electronically, in accordance with this section
3445 and Sections 20A-7-514, 20A-7-515, and 20A-7-516; and
3446 (B) may not be gathered using the traditional signature-gathering process described in
3447 Sections 20A-7-504, 20A-7-505, and 20A-7-506; and
3448 (ii) in relation to a local referendum, signatures for that referendum:
3449 (A) may only be gathered and submitted electronically, in accordance with this section
3450 and Sections 20A-7-614, 20A-7-615, and 20A-7-616; and
3451 (B) may not be gathered using the traditional signature-gathering process described in
3452 Sections 20A-7-604, 20A-7-605, and 20A-7-606.
3453 (3) (a) The lieutenant governor may require all signatures to be gathered electronically,
3454 in accordance with the requirements of this section, for the candidate qualification process.
3455 (b) If the lieutenant governor takes the action described in Subsection (3)(a), signatures
3456 for the candidate qualification process:
3457 (i) may only be gathered and submitted using the electronic candidate qualification
3458 process; and
3459 (ii) may not be gathered using the manual candidate qualification process.
3460 (4) To gather a signature electronically, a signature-gatherer shall:
3461 (a) use a device provided by the signature-gatherer or a sponsor of the petition that:
3462 (i) is approved by the lieutenant governor;
3463 (ii) except as provided in Subsection (4)(a)(iii), does not store a signature or any other
3464 information relating to an individual signing the petition in any location other than the location
3465 used by the website to store the information;

3466 (iii) does not, on the device, store a signature or any other information relating to an
3467 individual signing the petition except for the minimum time necessary to upload information to
3468 the website;

3469 (iv) does not contain any applications, software, or data other than those approved by
3470 the lieutenant governor; and

3471 (v) complies with cyber-security and other security protocols required by the lieutenant
3472 governor;

3473 (b) use the approved device to securely access a website designated by the lieutenant
3474 governor, directly, or via an application designated by the lieutenant governor;

3475 (c) while connected to the website, present the approved device to an individual
3476 considering signing the petition and, while the signature-gatherer is in the physical presence of
3477 the individual:

3478 (i) wait for the individual to reach each screen presented to the individual on the
3479 approved device; and

3480 (ii) wait for the individual to advance to each subsequent screen by clicking on the
3481 acknowledgement at the bottom of the screen.

3482 (5) Each screen shown on an approved device as part of the signature-gathering process
3483 shall appear as a continuous electronic document that, if the entire document does not appear
3484 on the screen at once, requires the individual viewing the screen to, before advancing to the
3485 next screen, scroll through the document until the individual reaches the end of the document.

3486 (6) After advancing through each screen required for the petition, the signature process
3487 shall proceed as follows:

3488 (a) except as provided in Subsection (6)(b):

3489 (i) the individual desiring to sign the petition shall present the individual's driver
3490 license or state identification card to the signature-gatherer;

3491 (ii) the signature-gatherer shall verify that the individual pictured on the driver license
3492 or state identification card is the individual signing the petition;

3493 (iii) the signature-gatherer shall scan or enter the driver license number or state
3494 identification card number through the approved device; and

3495 (iv) immediately after the signature-gatherer complies with Subsection (6)(a)(iii), the
3496 website shall determine whether the individual desiring to sign the petition is eligible to sign

3497 the petition;

3498 (b) if the individual desiring to sign the petition is unable to provide a driver license or
3499 state identification card to the signature gatherer:

3500 (i) the individual may present other valid voter identification;

3501 (ii) if the valid voter identification contains a picture of the individual, the
3502 signature-gatherer shall verify that the individual pictured is the individual signing the petition;

3503 (iii) if the valid voter identification does not contain a picture of the individual, the
3504 signature-gatherer shall, to the extent reasonably practicable, use the individual's address or
3505 other available means to determine whether the identification relates to the individual
3506 presenting the identification;

3507 (iv) the signature-gatherer shall scan an image of the valid voter identification and
3508 immediately upload the image to the website; and

3509 (v) the individual:

3510 (A) shall enter the individual's address; and

3511 (B) may, at the discretion of the individual, enter the individual's date of birth or age
3512 after the individual clicks on the screen acknowledging that they have read and understand the
3513 following statement, "Birth date or age information is not required, but may be used to verify
3514 your identity with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may
3515 not be verified as a valid signature if you change your address before your signature is verified
3516 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."; and

3517 (c) after completing the process described in Subsection (6)(a) or (b), the screen shall:

3518 (i) except for a petition to qualify a candidate for the ballot, give the individual signing
3519 the petition the opportunity to enter the individual's email address after the individual reads the
3520 following statement, "If you provide your email address, you may receive an email with
3521 additional information relating to the petition you are signing."; and

3522 (ii) (A) if the website determines, under Subsection (6)(a)(iv), that the individual is
3523 eligible to sign the petition, permit the individual to enter the individual's name as the
3524 individual's electronic signature and, immediately after the signature-gather timely complies
3525 with Subsection (10), certify the signature; or

3526 (B) if the individual provides valid voter identification under Subsection (6)(b), permit
3527 the individual to enter the individual's name as the individual's electronic signature.

3528 (7) If an individual provides valid voter identification under Subsection (6)(b), the
3529 county clerk shall, within seven days after the day on which the individual submits the valid
3530 voter identification, certify the signature if:

- 3531 (a) the individual is eligible to sign the petition;
- 3532 (b) the identification provided matches the information on file; and
- 3533 (c) the signature-gatherer timely complies with Subsection (10).

3534 (8) For each signature submitted under this section, the website shall record:

- 3535 (a) the information identifying the individual who signs;
- 3536 (b) the date the signature was collected; and
- 3537 (c) the name of the signature-gatherer.

3538 (9) An individual who is a signature-gatherer may not sign a petition unless another
3539 individual acts as the signature-gatherer when the individual signs the petition.

3540 (10) Except for a petition for a candidate to seek the nomination of a registered
3541 political party, each individual who gathers a signature under this section shall, within one
3542 business day after the day on which the individual gathers a signature, electronically sign and
3543 submit the following statement to the website:

3544 "VERIFICATION OF SIGNATURE-GATHERER

3545 State of Utah, County of _____

3546 I, _____, of _____, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

3547 I am a resident of Utah and am at least 18 years old;

3548 All the signatures that I collected on [Date signatures were gathered] were signed by
3549 individuals who professed to be the individuals whose signatures I gathered, and each of the
3550 individuals signed the petition in my presence;

3551 I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law or proposed
3552 law to which the petition relates;

3553 I believe that each individual has signed the individual's name and written the
3554 individual's residence correctly, that each signer has read and understands the law to which the
3555 petition relates, and that each signer is registered to vote in Utah;

3556 Each signature correctly reflects the date on which the individual signed the petition;
3557 and

3558 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this petition to

3559 encourage that individual to sign it."

3560 (11) Except for a petition for a candidate to seek the nomination of a registered
3561 political party:

3562 (a) the county clerk may not certify a signature that is not timely verified in accordance
3563 with Subsection (10); and

3564 (b) if a signature certified by a county clerk under Subsection (6)(c)(ii)(A) is not timely
3565 verified in accordance with Subsection (10), the county clerk shall:

3566 (i) revoke the certification;

3567 (ii) remove the signature from the posting described in Subsection [20A-7-217\(4\)](#),
3568 [20A-7-315\(3\)](#), [20A-7-516\(4\)](#), or [20A-7-616\(3\)](#); and

3569 (iii) update the totals described in Subsections [20A-7-217\(5\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#),
3570 [20A-7-315\(5\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#), [20A-7-516\(5\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#), and [20A-7-616\(5\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#).

3571 (12) For a petition for a candidate to seek the nomination of a registered political party,
3572 each individual who gathers a signature under this section shall, within one business day after
3573 the day on which the individual gathers a signature, electronically sign and submit the
3574 following statement to the lieutenant governor in the manner specified by the lieutenant
3575 governor:

3576 "VERIFICATION OF SIGNATURE-GATHERER

3577 State of Utah, County of _____

3578 I, _____, of _____, hereby state that:

3579 I am a resident of Utah and am at least 18 years old;

3580 All the signatures that I collected on [Date signatures were gathered] were signed by
3581 individuals who professed to be the individuals whose signatures I gathered, and each of the
3582 individuals signed the petition in my presence;

3583 I believe that each individual has signed the individual's name and written the
3584 individual's residence correctly and that each signer is registered to vote in Utah; and

3585 Each signature correctly reflects the date on which the individual signed the petition."

3586 (13) For a petition for a candidate to seek the nomination of a registered political party,
3587 the election officer may not certify a signature that is not timely verified in accordance with
3588 Subsection (12).