

STATEWIDE REFERENDUM AMENDMENTS

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill, contingent on the passage of a constitutional amendment, extends the amount of time that the sponsors of a referendum petition have to gather signatures to qualify the referendum for the ballot.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ extends the amount of time that the sponsors of a referendum petition have to gather signatures to qualify the referendum for the ballot;
- ▶ makes conforming timeline changes to accommodate the extension of the signature-gathering period;
- ▶ amends provisions regarding the effective date of legislation that may be subject to a referendum; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

20A-7-105, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapters 442, 465



28 **20A-7-307**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 107, 116 and last
 29 amended by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 116
 30 **20A-7-311**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 107
 31 **20A-7-705**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapters 217, 255
 32 **20A-7-706**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 255



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

35 Section 1. Section **20A-7-105** is amended to read:

36 **20A-7-105. Manual petition processes -- Obtaining signatures -- Verification --**
 37 **Submitting the petition -- Certification of signatures -- Transfer to lieutenant governor --**
 38 **Removal of signature.**

39 (1) This section applies only to the manual initiative process and the manual
40 referendum process.

41 (2) As used in this section:

42 (a) "Local petition" means:

43 (i) a manual local initiative petition described in Part 5, Local Initiatives - Procedures;

44 or

45 (ii) a manual local referendum petition described in Part 6, Local Referenda -
46 Procedures.

47 (b) "Packet" means an initiative packet or referendum packet.

48 (c) "Petition" means a local petition or statewide petition.

49 (d) "Statewide petition" means:

50 (i) a manual statewide initiative petition described in Part 2, Statewide Initiatives; or

51 (ii) a manual statewide referendum petition described in Part 3, Statewide Referenda.

52 (3) (a) A Utah voter may sign a statewide petition if the voter is a legal voter.

53 (b) A Utah voter may sign a local petition if the voter:

54 (i) is a legal voter; and

55 (ii) resides in the local jurisdiction.

56 (4) (a) The sponsors shall ensure that the individual in whose presence each signature
57 sheet was signed:

58 (i) is at least 18 years old;

59 (ii) verifies each signature sheet by completing the verification printed on the last page
60 of each packet; and

61 (iii) is informed that each signer is required to read and understand:

62 (A) for an initiative petition, the law proposed by the initiative; or

63 (B) for a referendum petition, the law that the referendum seeks to overturn.

64 (b) An individual may not sign the verification printed on the last page of a packet if
65 the individual signed a signature sheet in the packet.

66 (5) (a) The sponsors, or an agent of the sponsors, shall submit a signed and verified
67 packet to the county clerk of the county in which the packet was circulated before 5 p.m. no
68 later than the earlier of:

69 (i) for a statewide initiative:

70 (A) 30 days after the day on which the first individual signs the initiative packet;

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

72 (C) the February 15 immediately before the next regular general election immediately
73 after the application is filed under Section 20A-7-202;

74 (ii) for a statewide referendum:

75 (A) 30 days after the day on which the first individual signs the referendum packet; or

76 (B) ~~40~~ 60 days after the day on which the legislative session at which the law passed
77 ends;

78 (iii) for a local initiative:

79 (A) 30 days after the day on which the first individual signs the initiative packet;

80 (B) 316 days after the day on which the application is filed;

81 (C) the April 15 immediately before the next regular general election immediately after
82 the application is filed under Section 20A-7-502, if the local initiative is a county initiative; or

83 (D) the April 15 immediately before the next municipal general election immediately
84 after the application is filed under Section 20A-7-502, if the local initiative is a municipal
85 initiative; or

86 (iv) for a local referendum:

87 (A) 30 days after the day on which the first individual signs the referendum packet; or

88 (B) 45 days after the day on which the sponsors receive the items described in

89 Subsection 20A-7-604(3) from the local clerk.

90 (b) A person may not submit a packet after the applicable deadline described in
91 Subsection (5)(a).

92 (c) Before delivering an initiative packet to the county clerk under this Subsection (5),
93 the sponsors shall send an email to each individual who provides a legible, valid email address
94 on the signature sheet that includes the following:

95 (i) the subject of the email shall include the following statement, "Notice Regarding
96 Your Petition Signature"; and

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

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

105 (d) For a statewide initiative, the sponsors shall, no later than 5 p.m. on the day on
106 which the sponsors submit the last initiative packet to the county clerk, submit to the lieutenant
107 governor:

108 (i) a list containing:

109 (A) the name and email address of each individual the sponsors sent, or caused to be
110 sent, the email described in Subsection (5)(c); and

111 (B) the date the email was sent;

112 (ii) a copy of the email described in Subsection (5)(c); and

113 (iii) the following written verification, completed and signed by each of the sponsors:

114 "Verification of initiative sponsor State of Utah, County of _____ I, _____,
115 of _____, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

116 I am a sponsor of the initiative petition entitled _____; and

117 I sent, or caused to be sent, to each individual who provided a legible, valid email
118 address on a signature sheet submitted to the county clerk in relation to the initiative petition,
119 the email described in Utah Code Subsection 20A-7-105(5)(c).

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

122 (e) For a local initiative, the sponsors shall, no later than 5 p.m. on the day on which
123 the sponsors submit the last initiative packet to the local clerk, submit to the local clerk the
124 items described in Subsection (5)(d).

125 (f) Signatures gathered for an initiative petition are not valid if the sponsors do not
126 comply with Subsection (5)(c), (d), or (e).

127 (6) (a) Within 21 days after the day on which the county clerk receives the packet, the
128 county clerk shall:

129 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002, or 20A-7-106 if applicable, to
130 determine whether each signer is a legal voter and, as applicable, the jurisdiction where the
131 signer is registered to vote;

132 (ii) for a statewide initiative or a statewide referendum:

133 (A) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a legal voter;

134 (B) post the name, voter identification number, and date of signature of each legal
135 voter certified under Subsection (6)(a)(ii)(A) on the lieutenant governor's website, in a
136 conspicuous location designated by the lieutenant governor; and

137 (C) deliver the verified packet to the lieutenant governor;

138 (iii) for a local initiative or a local referendum:

139 (A) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a legal voter who is registered
140 in the jurisdiction to which the initiative or referendum relates;

141 (B) post the name, voter identification number, and date of signature of each legal
142 voter certified under Subsection (6)(a)(iii)(A) on the lieutenant governor's website, in a
143 conspicuous location designated by the lieutenant governor; and

144 (C) deliver the verified packet to the local clerk.

145 (b) For a local initiative or local referendum, the local clerk shall post a link in a
146 conspicuous location on the local government's website to the posting described in Subsection
147 (6)(a)(iii)(B):

148 (i) for a local initiative, during the period of time described in Subsection
149 20A-7-507(3)(a); or

150 (ii) for a local referendum, during the period of time described in Subsection
151 20A-7-607(2)(a)(i).

152 (7) The county clerk may not certify a signature under Subsection (6):
153 (a) on a packet that is not verified in accordance with Subsection (4); or
154 (b) that does not have a date of signature next to the signature.

155 (8) (a) A voter who signs a statewide initiative petition may have the voter's signature
156 removed from the petition by, in accordance with Section 20A-1-1003, submitting to the
157 county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed no later than the
158 earlier of:

159 (i) for an initiative packet received by the county clerk before December 1:
160 (A) 30 days after the day on which the voter signs the signature removal statement; or
161 (B) 90 days after the day on which the lieutenant governor posts the voter's name under
162 Subsection 20A-7-207(2); or

163 (ii) for an initiative packet received by the county clerk on or after December 1:
164 (A) 30 days after the day on which the voter signs the signature removal statement; or
165 (B) 45 days after the day on which the lieutenant governor posts the voter's name under
166 Subsection 20A-7-207(2).

167 (b) A voter who signs a statewide referendum petition may have the voter's signature
168 removed from the petition by, in accordance with Section 20A-1-1003, submitting to the
169 county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed no later than the
170 earlier of:

171 (i) 30 days after the day on which the voter signs the statement requesting removal; or
172 (ii) 45 days after the day on which the lieutenant governor posts the voter's name under
173 Subsection 20A-7-307(2).

174 (c) A voter who signs a local initiative petition may have the voter's signature removed
175 from the petition by, in accordance with Section 20A-1-1003, submitting to the county clerk a
176 statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed no later than the earlier of:

177 (i) 30 days after the day on which the voter signs the signature removal statement;
178 (ii) 90 days after the day on which the local clerk posts the voter's name under
179 Subsection 20A-7-507(2);

180 (iii) 316 days after the day on which the application is filed; or
181 (iv) (A) for a county initiative, April 15 immediately before the next regular general
182 election immediately after the application is filed under Section 20A-7-502; or

183 (B) for a municipal initiative, April 15 immediately before the next municipal general
184 election immediately after the application is filed under Section 20A-7-502.

185 (d) A voter who signs a local referendum petition may have the voter's signature
186 removed from the petition by, in accordance with Section 20A-1-1003, submitting to the
187 county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed no later than the
188 earlier of:

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

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

191 Subsection 20A-7-607(2)(a).

192 (e) In order for the signature to be removed, the county clerk must receive the
193 statement described in this Subsection (8) before 5 p.m. no later than the applicable deadline
194 described in this Subsection (8).

195 (f) A county clerk shall analyze a signature, for purposes of removing a signature from
196 a petition, in accordance with Subsection 20A-1-1003(3).

197 (9) (a) If the county clerk timely receives a statement requesting signature removal
198 under Subsection (8) and determines that the signature should be removed from the petition
199 under Subsection 20A-1-1003(3), the county clerk shall:

200 (i) ensure that the voter's name, voter identification number, and date of signature are
201 not included in the posting described in Subsection (6)(a)(ii)(B) or (iii)(B); and

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

203 (b) The county clerk shall comply with Subsection (9)(a) before the later of:

204 (i) the deadline described in Subsection (6)(a); or

205 (ii) two business days after the day on which the county clerk receives a statement
206 requesting signature removal under Subsection (8).

207 (10) A person may not retrieve a packet from a county clerk, or make any alterations or
208 corrections to a packet, after the packet is submitted to the county clerk.

209 Section 2. Section 20A-7-307 is amended to read:

210 **20A-7-307. Evaluation by the lieutenant governor.**

211 (1) In relation to the manual referendum process, when the lieutenant governor receives
212 a referendum packet from a county clerk, the lieutenant governor shall record the number of the
213 referendum packet received.

214 (2) The county clerk shall:
215 (a) in relation to the manual referendum process:
216 (i) post the names, voter identification numbers, and dates of signatures described in
217 Subsection 20A-7-105(6)(a)(iii) on the lieutenant governor's website, in a conspicuous location
218 designated by the lieutenant governor, for at least 45 days; and
219 (ii) update on the lieutenant governor's website the number of signatures certified as of
220 the date of the update; or
221 (b) in relation to the electronic referendum process:
222 (i) post the names, voter identification numbers, and dates of signatures described in
223 Subsection 20A-7-315(4) on the lieutenant governor's website, in a conspicuous location
224 designated by the lieutenant governor, for at least 45 days; and
225 (ii) update on the lieutenant governor's website the number of signatures certified as of
226 the date of the update.
227 (3) The lieutenant governor:
228 (a) shall, except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), declare the referendum petition to be
229 sufficient or insufficient [~~106~~] 126 days after the end of the legislative session at which the law
230 passed; or
231 (b) may declare the referendum petition to be insufficient before the day described in
232 Subsection (3)(a) if:
233 (i) in relation to the manual referendum process, the total of all valid signatures on
234 timely and lawfully submitted referendum packets that have been certified by the county clerks,
235 plus the number of signatures on timely and lawfully submitted referendum packets that have
236 not yet been evaluated for certification, is less than the number of names required under
237 Section 20A-7-301;
238 (ii) in relation to the electronic referendum process, the total of all timely and lawfully
239 submitted valid signatures that have been certified by the county clerks, plus the number of
240 timely and lawfully submitted valid signatures received under Subsection 20A-21-201(6)(b)
241 that have not yet been evaluated for certification, is less than the number of names required
242 under Section 20A-7-301; or
243 (iii) a requirement of this part has not been met.
244 (4) (a) If the total number of names certified under Subsection (3) equals or exceeds

245 the number of names required under Section 20A-7-301, and the requirements of this part are
246 met, the lieutenant governor shall mark upon the front of the referendum petition the word
247 "sufficient."

248 (b) If the total number of names certified under Subsection (3) does not equal or
249 exceed the number of names required under Section 20A-7-301 or a requirement of this part is
250 not met, the lieutenant governor shall mark upon the front of the referendum petition the word
251 "insufficient."

252 (c) The lieutenant governor shall immediately notify any one of the sponsors of the
253 lieutenant governor's finding.

254 (d) After a referendum petition is declared insufficient, a person may not submit
255 additional signatures to qualify the referendum for the ballot.

256 (5) (a) If the lieutenant governor refuses to declare a referendum petition sufficient that
257 a voter believes is legally sufficient, the voter may, no later than 10 days after the day on which
258 the lieutenant governor declares the petition insufficient, apply to the appropriate court for an
259 order finding the referendum petition legally sufficient.

260 (b) If the court determines that the referendum petition is legally sufficient, the
261 lieutenant governor shall mark the referendum petition "sufficient" and consider the declaration
262 of sufficiency effective as of the date on which the referendum petition should have been
263 declared sufficient by the lieutenant governor's office.

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

267 (6) A referendum petition determined to be sufficient in accordance with this section is
268 qualified for the ballot.

269 Section 3. Section 20A-7-311 is amended to read:

270 **20A-7-311. Temporary stay -- Effective date -- Effect of repeal by Legislature.**

271 (1) (a) Within 35 calendar days after the day on which the legislative session at which
272 the law passed ends, the lieutenant governor shall:

273 (i) determine whether, within 30 calendar days after the day on which the legislative
274 session at which the law passed ends, the sponsors have submitted signatures to the county
275 clerks equal to at least 25% of the number of signatures required to qualify the referendum for

276 placement on the ballot; and

277 (ii) issue a written statement of the results of the determination.

278 (b) If the lieutenant governor determines that the sponsors have met the 25% threshold

279 described in Subsection (1)(a), the effective date of the law challenged by the referendum

280 changes to the later of:

281 (i) the effective date of the law; or

282 (ii) the day after the day on which the lieutenant governor declares the referendum

283 petition sufficient or insufficient under Section 20A-7-307.

284 ~~[(+)]~~ (2) ~~[H]~~ Notwithstanding Subsection (1), if, at the time during the counting period
285 described in Section 20A-7-307, the lieutenant governor determines that, at that point in time,
286 an adequate number of signatures are certified to comply with the signature requirements, the
287 lieutenant governor shall:

288 (a) issue an order temporarily staying the law from going into effect; and

289 (b) continue the process of certifying signatures and removing signatures as required by
290 this part.

291 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) The temporary stay described in Subsection ~~[(+)]~~ (2) remains in effect,
292 regardless of whether a future count falls below the signature threshold, until the day on which:

293 (a) if the lieutenant governor declares the referendum petition insufficient, five days
294 after the day on which the lieutenant governor declares the referendum petition insufficient; or

295 (b) if the lieutenant governor declares the referendum petition sufficient, the day on
296 which governor issues the proclamation described in Section 20A-7-310.

297 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) A law submitted to the people by referendum that is approved by the voters at
298 an election takes effect the later of:

299 (a) five days after the date of the official proclamation of the vote by the governor; or

300 (b) the effective date specified in the approved law.

301 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) If, after the lieutenant governor issues a temporary stay order under Subsection
302 ~~[(+)(a)]~~ (2)(a), the lieutenant governor declares the referendum petition insufficient, the law
303 that is the subject of the referendum petition takes effect the later of:

304 (a) five days after the day on which the lieutenant governor declares the referendum
305 petition insufficient; or

306 (b) the effective date specified in the law that is the subject of the referendum petition.

307 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) (a) The governor may not veto a law approved by the people.

308 (b) The Legislature may amend any laws approved by the people at any legislative
309 session after the people approve the law.

310 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) If the Legislature repeals a law challenged by referendum petition under this
311 part, the referendum petition is void and no further action on the referendum petition is
312 required.

313 Section 4. Section **20A-7-705** is amended to read:

314 **20A-7-705. Measures to be submitted to voters and referendum measures --**

315 **Preparation of argument of adoption.**

316 (1) (a) Whenever the Legislature submits any measure to the voters or whenever an act
317 of the Legislature is referred to the voters by referendum petition, the presiding officer of the
318 house of origin of the measure shall appoint the sponsor of the measure or act and one member
319 of either house who voted with the majority to pass the act or submit the measure to draft an
320 argument for the adoption of the measure.

321 (b) (i) The argument may not exceed 500 words in length, not counting the information
322 described in Subsection (4)(e).

323 (ii) If the sponsor of the measure or act desires separate arguments to be written in
324 favor by each person appointed, separate arguments may be written but the combined length of
325 the two arguments may not exceed 500 words, not counting the information described in
326 Subsection (4)(e).

327 (2) (a) If a measure or act submitted to the voters by the Legislature or by referendum
328 petition was not adopted unanimously by the Legislature, the presiding officer of each house
329 shall, at the same time as appointments to an argument in its favor are made, appoint one
330 member who voted against the measure or act from their house to write an argument against
331 the measure or act.

332 (b) (i) The argument may not exceed 500 words, not counting the information
333 described in Subsection (4)(e).

334 (ii) If those members appointed to write an argument against the measure or act desire
335 separate arguments to be written in opposition to the measure or act by each person appointed,
336 separate arguments may be written, but the combined length of the two arguments may not
337 exceed 500 words, not counting the information described in Subsection (4)(e).

338 (3) (a) The legislators appointed by the presiding officer of the Senate or House of
339 Representatives to submit arguments shall submit the arguments to the lieutenant governor not
340 later than the day that falls [~~150~~] 130 days before the date of the election.

341 (b) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(d), the authors may not amend or change the
342 arguments after they are submitted to the lieutenant governor.

343 (c) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(d), the lieutenant governor may not alter the
344 arguments in any way.

345 (d) The lieutenant governor and the authors of an argument may jointly modify an
346 argument after it is submitted if:

347 (i) they jointly agree that changes to the argument must be made to correct spelling or
348 grammatical errors; and

349 (ii) the argument has not yet been submitted for typesetting.

350 (4) (a) If an argument for or an argument against a measure submitted to the voters by
351 the Legislature or by referendum petition has not been filed by a member of the Legislature
352 within the time required by this section:

353 (i) the lieutenant governor shall immediately:

354 (A) send an electronic notice that complies with the requirements of Subsection (4)(b)
355 to each individual in the state for whom the Office of the Lieutenant Governor has an email
356 address; or

357 (B) post a notice that complies with the requirements of Subsection (4)(b) on the home
358 page of the lieutenant governor's website; and

359 (ii) any voter may, before 5 p.m. no later than seven days after the day on which the
360 lieutenant governor provides the notice described in Subsection (4)(a)(i), submit a written
361 request to the presiding officer of the house in which the measure originated for permission to
362 prepare and file an argument for the side on which no argument has been filed by a member of
363 the Legislature.

364 (b) A notice described in Subsection (4)(a)(i) shall contain:

365 (i) the ballot title for the measure;

366 (ii) instructions on how to submit a request under Subsection (4)(a)(ii); and

367 (iii) the deadlines described in Subsections (4)(a)(ii) and (4)(d).

368 (c) (i) The presiding officer of the house of origin shall grant permission unless two or

369 more voters timely request permission to submit arguments on the same side of a measure.

370 (ii) If two or more voters timely request permission to submit arguments on the same
371 side of a measure, the presiding officer shall, no later than four calendar days after the day of
372 the deadline described in Subsection (4)(a)(ii), designate one of the voters to write the
373 argument.

374 (d) Any argument prepared under this Subsection (4) shall be submitted to the
375 lieutenant governor before 5 p.m. no later than seven days after the day on which the presiding
376 officer grants permission to submit the argument.

377 (e) The lieutenant governor may not accept a ballot argument submitted under this
378 section unless the ballot argument lists:

379 (i) the name and address of the individual submitting the argument, if the argument is
380 submitted by an individual voter; or

381 (ii) the name and address of the organization and the names and addresses of at least
382 two of the organization's principal officers, if the argument is submitted on behalf of an
383 organization.

384 (f) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(h), the authors may not amend or change the
385 arguments after they are submitted to the lieutenant governor.

386 (g) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(h), the lieutenant governor may not alter the
387 arguments in any way.

388 (h) The lieutenant governor and the authors of an argument may jointly modify an
389 argument after it is submitted if:

390 (i) they jointly agree that changes to the argument must be made to:

391 (A) correct spelling or grammatical errors; or

392 (B) properly characterize the position of a state entity, if the argument mischaracterizes
393 the position of a state entity; and

394 (ii) the argument has not yet been submitted for typesetting.

395 (i) If, after the lieutenant governor determines that an argument described in this
396 section mischaracterizes the position of a state entity, the lieutenant governor and the authors of
397 the argument cannot jointly agree on a change to the argument, the lieutenant governor:

398 (i) shall publish the argument with the mischaracterization; and

399 (ii) may, immediately following the argument, publish a brief description of the

400 position of the state entity.

401 Section 5. Section **20A-7-706** is amended to read:

402 **20A-7-706. Copies of arguments to be sent to opposing authors -- Rebuttal**
403 **arguments.**

404 (1) When the lieutenant governor has received the arguments for and against a measure
405 to be submitted to the voters, the lieutenant governor shall immediately send copies of the
406 arguments in favor of the measure to the authors of the arguments against and copies of the
407 arguments against to the authors of the arguments in favor.

408 (2) The authors may prepare and submit rebuttal arguments not exceeding 250 words,
409 not counting the information described in Subsection **20A-7-705(4)(e)**.

410 (3) (a) The rebuttal arguments shall be filed with the lieutenant governor:

411 (i) for constitutional amendments and referendum petitions, before 5 p.m. no later than
412 [~~120~~] 100 days before the date of the election; and

413 (ii) for initiatives, before 5 p.m. no later than July 30.

414 (b) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(d), the authors may not amend or change the
415 rebuttal arguments after they are submitted to the lieutenant governor.

416 (c) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(d), the lieutenant governor may not alter the
417 arguments in any way.

418 (d) The lieutenant governor and the authors of a rebuttal argument may jointly modify
419 a rebuttal argument after it is submitted if:

420 (i) they jointly agree that changes to the rebuttal argument must be made to correct
421 spelling or grammatical errors; and

422 (ii) the rebuttal argument has not yet been submitted for typesetting.

423 (4) The lieutenant governor shall ensure that:

424 (a) rebuttal arguments are printed in the same manner as the direct arguments; and

425 (b) each rebuttal argument follows immediately after the direct argument which it
426 seeks to rebut.

427 Section 6. **Effective date.**

428 This bill takes effect on January 1, 2025, if the amendment to the Utah Constitution
429 proposed by S.J.R. 401, Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Voter Legislative Power, 2024
430 4th Special Session, passes the Legislature and is approved by a majority of those voting on it

431 at the next regular general election.