

Election Code Modifications

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LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill amends provisions relating to voting at an election.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;

- provides that, after a ballot is mailed to a voter, the voter is, subject to certain exceptions, required to return the ballot in person to a polling place where the voter must provide valid voter identification;

- provides exceptions to the requirement described in the preceding paragraph, including if:

- the voter timely applies to return a ballot by mail;
- the voter returns a ballot as a military or overseas voter; or
- the voter has other legal grounds;

- subject to certain exceptions, including an exception for an individual with a disability, requires a voter to appear in person and provide valid voter identification when:

- voting at a polling place;
- returning a ballot to a polling place; or
- requesting to return a ballot by mail;

- establishes requirements for the number, and hours of operation, of ballot drop boxes in a jurisdiction;

- provides that a ballot may be returned to a ballot drop box only when the ballot drop box is attended by two or more poll workers;

- modifies forms, voting requirements, and other provisions to conform with the provisions of this bill;

- describes the type of personal identifying information that must be redacted from certain political disclosure reports and provides civil and criminal penalties for publicly disclosing the information; and

- makes technical and conforming changes.

31 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

32 None

33 **Other Special Clauses:**

34 This bill provides a special effective date.

35 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

36 AMENDS:

37 **20A-1-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 6

38 **20A-2-104**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 381, 448

39 **20A-2-108**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 381

40 **20A-2-206**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 381

41 **20A-2-505**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 381, 448

42 **20A-3a-201**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 381

43 **20A-3a-202**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 381, 448

44 **20A-3a-202.5**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 381

45 **20A-3a-203**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 381, 448

46 **20A-3a-204**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 381

47 **20A-3a-205**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 31

48 **20A-3a-301**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 381

49 **20A-3a-401**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 6

50 **20A-3a-401.5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 381

51 **20A-3a-601**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 381, 448

52 **20A-3a-805**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 31

53 **20A-4-101**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 342

54 **20A-4-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 156, 297

55 **20A-4-105**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 381

56 **20A-4-304**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 6

57 **20A-5-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 381

58 **20A-5-301**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 438

59 **20A-5-303**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 104, 448

60 **20A-5-403**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 381

61 **20A-5-403.5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 6

62 **20A-5-407**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 15

63 **20A-5-601**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 15

64 **20A-5-605**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 170

65 **20A-6-105**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 381, 448

66 **20A-11-1002**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 389

67 ENACTS:

68 **20A-3a-203.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

69 **20A-3a-203.6**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

72 Section 1. Section **20A-1-102** is amended to read:

73 **20A-1-102 . Definitions.**

74 As used in this title:

75 (1) "Active voter" means a registered voter who has not been classified as an inactive voter
76 by the county clerk.

77 (2) "Automatic tabulating equipment" means apparatus that automatically examines and
78 counts votes recorded on ballots and tabulates the results.

79 (3)(a) "Ballot" means the storage medium, including a paper, mechanical, or electronic
80 storage medium, that records an individual voter's vote.

81 (b) "Ballot" does not include a record to tally multiple votes.

82 (4) "Ballot drop box" means a drop box, described in Section 20A-5-403.5, where a poll
83 worker may place a completed remote ballot delivered to the poll worker by a voter in
84 accordance with Section 20A-3a-203.5.

85 [~~(4)~~] (5) "Ballot proposition" means a question, issue, or proposal that is submitted to voters
86 on the ballot for their approval or rejection including:

87 (a) an opinion question specifically authorized by the Legislature;

88 (b) a constitutional amendment;

89 (c) an initiative;

90 (d) a referendum;

91 (e) a bond proposition;

92 (f) a judicial retention question;

93 (g) an incorporation of a city or town; or

94 (h) any other ballot question specifically authorized by the Legislature.

95 [~~(5)~~] (6) "Bind," "binding," or "bound" means securing more than one piece of paper
96 together using staples or another means in at least three places across the top of the
97 paper in the blank space reserved for securing the paper.

98 [~~(6)~~] (7) "Board of canvassers" means the entities established by Sections 20A-4-301 and

99 20A-4-306 to canvass election returns.

100 [~~(7)~~] (8) "Bond election" means an election held for the purpose of approving or rejecting
101 the proposed issuance of bonds by a government entity.

102 [~~(8)~~] (9) "Business day" means a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday that is
103 not a holiday.

104 [~~(9)~~] (10) "Business reply mail envelope" means an envelope that may be mailed free of
105 charge by the sender.

106 [~~(10)~~] (11) "Calendar day" means any day, regardless of whether the day is a weekend, a
107 holiday, a business day, or any other type of day.

108 [~~(11)~~] (12) "Canvass" means the review of election returns and the official declaration of
109 election results by the board of canvassers.

110 [~~(12)~~] (13) "Canvassing judge" means a poll worker designated to assist in counting ballots
111 at the canvass.

112 [~~(13)~~] (14) "Contracting election officer" means an election officer who enters into a
113 contract or interlocal agreement with a provider election officer.

114 [~~(14)~~] (15) "Convention" means the political party convention at which party officers and
115 delegates are selected.

116 [~~(15)~~] (16) "Counting center" means one or more locations selected by the election officer in
117 charge of the election for the automatic counting of ballots.

118 [~~(16)~~] (17) "Counting judge" means a poll worker designated to count the ballots during
119 election day.

120 [~~(17)~~] (18) "Counting room" means a suitable and convenient private place or room for use
121 by the poll workers and counting judges to count ballots.

122 [~~(18)~~] (19) "County officers" means those county officers that are required by law to be
123 elected.

124 [~~(19)~~] (20) "Date of the election" or "election day" or "day of the election":

125 (a) means the day that is specified in the calendar year as the day on which the election
126 occurs; and

127 (b) does not include:

128 (i) deadlines established for voting by mail, military-overseas voting, or emergency
129 voting; or

130 (ii) any early voting or early voting period as provided under Chapter 3a, Part 6,
131 Early Voting.

132 [~~(20)~~] (21) "Elected official" means:

- 133 (a) a person elected to an office under Section 20A-1-303 or Chapter 4, Part 6,
134 Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project;
- 135 (b) a person who is considered to be elected to a municipal office in accordance with
136 Subsection 20A-1-206(1)(c)(ii); or
- 137 (c) a person who is considered to be elected to a special district office in accordance
138 with Subsection 20A-1-206(3)(b)(ii).
- 139 [~~(21)~~] (22) "Election" means a regular general election, a municipal general election, a
140 statewide special election, a local special election, a regular primary election, a
141 municipal primary election, and a special district election.
- 142 [~~(22)~~] (23) "Election Assistance Commission" means the commission established by the
143 Help America Vote Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-252.
- 144 [~~(23)~~] (24) "Election cycle" means the period beginning on the first day on which
145 individuals are eligible to file declarations of candidacy and ending when the canvass is
146 completed.
- 147 [~~(24)~~] (25) "Election judge" means a poll worker that is assigned to:
- 148 (a) preside over other poll workers at a polling place;
149 (b) act as the presiding election judge; or
150 (c) serve as a canvassing judge, counting judge, or receiving judge.
- 151 [~~(25)~~] (26) "Election material" includes:
- 152 (a) the verification documentation described in Subsection 20A-3a-401(9)(b)(iv);
153 (b) the list of voters contacted to cure a ballot described in Subsection 20A-3a-401(10)(b);
154 (c) the record of rejected and resolved ballots described in Subsection 20A-3a-401(11)(a);
155 (d) any chain of custody documentation described in Section 20A-3a-401.1, including:
156 (i) the count of ballots described in Subsection 20A-3a-401.1(3); and
157 (ii) the batch log described in Subsection 20A-3a-401.1(5);
158 (e) the record of signature verification audits described in Subsection 20A-3a-402.5(4);
159 (f) the affidavit of compliance described in Subsection 20A-3a-404(2);
160 (g) the physical and electronic log of replicated ballots described in Subsection
161 20A-4-104(3);
162 (h) the physical or electronic log of adjudicated ballots described in Section 20A-5-802.5;
163 (i) the record of voter database access described in Subsection 20A-5-905(2);
164 (j) the reports on military and overseas voters described in Section 20A-16-202;
165 (k) scanned copies of return envelopes;
166 (l) a copy of the final election results database described in Section 20A-5-802.5; and

- 167 (m) the materials used in the programming of the automatic tabulating equipment.
- 168 [~~(26)~~] (27) "Election officer" means:
- 169 (a) the lieutenant governor, for all statewide ballots and elections;
- 170 (b) the county clerk for:
- 171 (i) a county ballot and election; and
- 172 (ii) a ballot and election as a provider election officer as provided in Section
- 173 20A-5-400.1 or 20A-5-400.5;
- 174 (c) the municipal clerk for:
- 175 (i) a municipal ballot and election; and
- 176 (ii) a ballot and election as a provider election officer as provided in Section
- 177 20A-5-400.1 or 20A-5-400.5;
- 178 (d) the special district clerk or chief executive officer for:
- 179 (i) a special district ballot and election; and
- 180 (ii) a ballot and election as a provider election officer as provided in Section
- 181 20A-5-400.1 or 20A-5-400.5; or
- 182 (e) the business administrator or superintendent of a school district for:
- 183 (i) a school district ballot and election; and
- 184 (ii) a ballot and election as a provider election officer as provided in Section
- 185 20A-5-400.1 or 20A-5-400.5.
- 186 [~~(27)~~] (28) "Election official" means any election officer, election judge, or poll worker.
- 187 [~~(28)~~] (29) "Election results" means:
- 188 (a) for an election other than a bond election, the count of votes cast in the election and
- 189 the election returns requested by the board of canvassers; or
- 190 (b) for bond elections, the count of those votes cast for and against the bond proposition
- 191 plus any or all of the election returns that the board of canvassers may request.
- 192 [~~(29)~~] (30) "Election results database" means the following information generated by voting
- 193 equipment:
- 194 (a) one or more electronic files that contains a digital interpretation of each ballot that is
- 195 counted in an election;
- 196 (b) a ballot image; and
- 197 (c) other information related to a ballot that is adjudicated under Section 20A-4-105.
- 198 [~~(30)~~] (31) "Election returns" means:
- 199 (a) the pollbook;
- 200 (b) the military and overseas absentee voter registration and voting certificates;

- 201 (c) one of the tally sheets;
- 202 (d) any unprocessed ballots;
- 203 (e) all counted ballots;
- 204 (f) all excess ballots;
- 205 (g) all unused ballots;
- 206 (h) all spoiled ballots;
- 207 (i) all ballot disposition forms, including any provisional ballot disposition forms;
- 208 (j) the final election results database described in Section 20A-5-802.5;
- 209 (k) all return envelopes;
- 210 (l) any provisional ballot envelopes; and
- 211 (m) the total votes cast form.
- 212 ~~[(31)]~~ (32) "Electronic signature" means an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to
 213 or logically associated with a record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent
 214 to sign the record.
- 215 ~~[(32)]~~ (33) "Holiday" means a legal holiday described in Subsections 63G-1-301(1) and (2).
- 216 ~~[(33)]~~ (34) "Inactive voter" means a registered voter who is listed as inactive by a county
 217 clerk under Subsection 20A-2-505(4)(c)(i) or (ii).
- 218 ~~[(34)]~~ (35) "Judicial office" means the office filled by any judicial officer.
- 219 ~~[(35)]~~ (36) "Judicial officer" means any justice or judge of a court of record or any county
 220 court judge.
- 221 ~~[(36)]~~ (37) "Local election" means a regular county election, a regular municipal election, a
 222 municipal primary election, a local special election, a special district election, and a
 223 bond election.
- 224 ~~[(37)]~~ (38) "Local political subdivision" means a county, a municipality, a special district, or
 225 a local school district.
- 226 ~~[(38)]~~ (39) "Local special election" means a special election called by the governing body of
 227 a local political subdivision in which all registered voters of the local political
 228 subdivision may vote.
- 229 (40) "Mail-in return envelope" means an envelope described in Subsection 20A-3a-203.6(5)
 230 that a voter must complete, with the voter's remote ballot sealed inside, to return the
 231 ballot by mail.
- 232 ~~[(39)]~~ (41) "Manual ballot" means a paper document produced by an election officer on
 233 which an individual records an individual's vote by directly placing a mark on the paper
 234 document using a pen or other marking instrument.

235 [(40)] (42) "Mechanical ballot" means a record, including a paper record, electronic record,
236 or mechanical record, that:

237 (a) is created via electronic or mechanical means; and

238 (b) records an individual voter's vote cast via a method other than an individual directly
239 placing a mark, using a pen or other marking instrument, to record an individual
240 voter's vote.

241 [(41)] (43) "Municipal executive" means:

242 (a) the mayor in the council-mayor form of government defined in Section 10-3b-102; or

243 (b) the mayor in the council-manager form of government defined in Subsection
244 10-3b-103(6).

245 [(42)] (44) "Municipal general election" means the election held in municipalities and, as
246 applicable, special districts on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of
247 each odd-numbered year for the purposes established in Section 20A-1-202.

248 [(43)] (45) "Municipal legislative body" means the council of the city or town in any form
249 of municipal government.

250 [(44)] (46) "Municipal office" means an elective office in a municipality.

251 [(45)] (47) "Municipal officers" means those municipal officers that are required by law to
252 be elected.

253 [(46)] (48) "Municipal primary election" means an election held to nominate candidates for
254 municipal office.

255 [(47)] (49) "Municipality" means a city or town.

256 [(48)] (50) "Official ballot" means the ballots distributed by the election officer for voters to
257 record their votes.

258 [(49)] (51) "Official endorsement" means the information on the ballot that identifies:

259 (a) the ballot as an official ballot;

260 (b) the date of the election; and

261 (c)(i) for a ballot prepared by an election officer other than a county clerk, the
262 facsimile signature required by Subsection 20A-6-401(1)(a)(iii); or

263 (ii) for a ballot prepared by a county clerk, the words required by Subsection
264 20A-6-301(1)(b)(iii).

265 [(50)] (52) "Official register" means the official record furnished to election officials by the
266 election officer that contains the information required by Section 20A-5-401.

267 [(51)] (53) "Political party" means an organization of registered voters that has qualified to
268 participate in an election by meeting the requirements of Chapter 8, Political Party

- 269 Formation and Procedures.
- 270 [(52)] (54)(a) "Poll worker" means a person assigned by an election official to assist with
 271 an election, voting, or counting votes.
- 272 (b) "Poll worker" includes election judges.
- 273 (c) "Poll worker" does not include a watcher.
- 274 [(53)] (55) "Pollbook" means a record of the names of voters in the order that the voters
 275 appear to cast votes.
- 276 [(54)] (56) "Polling place" means~~[a building where voting is conducted.]~~ :
- 277 (a) a standard polling place; or
- 278 (b) a ballot drop box.
- 279 [(55)] (57) "Position" means a square, circle, rectangle, or other geometric shape on a ballot
 280 in which the voter marks the voter's choice.
- 281 [(56)] (58) "Presidential Primary Election" means the election established in Chapter 9, Part
 282 8, Presidential Primary Election.
- 283 [(57)] (59) "Primary convention" means the political party conventions held during the year
 284 of the regular general election.
- 285 [(58)] (60) "Protective counter" means a separate counter, which cannot be reset, that:
- 286 (a) is built into a voting machine; and
- 287 (b) records the total number of movements of the operating lever.
- 288 [(59)] (61) "Provider election officer" means an election officer who enters into a contract or
 289 interlocal agreement with a contracting election officer to conduct an election for the
 290 contracting election officer's local political subdivision in accordance with Section
 291 20A-5-400.1.
- 292 [(60)] (62) "Provisional ballot" means a ballot voted provisionally by a person:
- 293 (a) whose name is not listed on the official register at the polling place;
- 294 (b) whose legal right to vote is challenged as provided in this title; or
- 295 (c) whose identity was not sufficiently established by a poll worker.
- 296 [(61)] (63) "Provisional ballot envelope" means an envelope printed in the form required by
 297 Section 20A-6-105 that is used to identify provisional ballots and to provide information
 298 to verify a person's legal right to vote.
- 299 [(62)] (64)(a) "Public figure" means an individual who, due to the individual being
 300 considered for, holding, or having held a position of prominence in a public or
 301 private capacity, or due to the individual's celebrity status, has an increased risk to the
 302 individual's safety.

- 303 (b) "Public figure" does not include an individual:
- 304 (i) elected to public office; or
- 305 (ii) appointed to fill a vacancy in an elected public office.
- 306 ~~[(63)]~~ (65) "Qualify" or "qualified" means to take the oath of office and begin performing
- 307 the duties of the position for which the individual was elected.
- 308 ~~[(64)]~~ (66) "Receiving judge" means the poll worker that checks the voter's name in the
- 309 official register at a polling place and provides the voter with a ballot.
- 310 ~~[(65)]~~ (67) "Registration form" means a form by which an individual may register to vote
- 311 under this title.
- 312 ~~[(66)]~~ (68) "Regular ballot" means a ballot that is not a provisional ballot.
- 313 ~~[(67)]~~ (69) "Regular general election" means the election held throughout the state on the
- 314 first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year for the
- 315 purposes established in Section 20A-1-201.
- 316 ~~[(68)]~~ (70) "Regular primary election" means the election, held on the date specified in
- 317 Section 20A-1-201.5, to nominate candidates of political parties and candidates for
- 318 nonpartisan local school board positions to advance to the regular general election.
- 319 (71)(a) "Remote ballot" means a ballot that is mailed to a voter to be returned, after the
- 320 voter has completed the ballot and sealed the ballot in a return envelope, as follows:
- 321 (i) to a standard polling place;
- 322 (ii) to a ballot drop box;
- 323 (iii) by mail, if the ballot is sealed in a mail-in return envelope; or
- 324 (iv) in any other manner permitted by law.
- 325 (b) "Remote ballot" does not include a ballot obtained and voted at a standard polling
- 326 place.
- 327 ~~[(69)]~~ (72) "Resident" means a person who resides within a specific voting precinct in Utah.
- 328 ~~[(70)]~~ (73) "Return envelope" means~~[the envelope, described in Subsection 20A-3a-202(4),~~
- 329 ~~provided to a voter with a manual ballot]:~~
- 330 (a) a standard return envelope; or
- 331 (b) a mail-in return envelope.
- 332 ~~[(a) into which the voter places the manual ballot after the voter has voted the manual~~
- 333 ~~ballot in order to preserve the secrecy of the voter's vote; and]~~
- 334 ~~[(b) that includes the voter affidavit and a place for the voter's signature.]~~
- 335 ~~[(71)]~~ (74) "Sample ballot" means a mock ballot similar in form to the official ballot,
- 336 published as provided in Section 20A-5-405.

- 337 [~~(72)~~] (75) "Special district" means a local government entity under Title 17B, Limited
 338 Purpose Local Government Entities - Special Districts, and includes a special service
 339 district under Title 17D, Chapter 1, Special Service District Act.
- 340 [~~(73)~~] (76) "Special district officers" means those special district board members who are
 341 required by law to be elected.
- 342 [~~(74)~~] (77) "Special election" means an election held as authorized by Section 20A-1-203.
- 343 [~~(75)~~] (78) "Spoiled ballot" means each ballot that:
- 344 (a) is spoiled by the voter;
- 345 (b) is unable to be voted because it was spoiled by the printer or a poll worker; or
- 346 (c) lacks the official endorsement.
- 347 (79) "Standard polling place" means a structure at which a voter may obtain and vote a
 348 ballot in person.
- 349 (80) "Standard return envelope" means an envelope, described in Subsection 20A-3a-202(4),
 350 in which a voter places a ballot after voting at a standard polling place or when returning
 351 a ballot to a polling place.
- 352 [~~(76)~~] (81) "Statewide special election" means a special election called by the governor or
 353 the Legislature in which all registered voters in Utah may vote.
- 354 [~~(77)~~] (82) "Tabulation system" means a device or system designed for the sole purpose of
 355 tabulating votes cast by voters at an election.
- 356 [~~(78)~~] (83) "Ticket" means a list of:
- 357 (a) political parties;
- 358 (b) candidates for an office; or
- 359 (c) ballot propositions.
- 360 [~~(79)~~] (84) "Transfer case" means the sealed box used to transport voted ballots to the
 361 counting center.
- 362 [~~(80)~~] (85) "Vacancy" means:
- 363 (a) except as provided in Subsection [~~(80)(b)~~] (85)(b), the absence of an individual to
 364 serve in a position created by state constitution or state statute, whether that absence
 365 occurs because of death, disability, disqualification, resignation, or other cause; or
- 366 (b) in relation to a candidate for a position created by state constitution or state statute,
 367 the removal of a candidate due to the candidate's death, resignation, or
 368 disqualification.
- 369 [~~(81)~~] (86) "Valid voter identification" means:
- 370 (a) a form of identification that bears the name and photograph of the voter which may

- 371 include:
- 372 (i) a currently valid Utah driver license;
- 373 (ii) a currently valid identification card issued under Title 53, Chapter 3, Part 8,
- 374 Identification Card Act;
- 375 (iii) a currently valid identification card that is issued by:
- 376 (A) the state; or
- 377 (B) a branch, department, or agency of the United States;
- 378 (iv) a currently valid Utah permit to carry a concealed weapon;
- 379 (v) a currently valid United States passport; or
- 380 (vi) a currently valid United States military identification card;
- 381 (b) one of the following identification cards, regardless of whether the card includes a
- 382 photograph of the voter:
- 383 (i) a valid tribal identification card;
- 384 (ii) a Bureau of Indian Affairs card; or
- 385 (iii) a tribal treaty card; or
- 386 (c) two forms of identification not listed under Subsection [~~(81)(a) or (b)~~] (86)(a) or (b)
- 387 but that bear the name of the voter and provide evidence that the voter resides in the
- 388 voting precinct, which may include:
- 389 (i) before January 1, 2029, an original or copy of a current utility bill, dated no more
- 390 than 90 calendar days before the date of the election;
- 391 (ii) before January 1, 2029, an original or copy of a bank or other financial account
- 392 statement, dated no more than 90 calendar days before the date of the election;
- 393 (iii) a certified birth certificate;
- 394 (iv) a valid social security card;
- 395 (v) an original or copy of a check issued by the state or the federal government, dated
- 396 no more than 90 calendar days before the date of the election;
- 397 (vi) an original or copy of a paycheck from the voter's employer, dated no more than
- 398 90 calendar days before the date of the election;
- 399 (vii) a currently valid Utah hunting or fishing license;
- 400 (viii) certified naturalization documentation;
- 401 (ix) a currently valid license issued by an authorized agency of the United States;
- 402 (x) a certified copy of court records showing the voter's adoption or name change;
- 403 (xi) a valid Medicaid card, Medicare card, or Electronic Benefits Transfer [~~Card~~] card;
- 404 (xii) a currently valid identification card issued by:

- 405 (A) a local government within the state;
- 406 (B) an employer for an employee; or
- 407 (C) a college, university, technical school, or professional school located within
- 408 the state; or
- 409 (xiii) a current Utah vehicle registration.
- 410 ~~[(82)]~~ (87) "Valid write-in candidate" means a candidate who has qualified as a write-in
- 411 candidate by following the procedures and requirements of this title.
- 412 ~~[(83)]~~ (88) "Vote by mail" means to vote, using a manual ballot that is mailed to the voter,
- 413 by:
- 414 (a) mailing the ballot to the location designated in the mailing; or
- 415 (b) depositing the ballot in a ballot drop box designated by the election officer.
- 416 ~~[(84)]~~ (89) "Voter" means an individual who:
- 417 (a) meets the requirements for voting in an election;
- 418 (b) meets the requirements of election registration;
- 419 (c) is registered to vote; and
- 420 (d) is listed in the official register.
- 421 ~~[(85)]~~ (90) "Voter registration deadline" means the registration deadline provided in Section
- 422 20A-2-102.5.
- 423 ~~[(86)]~~ (91) "Voting area" means the area within six feet of the voting booths, voting
- 424 machines, and ballot box.
- 425 ~~[(87)]~~ (92) "Voting booth" means:
- 426 (a) the space or compartment within a polling place that is provided for the preparation
- 427 of ballots, including the voting enclosure or curtain; or
- 428 (b) a voting device that is free standing.
- 429 ~~[(88)]~~ (93) "Voting device" means any device provided by an election officer for a voter to
- 430 vote a mechanical ballot.
- 431 ~~[(89)]~~ (94) "Voting precinct" means the smallest geographical voting unit, established under
- 432 Chapter 5, Part 3, Duties of the County and Municipal Legislative Bodies.
- 433 ~~[(90)]~~ (95) "Watcher" means an individual who complies with the requirements described in
- 434 Section 20A-3a-801 to become a watcher for an election.
- 435 ~~[(91)]~~ (96) "Write-in ballot" means a ballot containing any write-in votes.
- 436 ~~[(92)]~~ (97) "Write-in vote" means a vote cast for an individual, whose name is not printed on
- 437 the ballot, in accordance with the procedures established in this title.
- 438 Section 2. Section **20A-2-104** is amended to read:

439 **20A-2-104 . Voter registration form -- Registered voter lists -- Fees for copies.**

440 (1) As used in this section:

441 (a) "Candidate for public office" means an individual:

442 (i) who files a declaration of candidacy for a public office;

443 (ii) who files a notice of intent to gather signatures under Section 20A-9-408; or

444 (iii) employed by, under contract with, or a volunteer of, an individual described in
445 Subsection (1)(a)(i) or (ii) for political campaign purposes.

446 (b) "Dating violence" means the same as that term is defined in Section 78B-7-402 and
447 the federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994, as amended.

448 (c) "Domestic violence" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-36-1 and
449 the federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994, as amended.

450 (d) "Hash [Cøde] code" means a code generated by applying an algorithm to a set of data
451 to produce a code that:

452 (i) uniquely represents the set of data;

453 (ii) is always the same if the same algorithm is applied to the same set of data; and

454 (iii) cannot be reversed to reveal the data applied to the algorithm.

455 (e) "Protected individual" means an individual:

456 (i) who submits a withholding request form with the individual's voter registration
457 record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the individual indicates
458 on the form that the individual, or an individual who resides with the individual, is
459 a victim of domestic violence or dating violence or is likely to be a victim of
460 domestic violence or dating violence;

461 (ii) who submits a withholding request form with the individual's voter registration
462 record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the individual indicates
463 on the form and provides verification that the individual, or an individual who
464 resides with the individual, is a law enforcement officer, a member of the armed
465 forces as defined in Section 20A-1-513, a public figure, or protected by a
466 protective order or protection order; or

467 (iii) whose voter registration record was classified as a private record at the request of
468 the individual before May 12, 2020.

469 (2)(a) An individual applying for voter registration, or an individual preregistering to vote,
470 shall complete a voter registration form in substantially the following form:

471 -----

472 UTAH ELECTION REGISTRATION FORM

473 Are you a citizen of the United States of America? Yes No

474 If you checked "no" to the above question, do not complete this form.

475 Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day? Yes No

476 If you checked "no" to the above question, are you 16 or 17 years of age and
477 preregistering to vote? Yes No

478 If you checked "no" to both of the prior two questions, do not complete this form.

479 Name of Voter

480 _____

481 First Middle Last

482 Utah Driver License or Utah Identification Card

483 Number_____

484 Date of Birth _____

485 Street Address of Principal Place of Residence

486 _____

487 City County State Zip Code

488 Telephone Number (optional) _____

489 Email Address (optional) _____

490 Last four digits of Social Security Number _____

491 Last former address at which I was registered to vote (if
492 known)_____

493 _____

494 City County State Zip Code

495 Political Party

496 (a listing of each registered political party, as defined in Section 20A-8-101 and
497 maintained by the lieutenant governor under Section 67-1a-2, with each party's name preceded
498 by a checkbox)

499 Unaffiliated (no political party preference) Other (Please
500 specify)_____

501 I do swear (or affirm), subject to penalty of law for false statements, that the information
502 contained in this form is true, and that I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the
503 state of Utah, residing at the above address. Unless I have indicated above that I am
504 preregistering to vote in a later election, I will be at least 18 years of age and will have resided
505 in Utah for 30 calendar days immediately before the next election. I am not a convicted felon
506 currently incarcerated for commission of a felony.

507 Signed and sworn

508 _____

509 Voter's Signature

510 _____(month/day/year).

511 PRIVACY INFORMATION

512 Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such
513 as your name and address, some information that is available only to government entities, and
514 some information that is available only to certain third parties in accordance with the
515 requirements of law.

516 Your driver license number, identification card number, social security number, email
517 address, full date of birth, and phone number are available only to government entities. Your
518 year of birth is available to political parties, candidates for public office, certain third parties,
519 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, in accordance with the requirements of law.

520 You may request that all information on your voter registration records be withheld from
521 all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office, and
522 their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by indicating here:

523 _____ Yes, I request that all information on my voter registration records be withheld
524 from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,
525 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers.

526 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION

527 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that identifying
528 information on your voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates
529 for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a
530 withholding request form, and any required verification, as described in the following
531 paragraphs.

532 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration
533 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their
534 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form with this
535 registration record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is or is likely
536 to be, or resides with a person who is or is likely to be, a victim of domestic violence or dating
537 violence.

538 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration
539 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their
540 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form and any

541 required verification with this registration form, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk,
542 if the person is, or resides with a person who is, a law enforcement officer, a member of the
543 armed forces, a public figure, or protected by a protective order or a protection order.

544 CITIZENSHIP AFFIDAVIT

- 545 Name:
- 546 Name at birth, if different:
- 547 Place of birth:
- 548 Date of birth:
- 549 Date and place of naturalization (if applicable):

550 I hereby swear and affirm, under penalties for voting fraud set forth below, that I am a
551 citizen and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information above is true and
552 correct.

553 _____
554 Signature of Applicant

555 In accordance with Section 20A-2-401, the penalty for willfully causing, procuring, or
556 allowing yourself to be registered or preregistered to vote if you know you are not entitled to
557 register or preregister to vote is up to one year in jail and a fine of up to \$2,500.

558 NOTICE: IN ORDER TO BE ALLOWED TO VOTE, YOU MUST PRESENT VALID
559 VOTER IDENTIFICATION TO THE POLL WORKER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
560 REQUIREMENTS OF LAW.

561 FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

- 562 Type of I.D. _____
- 563 Voting Precinct _____
- 564 Voting I.D. Number _____

565 -----
566 (b) The voter registration form described in Subsection (2)(a) shall include:

567 (i) a section in substantially the following form:

568 "-----"

569 BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS

570 Do you consent to receive communications about the status of your ballot and other official
571 communications, by text, at the phone number you provided above? Yes No

572 -----";

573 and

574 (ii) no later than November 5, 2025, the following, immediately after the question described in

575 Subsection (2)(b)(i):

576 "Indicate below how you want to [~~vote in~~] receive your ballot for upcoming elections:

577 _____ Mail a ballot to me.

578 _____ Do not mail a ballot to me. I will obtain a ballot at a polling place and vote in
579 person."

580 (c)(i) Except as provided under Subsection (2)(c)(ii), the county clerk shall retain a
581 copy of each voter registration form in a permanent countywide alphabetical file,
582 which may be electronic or some other recognized system.

583 (ii) The county clerk may transfer a superseded voter registration form to the
584 Division of Archives and Records Service created under Section 63A-12-101.

585 (3)(a) Each county clerk shall retain lists of currently registered voters.

586 (b) The lieutenant governor shall maintain a list of registered voters in electronic form.

587 (c) If there are any discrepancies between the two lists, the county clerk's list is the
588 official list.

589 (d) The lieutenant governor and the county clerks may charge the fees established under
590 the authority of Subsection 63G-2-203(10) to individuals who wish to obtain a copy
591 of the list of registered voters.

592 (4)(a) As used in this Subsection (4), "qualified person" means:

593 (i) a government official or government employee acting in the government official's
594 or government employee's capacity as a government official or a government
595 employee;

596 (ii) a health care provider, as defined in Section 26B-8-501, or an agent, employee, or
597 independent contractor of a health care provider;

598 (iii) an insurance company, as defined in Section 67-4a-102, or an agent, employee,
599 or independent contractor of an insurance company;

600 (iv) a financial institution, as defined in Section 7-1-103, or an agent, employee, or
601 independent contractor of a financial institution;

602 (v) a political party, or an agent, employee, or independent contractor of a political
603 party;

604 (vi) a candidate for public office, or an employee, independent contractor, or
605 volunteer of a candidate for public office;

606 (vii) a person described in Subsections (4)(a)(i) through (vi) who, after obtaining a
607 year of birth from the list of registered voters:

608 (A) provides the year of birth only to a person described in Subsections (4)(a)(i)

- 609 through (vi);
- 610 (B) verifies that the person described in Subsection (4)(a)(vii)(A) is a person
611 described in Subsections (4)(a)(i) through (vi);
- 612 (C) ensures, using industry standard security measures, that the year of birth may
613 not be accessed by a person other than a person described in Subsections
614 (4)(a)(i) through (vi);
- 615 (D) verifies that each person described in Subsections (4)(a)(ii) through (iv) to
616 whom the person provides the year of birth will only use the year of birth to
617 verify the accuracy of personal information submitted by an individual or to
618 confirm the identity of a person in order to prevent fraud, waste, or abuse;
- 619 (E) verifies that each person described in Subsection (4)(a)(i) to whom the person
620 provides the year of birth will only use the year of birth in the person's capacity
621 as a government official or government employee; and
- 622 (F) verifies that each person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) to whom the
623 person provides the year of birth will only use the year of birth for a political
624 purpose of the political party or candidate for public office; or
- 625 (viii) a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) who, after obtaining
626 information under Subsection (4)(n) and (o):
- 627 (A) provides the information only to another person described in Subsection
628 (4)(a)(v) or (vi);
- 629 (B) verifies that the other person described in Subsection (4)(a)(viii)(A) is a
630 person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi);
- 631 (C) ensures, using industry standard security measures, that the information may
632 not be accessed by a person other than a person described in Subsection
633 (4)(a)(v) or (vi); and
- 634 (D) verifies that each person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) to whom the
635 person provides the information will only use the information for a political
636 purpose of the political party or candidate for public office.
- 637 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(j)(iv), and except as provided in
638 Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k) or (l), the lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall,
639 when providing the list of registered voters to a qualified person under this section,
640 include, with the list, the years of birth of the registered voters, if:
- 641 (i) the lieutenant governor or a county clerk verifies the identity of the person and
642 that the person is a qualified person; and

- 643 (ii) the qualified person signs a document that includes the following:
- 644 (A) the name, address, and telephone number of the person requesting the list of
- 645 registered voters;
- 646 (B) an indication of the type of qualified person that the person requesting the list
- 647 claims to be;
- 648 (C) a statement regarding the purpose for which the person desires to obtain the
- 649 years of birth;
- 650 (D) a list of the purposes for which the qualified person may use the year of birth
- 651 of a registered voter that is obtained from the list of registered voters;
- 652 (E) a statement that the year of birth of a registered voter that is obtained from the
- 653 list of registered voters may not be provided or used for a purpose other than a
- 654 purpose described under Subsection (4)(b)(ii)(D);
- 655 (F) a statement that if the person obtains the year of birth of a registered voter
- 656 from the list of registered voters under false pretenses, or provides or uses the
- 657 year of birth of a registered voter that is obtained from the list of registered
- 658 voters in a manner that is prohibited by law, is guilty of a class A misdemeanor
- 659 and is subject to a civil fine;
- 660 (G) an assertion from the person that the person will not provide or use the year of
- 661 birth of a registered voter that is obtained from the list of registered voters in a
- 662 manner that is prohibited by law; and
- 663 (H) notice that if the person makes a false statement in the document, the person is
- 664 punishable by law under Section 76-8-504.
- 665 (c) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk:
- 666 (i) may not disclose the year of birth of a registered voter to a person that the
- 667 lieutenant governor or county clerk reasonably believes:
- 668 (A) is not a qualified person or a person described in Subsection (4)(l); or
- 669 (B) will provide or use the year of birth in a manner prohibited by law; and
- 670 (ii) may not disclose information under [~~Subsections~~] Subsection (4)(n) or (o) to a
- 671 person that the lieutenant governor or county clerk reasonably believes:
- 672 (A) is not a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi); or
- 673 (B) will provide or use the information in a manner prohibited by law.
- 674 (d) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose the voter registration
- 675 form of a person, or information included in the person's voter registration form,
- 676 whose voter registration form is classified as private under Subsection (4)(h) to a

- 677 person other than:
- 678 (i) a government official or government employee acting in the government official's
679 or government employee's capacity as a government official or government
680 employee; or
- 681 (ii) subject to Subsection (4)(e), a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) for
682 a political purpose.
- 683 (e)(i) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(e)(ii), when disclosing a record or
684 information under Subsection (4)(d)(ii), the lieutenant governor or county clerk
685 shall exclude the information described in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(j), other than
686 the year of birth.
- 687 (ii) If disclosing a record or information under Subsection (4)(d)(ii) in relation to the
688 voter registration record of a protected individual, the lieutenant governor or
689 county clerk shall comply with Subsections (4)(n) through (p).
- 690 (f) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose a withholding request
691 form, described in Subsections (7) and (8), submitted by an individual, or information
692 obtained from that form, to a person other than a government official or government
693 employee acting in the government official's or government employee's capacity as a
694 government official or government employee.
- 695 (g) A person is guilty of a class A misdemeanor if the person:
- 696 (i) obtains from the list of registered voters, under false pretenses, the year of birth of
697 a registered voter or information described in Subsection (4)(n) or (o);
- 698 (ii) uses or provides the year of birth of a registered voter, or information described in
699 Subsection (4)(n) or (o), that is obtained from the list of registered voters in a
700 manner that is not permitted by law;
- 701 (iii) obtains a voter registration record described in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k)
702 under false pretenses;
- 703 (iv) uses or provides information obtained from a voter registration record described
704 in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k) in a manner that is not permitted by law;
- 705 (v) unlawfully discloses or obtains a voter registration record withheld under
706 Subsection (7) or a withholding request form described in Subsections (7) and (8);
707 or
- 708 (vi) unlawfully discloses or obtains information from a voter registration record
709 withheld under Subsection (7) or a withholding request form described in
710 Subsections (7) and (8).

- 711 (h) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall classify the voter registration record
712 of a voter as a private record if the voter:
- 713 (i) submits a written application, created by the lieutenant governor, requesting that
714 the voter's voter registration record be classified as private;
- 715 (ii) requests on the voter's voter registration form that the voter's voter registration
716 record be classified as a private record; or
- 717 (iii) submits a withholding request form described in Subsection (7) and any required
718 verification.
- 719 (i) Except as provided in Subsections (4)(d)(ii) and (e)(ii), the lieutenant governor or a
720 county clerk may not disclose to a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) a
721 voter registration record, or information obtained from a voter registration record, if
722 the record is withheld under Subsection (7).
- 723 (j) In addition to any criminal penalty that may be imposed under this section, the
724 lieutenant governor may impose a civil fine against a person who violates a provision
725 of this section, in an amount equal to the greater of:
- 726 (i) the product of 30 and the square root of the total number of:
- 727 (A) records obtained, provided, or used unlawfully, rounded to the nearest whole
728 dollar; or
- 729 (B) records from which information is obtained, provided, or used unlawfully,
730 rounded to the nearest whole dollar; or
- 731 (ii) \$200.
- 732 (k) A qualified person may not obtain, provide, or use the year of birth of a registered
733 voter, if the year of birth is obtained from the list of registered voters or from a voter
734 registration record, unless the person:
- 735 (i) is a government official or government employee who obtains, provides, or uses
736 the year of birth in the government official's or government employee's capacity
737 as a government official or government employee;
- 738 (ii) is a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(ii), (iii), or (iv) and obtains or
739 uses the year of birth only to verify the accuracy of personal information
740 submitted by an individual or to confirm the identity of a person in order to
741 prevent fraud, waste, or abuse;
- 742 (iii) is a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) and obtains,
743 provides, or uses the year of birth for a political purpose of the political party or
744 candidate for public office; or

- 745 (iv) is a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(vii) and obtains, provides, or
746 uses the year of birth to provide the year of birth to another qualified person to
747 verify the accuracy of personal information submitted by an individual or to
748 confirm the identity of a person in order to prevent fraud, waste, or abuse.
- 749 (l) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may provide a year of birth to a member of
750 the media, in relation to an individual designated by the member of the media, in
751 order for the member of the media to verify the identity of the individual.
- 752 (m) A person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) may not use or disclose
753 information from a voter registration record for a purpose other than a political
754 purpose.
- 755 (n) Notwithstanding Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k) or (l), the lieutenant governor or a
756 county clerk shall, when providing the list of registered voters to a qualified person
757 described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi), include, from the record of a voter whose
758 record is withheld under Subsection (7), the information described in Subsection
759 (4)(o), if:
- 760 (i) the lieutenant governor or a county clerk verifies the identity of the person and
761 that the person is a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi); and
- 762 (ii) the qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) signs a document
763 that includes the following:
- 764 (A) the name, address, and telephone number of the person requesting the list of
765 registered voters;
- 766 (B) an indication of the type of qualified person that the person requesting the list
767 claims to be;
- 768 (C) a statement regarding the purpose for which the person desires to obtain the
769 information;
- 770 (D) a list of the purposes for which the qualified person may use the information;
- 771 (E) a statement that the information may not be provided or used for a purpose
772 other than a purpose described under Subsection (4)(n)(ii)(D);
- 773 (F) a statement that if the person obtains the information under false pretenses, or
774 provides or uses the information in a manner that is prohibited by law, the
775 person is guilty of a class A misdemeanor and is subject to a civil fine;
- 776 (G) an assertion from the person that the person will not provide or use the
777 information in a manner that is prohibited by law; and
- 778 (H) notice that if the person makes a false statement in the document, the person is

- 779 punishable by law under Section 76-8-504.
- 780 (o) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(p), the information that the lieutenant governor
781 or a county clerk is required to provide, under Subsection (4)(n), from the record of a
782 protected individual is:
- 783 (i) a single hash code, generated from a string of data that includes both the voter's
784 voter identification number and residential address;
- 785 (ii) the voter's residential address;
- 786 (iii) the voter's mailing address, if different from the voter's residential address;
- 787 (iv) the party affiliation of the voter;
- 788 (v) the precinct number for the voter's residential address;
- 789 (vi) the voter's voting history; and
- 790 (vii) a designation of which age group, of the following age groups, the voter falls
791 within:
- 792 (A) 25 or younger;
- 793 (B) 26 through 35;
- 794 (C) 36 through 45;
- 795 (D) 46 through 55;
- 796 (E) 56 through 65;
- 797 (F) 66 through 75; or
- 798 (G) 76 or older.
- 799 (p) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose:
- 800 (i) information described in Subsection (4)(o) that, due to a small number of voters
801 affiliated with a particular political party, or due to another reason, would likely
802 reveal the identity of a voter if disclosed; or
- 803 (ii) the address described in Subsection (4)(o)(iii) if the lieutenant governor or the
804 county clerk determines that the nature of the address would directly reveal
805 sensitive information about the voter.
- 806 (q) A qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi), may not obtain, provide,
807 or use the information described in Subsection (4)(n) or (o), except to the extent that
808 the qualified person uses the information for a political purpose of a political party or
809 candidate for public office.
- 810 (5) When political parties not listed on the voter registration form qualify as registered
811 political parties under Chapter 8, Political Party Formation and Procedures, the
812 lieutenant governor shall inform the county clerks of the name of the new political party

- 813 and direct the county clerks to ensure that the voter registration form is modified to
814 include that political party.
- 815 (6) Upon receipt of a voter registration form from an applicant, the county clerk or the
816 clerk's designee shall:
- 817 (a) review each voter registration form for completeness and accuracy; and
818 (b) if the county clerk believes, based upon a review of the form, that an individual may
819 be seeking to register or preregister to vote who is not legally entitled to register or
820 preregister to vote, refer the form to the county attorney for investigation and
821 possible prosecution.
- 822 (7) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall withhold from a person, other than a
823 person described in Subsection (4)(a)(i), the voter registration record, and information
824 obtained from the voter registration record, of a protected individual.
- 825 (8)(a) The lieutenant governor shall design and distribute a withholding request form for
826 the purpose described in Subsections (1)(e)(i), (1)(e)(ii), (7), and this Subsection (8)
827 to each election officer and to each agency that provides a voter registration form.
- 828 (b) An individual described in Subsection (1)(e)(i) is not required to provide
829 verification, other than the individual's attestation and signature on the withholding
830 request form, that the individual, or an individual who resides with the individual, is a
831 victim of domestic violence or dating violence or is likely to be a victim of domestic
832 violence or dating violence.
- 833 (c) The director of elections within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor shall make
834 rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
835 establishing requirements for providing the verification described in Subsection
836 (1)(e)(ii).
- 837 (9) An election officer or an employee of an election officer may not encourage an
838 individual to submit, or discourage an individual from submitting, a withholding request
839 form.
- 840 (10)(a) The lieutenant governor shall make and execute a plan to provide notice to
841 registered voters who are protected individuals, that includes the following
842 information:
- 843 (i) that the voter's classification of the record as private remains in effect;
844 (ii) that certain non-identifying information from the voter's voter registration record
845 may, under certain circumstances, be released to political parties and candidates
846 for public office;

- 847 (iii) that the voter's name, driver license or identification card number, social security
 848 number, email address, phone number, and the voter's day, month, and year of
 849 birth will remain private and will not be released to political parties or candidates
 850 for public office;
- 851 (iv) that a county clerk will only release the information to political parties and
 852 candidates in a manner that does not associate the information with a particular
 853 voter; and
- 854 (v) that a county clerk may, under certain circumstances, withhold other information
 855 that the county clerk determines would reveal identifying information about the
 856 voter.
- 857 (b) The lieutenant governor may include in the notice described in this Subsection (10) a
 858 statement that a voter may obtain additional information on the lieutenant governor's
 859 website.
- 860 (c) The plan described in Subsection (10)(a) may include providing the notice described
 861 in Subsection (10)(a) by:
- 862 (i) publication on the Utah Public Notice Website, created in Section 63A-16-601;
 863 (ii) publication on the lieutenant governor's website or a county's website;
 864 (iii) posting the notice in public locations;
 865 (iv) publication in a newspaper;
 866 (v) sending notification to the voters by electronic means;
 867 (vi) sending notice by other methods used by government entities to communicate
 868 with citizens; or
 869 (vii) providing notice by any other method.
- 870 (d) The lieutenant governor shall provide the notice included in a plan described in this
 871 Subsection (10) before June 16, 2023.

872 Section 3. Section **20A-2-108** is amended to read:

873 **20A-2-108 . Driver license or state identification card registration form --**

874 **Transmittal of information.**

- 875 (1) As used in this section, "qualifying form" means:
- 876 (a) a driver license application form; or
 877 (b) a state identification card application form.
- 878 (2) The lieutenant governor and the Driver License Division shall design each qualifying
 879 form to include:
- 880 (a)(i) the following question, which an applicant is required to answer: "Do you

881 authorize the use of information in this form for voter registration purposes?

882 YES___ NO___"; and

883 (ii) no later than November 5, 2025, the following:

884 "Indicate below how you want to [~~vote in~~] receive your ballot for upcoming elections:

885 ___ Mail a ballot to me.

886 ___ Do not mail a ballot to me. I will obtain a ballot at a polling place and vote in
887 person.";

888 (b) the following statement:

889 "PRIVACY INFORMATION

890 Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such
891 as your name and address, some information that is available only to government entities, and
892 some information that is available only to certain third parties in accordance with the
893 requirements of law.

894 Your driver license number, identification card number, social security number, email
895 address, full date of birth, and phone number are available only to government entities. Your
896 year of birth is available to political parties, candidates for public office, certain third parties,
897 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, in accordance with the requirements of law.

898 You may request that all information on your voter registration records be withheld from
899 all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office, and
900 their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by indicating here:

901 ___ Yes, I request that all information on my voter registration records be withheld
902 from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,
903 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers.

904 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION

905 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that identifying
906 information on your voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates
907 for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a
908 withholding request form, and any required verification, as described in the following
909 paragraphs.

910 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration
911 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their
912 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form with this
913 registration record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is or is likely
914 to be, or resides with a person who is or is likely to be, a victim of domestic violence or dating

915 violence.

916 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration
917 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their
918 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form and any
919 required verification with this registration form, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk,
920 if the person is, or resides with a person who is, a law enforcement officer, a member of the
921 armed forces, a public figure, or protected by a protective order or a protection order."; and

922 (c) a section in substantially the following form:

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924 **BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS**
925 Do you consent to receive communications about the status of your ballot and other official
926 communications, by text, at the phone number you provided above? Yes No
927 -----".

928 (3) The lieutenant governor and the Driver License Division shall ensure that a qualifying
929 form contains:

930 (a) a place for an individual to affirm the individual's citizenship, voting eligibility, and
931 Utah residency, and that the information provided in the form is true;

932 (b) a records disclosure that is similar to the records disclosure on a voter registration
933 form described in Section 20A-2-104;

934 (c) a statement that if an applicant declines to register or preregister to vote, the fact that
935 the applicant has declined to register or preregister will remain confidential and will
936 be used only for voter registration purposes;

937 (d) a statement that if an applicant does register or preregister to vote, the office at which
938 the applicant submits a voter registration application will remain confidential and will
939 be used only for voter registration purposes; and

940 (e) if the applicant answers "yes" to the question described in Subsection (2)(a), a space
941 where an individual may, if desired:

942 (i) indicate the individual's desired political affiliation from a listing of each
943 registered political party, as defined in Section 20A-8-101;

944 (ii) specify a political party that is not listed under Subsection (3)(e)(i) with which the
945 individual desires to affiliate; or

946 (iii) indicate that the individual does not wish to affiliate with a political party.

947 Section 4. Section **20A-2-206** is amended to read:

948 **20A-2-206 . Electronic registration -- Requesting to receive a ballot by mail.**

- 949 (1) The lieutenant governor shall create and maintain an electronic system that is publicly
950 available on the [~~Internet~~] internet for an individual to:
- 951 (a) apply for voter registration or preregistration; or
952 (b) beginning no later than July 1, 2025, request to receive a ballot by mail.
- 953 (2) The electronic system described in Subsection (1) shall require, to register to vote, the
954 applicant to:
- 955 (a) enter the applicant's name, address, date of birth, driver license number or state
956 identification card number, and any other information determined to be necessary by
957 the lieutenant governor;
- 958 (b) provide the information required by Section 20A-2-104, except that the applicant's
959 signature may be obtained in the manner described in Subsections (2)(d) and (5);
- 960 (c) attest to the truth of the information provided; and
961 (d) authorize the lieutenant governor's and county clerk's use of the applicant's:
- 962 (i) driver license or identification card signature, obtained under Title 53, Chapter 3,
963 Uniform Driver License Act, for voter registration or preregistration purposes; or
964 (ii) signature on file in the lieutenant governor's statewide voter registration database
965 developed under Section 20A-2-502, for voter registration or preregistration
966 purposes.
- 967 (3) Notwithstanding Section 20A-2-104, an applicant using the electronic system described
968 in Subsection (1) is not required to complete a printed registration form.
- 969 (4) A system created and maintained under this section shall provide to an individual who is
970 registering to vote the notices concerning a voter's presentation of identification
971 described in Subsection 20A-2-104(2).
- 972 (5) The lieutenant governor shall, in relation to an individual who is registering to vote:
- 973 (a) obtain a digital copy of the applicant's driver license signature or identification card
974 signature from the Driver License Division; or
975 (b) ensure that the applicant's signature is on file in the lieutenant governor's statewide
976 voter registration database developed under Section 20A-2-502.
- 977 (6) The lieutenant governor shall send the information described in Subsections (2) and (5)
978 to the county clerk for the county in which the applicant's principal place of residence is
979 found for further action as required by Section 20A-2-304 after:
- 980 (a) receiving all information from an applicant; and
981 (b)(i) receiving all information from the Driver License Division, if applicable; and
982 (ii) ensuring that the applicant's signature is on file in the lieutenant governor's

- 983 statewide voter registration database developed under Section 20A-2-502.
- 984 (7) The lieutenant governor may use additional security measures to ensure the accuracy
985 and integrity of information submitted electronically under this section.
- 986 (8) If an individual applies to register under this section no later than 11 calendar days
987 before the date of an election, the county clerk shall:
- 988 (a) accept and process the voter registration form;
- 989 (b) unless the individual named in the form is preregistering to vote:
- 990 (i) enter the applicant's name on the list of registered voters for the voting precinct in
991 which the applicant resides; and
- 992 (ii) notify the individual that the individual is registered to vote in the upcoming
993 election; and
- 994 (c) if the individual named in the form is preregistering to vote, comply with Section
995 20A-2-101.1.
- 996 (9) If an individual applies to register under this section after the deadline described in
997 Subsection (8), the county clerk shall, unless the individual is preregistering to vote:
- 998 (a) accept the application for registration; and
- 999 (b) except as provided in Subsection 20A-2-207(6), if possible, promptly inform the
1000 individual that the individual will not be registered to vote in the pending election,
1001 unless the individual registers to vote by provisional ballot during the early voting
1002 period, if applicable, on election day, in accordance with Section 20A-2-207.
- 1003 (10) The lieutenant governor shall provide a means by which a registered voter shall sign
1004 the application form.
- 1005 (11) For an individual who is registering to vote or is already registered to vote, the electronic
1006 system described in Subsection (1) shall include the following:
- 1007 "Indicate below how you want to [~~vote in~~] receive your ballot for upcoming elections:
- 1008 _____ Mail a ballot to me.
- 1009 _____ Do not mail a ballot to me. I will obtain a ballot at a polling place and vote in
1010 person."
- 1011 Section 5. Section **20A-2-505** is amended to read:
- 1012 **20A-2-505 . Removing names from the official register -- Determining and**
1013 **confirming change of residence.**
- 1014 (1) A county clerk may not remove a voter's name from the official register on the grounds
1015 that the voter has changed residence unless the voter:
- 1016 (a) confirms in writing that the voter has changed residence to a place outside the

1017 county; or

1018 (b)(i) does not vote in an election during the period beginning on the date of the
1019 notice described in Subsection (3), and ending on the day after the date of the
1020 second regular general election occurring after the date of the notice; and

1021 (ii) does not respond to the notice described in Subsection (3).

1022 (2)(a) Within 31 calendar days after the day on which a county clerk obtains information
1023 that a voter's address has changed, if it appears that the voter still resides within the
1024 same county, the county clerk shall:

1025 (i) change the official register to show the voter's new address; and

1026 (ii) send to the voter, by forwardable mail, the notice described in Subsection (3).

1027 (b) When a county clerk obtains information that a voter's address has changed and it
1028 appears that the voter now resides in a different county, the county clerk shall verify
1029 the changed residence by sending to the voter, by forwardable mail, the notice
1030 described in Subsection (3), printed on a postage prepaid, preaddressed return form.

1031 (3)(a) Each county clerk shall use substantially the following form to notify voters whose
1032 addresses have changed:

1033 "VOTER REGISTRATION NOTICE

1034 We have been notified that your residence has changed. Please read, complete, and
1035 return this form so that we can update our voter registration records. What is your current
1036 street address?

1037 _____
1038 Street City County State Zip

1039 What is your current phone number (optional)? _____

1040 What is your current email address (optional)? _____

1041 If you have not changed your residence, or have moved but stayed within the same
1042 county, you must complete and return this form to the county clerk so that it is received by the
1043 county clerk before 5 p.m. no later than 30 calendar days before the date of the election. If you
1044 fail to return this form within that time:

1045 - you may be required to show evidence of your address to the poll worker before being
1046 allowed to vote in either of the next two regular general elections; or

1047 - if you fail to vote at least once, from the date this notice was mailed until the passing of
1048 two regular general elections, you will no longer be registered to vote. If you have changed
1049 your residence and have moved to a different county in Utah, you may register to vote by
1050 contacting the county clerk in your county.

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Signature of Voter

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PRIVACY INFORMATION

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Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such as your name and address, some information that is available only to government entities, and some information that is available only to certain third parties in accordance with the requirements of law.

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Your driver license number, identification card number, social security number, email address, full date of birth, and phone number are available only to government entities. Your year of birth is available to political parties, candidates for public office, certain third parties, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, in accordance with the requirements of law.

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You may request that all information on your voter registration records be withheld from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by indicating here:

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_____ Yes, I request that all information on my voter registration records be withheld from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers.

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION

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In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that identifying information on your voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form, and any required verification, as described in the following paragraphs.

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A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form with this registration record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is or is likely to be, or resides with a person who is or is likely to be, a victim of domestic violence or dating violence.

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A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form and any required verification with this registration form, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is, or resides with a person who is, a law enforcement officer, a member of the

1085 armed forces, a public figure, or protected by a protective order or a protection order."

1086 (b) The form described in Subsection (3)(a) shall also include:

1087 (i) a section in substantially the following form:

1088 "-----

1089 BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS

1090 Do you consent to receive communications about the status of your ballot and other official
1091 communications, by text, at the phone number you provided above? Yes No

1092 -----";

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1094 (ii) no later than November 5, 2025, the following, immediately after the question described in
1095 Subsection (3)(b)(i):

1096 "Indicate below how you want to [~~vote in~~] receive your ballot for upcoming elections:

1097 _____ Mail a ballot to me.

1098 _____ Do not mail a ballot to me. I will obtain a ballot at a polling place and vote in
1099 person."

1100 (4)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), the county clerk may not remove the
1101 names of any voters from the official register during the 90 calendar days before a
1102 regular primary election or the 90 calendar days before a regular general election.

1103 (b) The county clerk may remove the names of voters from the official register during
1104 the 90 calendar days before a regular primary election or the 90 calendar days before
1105 a regular general election if:

1106 (i) the voter requests, in writing, that the voter's name be removed; or

1107 (ii) the voter dies.

1108 (c)(i) After a county clerk mails a notice under this section, the county clerk shall,
1109 unless otherwise prohibited by law, list that voter as inactive.

1110 (ii) If a county clerk receives a returned voter identification card, determines that
1111 there was no clerical error causing the card to be returned, and has no further
1112 information to contact the voter, the county clerk shall, unless otherwise
1113 prohibited by law, list that voter as inactive.

1114 (iii) An inactive voter may vote, sign petitions, and have all other privileges of a
1115 registered voter.

1116 (iv) A county is not required to:

1117 (A) send routine mailings to an inactive voter; or

1118 (B) count inactive voters when dividing precincts and preparing supplies.

- 1119 (5) The lieutenant governor shall make available to a county clerk United States Social
 1120 Security Administration data received by the lieutenant governor regarding deceased
 1121 individuals.
- 1122 (6) A county clerk shall, within 10 business days after the day on which the county clerk
 1123 receives the information described in Subsection (5) or Subsections 26B-8-114(11) and
 1124 (12) relating to a decedent whose name appears on the official register, remove the
 1125 decedent's name from the official register.
- 1126 (7) Ninety calendar days before each primary and general election the lieutenant governor
 1127 shall compare the information the lieutenant governor has received under Subsection
 1128 26B-8-114(11) with the official register of voters to ensure that all deceased voters have
 1129 been removed from the official register.

1130 Section 6. Section **20A-3a-201** is amended to read:

1131 **20A-3a-201 . Voting methods.**

- 1132 (1) A voter may vote as follows:
- 1133 ~~[(a) by mail;]~~
- 1134 ~~[(b)] (a) at a polling place, or by delivering a completed remote ballot to a polling place,~~
 1135 during early voting hours;
- 1136 ~~[(e)] (b) at a polling place, or by delivering a completed remote ballot to a polling place,~~
 1137 on election day when the polls are open;
- 1138 ~~[(d)] (c) if the voter is an individual with a disability, by voting remotely, via a~~
 1139 mechanical ballot or via electronic means if approved by the election officer;
- 1140 ~~[(e)] (d) electronically or via a federal write-in absentee ballot if the voter is a covered~~
 1141 voter, as defined in Section 20A-16-102;~~[-or]~~
- 1142 (e) by mail, in accordance with Section 20A-3a-203.6; or
- 1143 (f) by emergency ballot, in accordance with Part 3, Emergency Ballots.
- 1144 (2) A voter may not vote at a polling place if the voter voted ~~[by mail or]~~ in a manner
 1145 described in Subsections ~~[(1)(d)] (1)(c)~~ through (f).

1146 Section 7. Section **20A-3a-202** is amended to read:

1147 **20A-3a-202 . Conducting an election -- Mailing ballots to voters -- Exceptions.**

- 1148 (1)~~[(a)]~~ Except as otherwise provided for an election held for a local tax referendum that
 1149 is conducted entirely by mail under Section 20A-7-609.5, an election officer shall
 1150 administer an election ~~[primarily by mail,]~~ in accordance with this section.
- 1151 ~~[(b) An individual who did not provide valid voter identification at the time the voter~~
 1152 ~~registered to vote shall provide valid voter identification before voting.]~~

- 1153 (2) An election officer who administers an election:
- 1154 (a) shall, in accordance with Subsection (3), no sooner than 21 calendar days before
- 1155 election day and no later than seven calendar days before election day, mail to the
- 1156 applicable voters, in accordance with Subsection 20A-3a-202.5(3), and subject to
- 1157 Subsection 20A-3a-202.5(4):
- 1158 (i) a manual ballot;
- 1159 (ii)(A) a standard return envelope; or
- 1160 (B) if required under Section 20A-3a-203.6, a mail-in return envelope;
- 1161 (iii) instructions for returning the ballot that include an express notice about any
- 1162 relevant deadlines that the voter must meet in order for the voter's vote to be
- 1163 counted;
- 1164 (iv) information regarding the location and hours of operation of any election day
- 1165 voting center at which the voter may vote or a website address where the voter
- 1166 may view this information; and
- 1167 (v) instructions on how a voter may sign up to receive electronic ballot status
- 1168 notifications via the ballot tracking system described in Section 20A-3a-401.5;
- 1169 (b) may not mail a ballot under this section to:
- 1170 (i) an inactive voter, unless the inactive voter requests a manual ballot; or
- 1171 (ii) a voter whom the election officer is prohibited from sending a ballot under
- 1172 Subsection 20A-3a-202.5(4);
- 1173 (c) shall, on the outside of the envelope in which the election officer mails the ballot,
- 1174 include instructions for returning the ballot if the individual to whom the election
- 1175 officer mails the ballot does not live at the address to which the ballot is sent;
- 1176 (d) shall provide a method of accessible voting to a voter with a disability who is not
- 1177 able to vote by mail; and
- 1178 (e) shall include, on the election officer's website and with each ballot mailed,
- 1179 instructions regarding how a voter described in Subsection (2)(d) may vote.
- 1180 (3)(a) An election officer who mails a manual ballot under Subsection (2) shall mail the
- 1181 manual ballot to the address:
- 1182 (i) provided at the time of registration or updated by the voter after the time of
- 1183 registration; or
- 1184 (ii) if, at or after the time of registration, the voter files an alternate address request
- 1185 form described in Subsection (3)(b), the alternate address indicated on the form.
- 1186 (b) The lieutenant governor shall make available to voters an alternate address request

1187 form that permits a voter to request that the election officer mail the voter's ballot to a
1188 location other than the voter's residence.

1189 (c) A voter shall provide the completed alternate address request form to the election
1190 officer no later than 11 calendar days before the day of the election.

1191 (d) Beginning on November 5, 2025, through December 31, 2028, an election officer shall
1192 include, with each ballot mailed to a voter, a separate paper document containing the following
1193 statements:

1194 "WARNING

1195 If you have a valid Utah driver license or a valid Utah state identification card, failure to
1196 provide the last four digits of the license or card number may result in your ballot not being
1197 counted. You also have the option of providing the last four digits of your social security
1198 number as identification. If you do not have any of these identification types, your ballot will
1199 still be counted if your signature on the affidavit on this envelope matches your signature on
1200 file with the election officer.

1201 NOTICE

1202 Beginning in 2029, you will not receive a ballot by mail unless you request to receive a
1203 ballot by mail. You may request to receive a ballot by mail at [insert a uniform resource
1204 locator where the voter can make the request online]. If you are unable to make a request
1205 online, contact your county clerk's office at the following number for instructions on how to
1206 make the request in person or by mail [insert phone number here]."[]

1207 (e) Beginning on January 1, 2029, an election officer shall include, with each ballot mailed to a
1208 voter, a separate paper document containing the following statement:

1209 "WARNING

1210 If you have a valid Utah driver license or a valid Utah state identification card, failure to
1211 provide the last four digits of your license or card number will result in your ballot not being
1212 counted.

1213 If you do not have a license or card described above, you may enter the last four digits of
1214 your social security number as identification, or include a photocopy of one of the following in
1215 the return envelope:

1216 • a currently valid identification card that is issued by the state or a branch, department, or
1217 agency of the United States;

1218 • a currently valid Utah permit to carry a concealed weapon;

1219 • a currently valid United States passport;

1220 • a currently valid United States military identification card; or

1221 • a currently valid tribal identification card, Bureau of Indian Affairs card, or tribal treaty
1222 card.

1223 If you do not have any of the forms of identification listed above, you must vote in person
1224 at a polling place, unless you qualify for an exemption from this requirement. You may obtain
1225 information regarding an exemption at [insert a uniform resource locator where the voter can
1226 view this information] or by calling [insert a phone number that a voter may call to access this
1227 information]."

1228 (4) [The] A standard return envelope shall include:

1229 (a) the name, official title, and post office address of the election officer on the front of
1230 the envelope;

1231 (b) subject to Subsection [(9), beginning on or before January 1, 2026] (6), a place for the
1232 voter to enter the last four digits of the voter's Utah driver license number, Utah state
1233 identification card number, or social security number;

1234 (c) the following statement:

1235 "IMPORTANT: See the warning and notice enclosed with your ballot."; and

1236 (d) a space where a voter may write an email address and phone number by which the
1237 election officer may contact the voter if the voter's ballot is rejected[; and] .

1238 [(e) a printed affidavit in substantially the following form:

1239 "County of _____ State of _____

1240 I, _____, solemnly swear that: I am a qualified resident voter of the _____ voting precinct
1241 in _____ County, Utah and that I am entitled to vote in this election. I am not a convicted felon
1242 currently incarcerated for commission of a felony.

1243 _____

1244 Signature of Voter

1245 WARNING

1246 The above affidavit must be signed by the voter to whom the ballot is addressed. It is a
1247 FELONY for any other individual to sign the above affidavit, even if the voter to whom the
1248 ballot is addressed gives permission for another to sign the affidavit for the voter."

1249 [(5) If the election officer determines that the voter has not yet provided valid voter
1250 identification with the voter's voter registration, the election officer may:]

1251 [(a) mail a ballot to the voter;]

1252 [(b) instruct the voter to enclose a copy of the voter's valid voter identification in the
1253 return envelope; and]

1254 [(c) provide instructions to the voter on how the voter may sign up to receive electronic

- 1255 ballot status notifications via the ballot tracking system described in Section
 1256 20A-3a-401.5.]
- 1257 [~~(6)~~ An election officer who administers an election shall:]
- 1258 [(a)(i) before the election, obtain the signatures of each voter qualified to vote in the
 1259 election; or]
- 1260 [(ii) obtain the signature of each voter within the voting precinct from the county
 1261 clerk; and]
- 1262 [(b) maintain the signatures on file in the election officer's office.]
- 1263 [(7) Upon receipt of a returned ballot, the election officer shall review and process the
 1264 ballot under Section 20A-3a-401.]
- 1265 [(8)] (5) A county that administers an election:
- 1266 (a) shall provide at least one election day voting center in accordance with Part 7,
 1267 Election Day Voting Center, and at least one additional election day voting center for
 1268 every 5,000 active voters in the county [~~who, under Section 20A-3a-202.5, will not~~
 1269 ~~receive a ballot by mail];~~
- 1270 (b) shall ensure that each election day voting center operated by the county has at least
 1271 one voting device that is accessible, in accordance with the Help America Vote Act
 1272 of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-252, for individuals with disabilities;
- 1273 (c) may reduce the early voting period described in Section 20A-3a-601, if:
- 1274 (i) the county clerk conducts early voting on at least four days;
- 1275 (ii) the early voting days are within the period beginning on the date that is 14
 1276 calendar days before the date of the election and ending on the day before the
 1277 election; and
- 1278 (iii) the county clerk provides notice of the reduced early voting period in accordance
 1279 with Section 20A-3a-604; and
- 1280 (d) is not required to pay return postage for a mail-in return envelope.
- 1281 [(9)] (6) A return envelope shall be designed in a manner that the information described in
 1282 Subsections (4)(b) and (d), and the voter's signature, is covered from view after the
 1283 return envelope is sealed.
- 1284 [(10)] (7) A county clerk shall, at least 90 calendar days before an election administered by
 1285 the county clerk, contact local post offices to:
- 1286 (a) coordinate the handling of mail-in [~~ballots~~] return envelopes for the upcoming
 1287 election; and
- 1288 (b) take measures to ensure that[;]

1289 ~~[(i) ballots are clearly and properly postmarked, or otherwise marked in accordance~~
1290 ~~with Subsection 20A-3a-204(2)(a)(i), with the date on which the ballot was~~
1291 ~~mailed; and]~~
1292 [(ii)] ballots are delivered in an expeditious manner to optimize the timely receipt of
1293 ballots.

1294 Section 8. Section **20A-3a-202.5** is amended to read:

1295 **20A-3a-202.5 . Receiving a ballot by mail -- Making a request -- Termination or**
1296 **expiration of a request -- Renewing a request.**

- 1297 (1) As used in this section, "request to receive a ballot by mail" means to make a request as
1298 described in Subsection (2).
- 1299 (2) An individual may request to receive a ballot by mail by:
- 1300 (a) making the request on a voter registration form;
- 1301 (b) making the request when the individual applies for or renews the individual's driver
1302 license or state identification card;
- 1303 (c) making the request via the electronic system described in Section 20A-2-206; or
- 1304 (d) making the request when the voter votes in person.
- 1305 (3) An election officer shall, when mailing ballots to voters under Section 20A-3a-202, mail
1306 a ballot to each registered voter who:
- 1307 (a) for an election held before January 1, 2029, is an active voter, unless the voter
1308 requests to stop receiving a ballot by mail; or
- 1309 (b) except as provided in Subsection (4), for an election held on or after January 1, 2029:
- 1310 (i) is an active voter; and
- 1311 (ii) has, in accordance with Subsection (2), made a request to receive a ballot by mail.
- 1312 (4) For an election held on or after January 1, 2029, an election officer may not mail a
1313 ballot to an individual who:
- 1314 (a) following the individual's most recent request to receive a ballot by mail:
- 1315 (i) requests to stop receiving ballots by mail; or
- 1316 (ii) does not vote in an election during a period that includes two consecutive regular
1317 general elections; or
- 1318 (b) has not, within eight years before the day on which the election officer mails the bulk
1319 of the ballots for an election, made a request to receive a ballot by mail.
- 1320 (5) This section may not be applied in a manner that conflicts with Chapter 16, Uniform
1321 Military and Overseas Voters Act.
- 1322 (6) In an election held for a local tax law referendum that is conducted entirely by mail

1323 under Section 20A-7-609.5, the election officer shall send a ballot by mail to a registered
 1324 voter, regardless of whether the registered voter makes a request described in Subsection
 1325 (4).

1326 Section 9. Section **20A-3a-203** is amended to read:

1327 **20A-3a-203 . Voting at a polling place.**

1328 (1) A registered voter may vote at a standard polling place, or return a remote ballot to a
 1329 standard polling place, in an election in accordance with this section.

1330 (2)(a) The voter shall give the voter's name, and, if requested, the voter's residence, to
 1331 one of the poll workers.

1332 (b) The voter shall present valid voter identification to one of the poll workers, as
 1333 follows:

1334 (i) the voter shall present a currently valid Utah driver license or Utah state
 1335 identification card;

1336 (ii) if the voter does not have the type of identification described in Subsection
 1337 (2)(b)(i), the voter shall present:

1338 (A) a currently valid identification card issued by the state, or a branch,
 1339 department, or agency of the United States;

1340 (B) a currently valid Utah permit to carry a concealed weapon;

1341 (C) a currently valid United States passport;

1342 (D) a currently valid United States military identification card; or

1343 (E) a valid tribal identification card, Bureau of Indian Affairs card, or tribal treaty
 1344 card; or

1345 (iii) if the voter does not have the type of identification described in Subsection
 1346 (2)(b)(i) or (ii), the voter shall present other valid voter identification.

1347 (c) If the poll worker is not satisfied that the voter has presented valid voter
 1348 identification in accordance with Subsection (2)(b), the poll worker shall:

1349 (i) indicate on the official register that the voter was not properly identified;

1350 (ii) if the voter is returning a remote ballot, issue the voter a provisional ballot
 1351 envelope;

1352 [~~(ii)~~] (iii) if the voter is voting in-person, issue the voter a provisional ballot; and

1353 [~~(iii)~~] notify the voter that the voter will have until the close of normal office hours on
 1354 Monday after the day of the election or, if Monday is a holiday, on the first
 1355 business day after the holiday, to present valid voter identification:]

1356 [~~(A)~~] to the county clerk at the county clerk's office; or]

- 1357 ~~[(B) to an election officer who is administering the election; and]~~
1358 (iv) follow the procedures and requirements of Section 20A-3a-205.
- 1359 (d) If the person's right to vote is challenged as provided in Section 20A-3a-803, the poll
1360 worker shall follow the procedures and requirements of Section 20A-3a-205.
- 1361 (3) A poll worker shall check the official register~~[-to determine]:~~
1362 (a) to determine whether a voter is registered to vote; and
1363 (b) ~~[if the election is]~~ for a voter who seeks to obtain a ballot from a standard polling
1364 place during a regular primary election or a presidential primary election, to
1365 determine whether a voter's party affiliation designation in the official register allows
1366 the voter to vote the ballot that the voter requests.
- 1367 (4)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (5), if the voter's name is not found on the
1368 official register, the poll worker shall follow the procedures and requirements of
1369 Section 20A-3a-205.
- 1370 (b) If, when a voter seeks to obtain a ballot from a standard polling place in a regular
1371 primary election or a presidential primary election, the official register does not
1372 affirmatively identify the voter as being affiliated with a registered political party or
1373 if the official register identifies the voter as being "unaffiliated," the voter shall be
1374 considered to be "unaffiliated."
- 1375 (5) In a regular primary election or a presidential primary election:
1376 (a) if a voter's name is not found on the official register, and if it is not unduly disruptive
1377 to the election process, the poll worker may attempt to contact the county clerk's
1378 office to request oral verification of the voter's registration; and
1379 (b) if oral verification is received from the county clerk's office, the poll worker shall:
1380 (i) record the verification on the official register;
1381 (ii) for a voter who seeks to obtain a ballot from a standard polling place, determine
1382 the voter's party affiliation and the ballot that the voter is qualified to vote; and
1383 (iii) except as provided in Subsection (6), comply with Subsection (3).
- 1384 (6)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(b), if, in a regular primary election or a
1385 presidential primary election, the voter's political party affiliation listed in the official
1386 register does not allow the voter to vote the ballot that the voter requested, the poll
1387 worker shall inform the voter of that fact and inform the voter of the ballot or ballots
1388 that the voter's party affiliation does allow the voter to vote.
- 1389 (b) If, in a regular primary election or a presidential primary election, the voter is listed
1390 in the official register as unaffiliated, or if the official register does not affirmatively

1391 identify the voter as either unaffiliated or affiliated with a registered political party,
 1392 and the voter, as an unaffiliated voter, is not authorized to vote the ballot that the
 1393 voter requests, the poll worker shall:

1394 (i) ask the voter if the voter wishes to vote another registered political party ballot
 1395 that the voter, as unaffiliated, is authorized to vote, or remain unaffiliated; and

1396 (ii)(A) if the voter wishes to vote another registered political party ballot that the
 1397 unaffiliated voter is authorized to vote, the poll worker shall proceed as
 1398 required by Subsection (3); or

1399 (B) if the voter wishes to remain unaffiliated and does not wish to vote another
 1400 ballot that unaffiliated voters are authorized to vote, the poll worker shall
 1401 instruct the voter that the voter may not vote.

1402 (7) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(b)(ii)(B), and subject to the other provisions of
 1403 Subsection (6), if the poll worker determines that the voter is registered, a poll worker
 1404 shall:

1405 (a) direct the voter to sign the voter's name in the official register; and

1406 (b)(i) if the voter is returning a remote ballot that is sealed in a return envelope,
 1407 accept the return envelope from the voter and place the return envelope in the
 1408 ballot box; or

1409 (ii) if the voter seeks to obtain a ballot at the standard polling place:

1410 ~~[(b)]~~ (A) provide to the voter the ballot that the voter is qualified to vote; ~~[-and]~~

1411 (B) provide to the voter a standard return envelope; and

1412 ~~[(c)]~~ (C) allow the voter to enter the voting booth.

1413 (8)(a) The official register shall include the statement described in Subsection (8)(b):

1414 (i) at the top of each page of the register where a voter signs the register; or

1415 (ii) adjacent to the place where each voter signs the register.

1416 (b) The statement described in Subsection (8)(a) shall appear as follows:

1417 "AFFIDAVIT

1418 By signing this register I am signing an affidavit where, UNDER PENALTY OF

1419 PERJURY, I affirm that the identification I presented to the poll worker is valid voter

1420 identification that accurately identifies me as the person indicated."

1421 (9) A voter who votes at a polling place may submit a request to a poll worker that a ballot
 1422 be mailed to the voter in upcoming elections.

1423 Section 10. Section **20A-3a-203.5** is enacted to read:

1424 **20A-3a-203.5 . Returning a remote ballot to a ballot drop box.**

- 1425 (1) A registered voter may return a remote ballot to a ballot drop box in accordance with
 1426 this section.
- 1427 (2) A voter may not return a remote ballot to a ballot drop box, unless the ballot drop box is
 1428 attended by two or more poll workers.
- 1429 (3)(a) When returning a remote ballot to a ballot drop box, the voter shall give the
 1430 voter's name, and, if requested, the voter's residence, to one of the poll workers.
- 1431 (b) The voter shall present valid voter identification to one of the poll workers.
- 1432 (c) If the poll worker is not satisfied that the voter has presented valid voter
 1433 identification, the poll worker shall:
- 1434 (i) indicate on the official register that the voter was not properly identified;
 1435 (ii) provide the voter with a provisional ballot envelope; and
 1436 (iii) follow the procedures and requirements of Section 20A-3a-205.
- 1437 (d) If the person's right to vote is challenged as provided in Section 20A-3a-803, the poll
 1438 worker shall follow the procedures and requirements of Subsections (3)(c)(ii) and (iii).
- 1439 (4) A poll worker shall:
- 1440 (a) check the official register to determine whether a voter is registered to vote; and
 1441 (b) if the voter's name is not found on the official register, the poll worker shall follow
 1442 the procedures and requirements of Subsections (3)(c)(ii) and (iii).
- 1443 Section 11. Section **20A-3a-203.6** is enacted to read:
- 1444 **20A-3a-203.6 . Returning a remote ballot by mail -- Application -- Mail-in return**
 1445 **envelope.**
- 1446 (1) Except as otherwise provided in Chapter 16, Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act,
 1447 a voter may not return a remote ballot by mail unless the voter complies with the
 1448 requirements of this section.
- 1449 (2) A voter who desires to return a remote ballot by mail shall:
- 1450 (a) apply for designation as a voter who may return a remote ballot by mail, on a form
 1451 designed by the lieutenant governor;
- 1452 (b) except as provided in Subsection (2)(c), submit the form, in-person, at the office of
 1453 the county clerk of the county of which the voter is a resident;
- 1454 (c) if the voter is an individual with a disability, submit the form in-person, by mail, or
 1455 by electronic means to the office of the county clerk of the county of which the voter
 1456 is a resident; and
- 1457 (d) at the time the voter submits the form, provide valid voter identification.
- 1458 (3) A voter who complies with Subsection (2) may return a ballot by mail:

- 1459 (a) in the next election that is at least 45 days after the day on which the voter complies
1460 with Subsection (2); and
- 1461 (b) in each election following the election described in Subsection (3)(a) that is no more
1462 than two years after the day of the election described in Subsection (3)(a).
- 1463 (4) For each voter who is authorized to return a ballot by mail under Subsections (2) and (3),
1464 the election officer shall, when mailing ballots under Section 20A-3a-202, include with
1465 the ballot a mail-in return envelope described in Subsection (5).
- 1466 (5) A mail-in return envelope shall include:
- 1467 (a) the official title, and post office address of the election officer on the front of the
1468 envelope;
- 1469 (b) a space where a voter may write an email address and phone number by which the
1470 election officer may contact the voter if the voter's ballot is rejected;
- 1471 (c) a printed affidavit in substantially the following form:
1472 "County of _____ State of _____ I, _____, solemnly swear that:
1473 I am a qualified resident voter of the _____ voting precinct in _____ County, Utah;
1474 I am entitled to vote in this election; and
1475 I am not a convicted felon currently incarcerated for commission of a felony.
1476 _____
1477 Signature of Voter"; and
- 1478 (d) a warning that the affidavit must be signed by the individual to whom the ballot was
1479 sent and that the ballot will not be counted if the signature on the affidavit does not
1480 match the signature on file with the election officer of the individual to whom the
1481 ballot was sent.
- 1482 (6) An election officer who administers an election shall:
- 1483 (a)(i) before the election, obtain the signatures of each voter qualified to vote in the
1484 election; or
- 1485 (ii) obtain the signature of each voter within the voting precinct from the county
1486 clerk; and
- 1487 (b) maintain the signatures on file in the election officer's office.
- 1488 (7) To return a remote ballot by mail, the voter shall comply with Subsections
1489 20A-3a-204(1), (4), and (5)(a).
- 1490 (8) A voter may return a remote ballot that was provided to the voter with a mail-in return
1491 envelope to a standard polling place or a ballot drop box by:
- 1492 (a) sealing the ballot in the mail-in return envelope, or in a standard return envelope that

1493 is provided by a poll worker at the standard polling place or the ballot drop box; and

1494 (b)(i) at a standard polling place, complying with Section 20A-3a-203; or

1495 (ii) at a ballot drop box, complying with Section 20A-3a-203.5.

1496 (9) If a voter returns a mail-in return envelope to a standard polling place or a ballot drop

1497 box, the poll workers shall process the ballot as a remote ballot returned, in-person, in a

1498 standard return envelope and not as a remote ballot returned by mail.

1499 (10) Upon receipt of a remote ballot that is returned by mail in accordance with this section,

1500 the election officer shall review and process the ballot under Section 20A-3a-401.

1501 Section 12. Section **20A-3a-204** is amended to read:

1502 **20A-3a-204 . Marking a manual ballot -- Returning a ballot by mail, at an**
 1503 **election officer's office, or via a ballot drop box -- Depositing a ballot received by mail at**
 1504 **a polling place.**

1505 (1) To vote a manual ballot:

1506 (a) ~~[except as provided in Subsection (7),]~~the voter shall prepare the voter's manual
 1507 ballot by marking the appropriate space with a mark opposite the name of each
 1508 candidate of the voter's choice for each office to be filled;

1509 (b) if a ballot proposition is submitted to a vote of the people, the voter shall mark the
 1510 appropriate space with a mark opposite the answer the voter intends to make;

1511 (c) ~~[except as provided in Subsection (7),]~~the voter shall record a write-in vote in
 1512 accordance with Subsection 20A-3a-206(1);~~[-and]~~

1513 (d) ~~[except as provided in Subsection (7),]~~a mark is not required opposite the name of a
 1514 write-in candidate~~[-]~~ ; and

1515 (e) the voter shall place the ballot in the return envelope and seal the return envelope.

1516 (2) Except to the extent otherwise required for a voter who casts a provisional ballot, a
 1517 voter who votes a manual ballot at a standard polling place shall, after complying with
 1518 Section 20A-3a-203 and Subsection (1), deposit the return envelope in the ballot box at
 1519 the polling location.

1520 (3) Except to the extent otherwise required for a voter who casts a provisional ballot, if a
 1521 voter returns a remote ballot to a standard polling location:

1522 (a) the voter shall, after complying with Section 20A-3a-203 and Subsection (1), deliver
 1523 the return envelope to the poll worker; and

1524 (b) the poll worker shall immediately place the return envelope in the ballot drop box.

1525 ~~[(2)]~~ (4) ~~[Before returning a ballot mailed to the voter]~~ If a voter returns a ballot by mail, the
 1526 voter shall:

- 1527 (a) complete and sign the affidavit on the mail-in return envelope;
- 1528 (b) enter the last four digits of the voter's Utah driver license or Utah state identification
- 1529 card;
- 1530 (c) beginning on January 1, 2029, if the voter does not have a Utah driver license or
- 1531 Utah state identification card:
- 1532 (i) write the last four digits of the voter's social security card on the return envelope;
- 1533 or
- 1534 (ii) include in the return envelope a photocopy of one of the following forms of
- 1535 identification for the voter:
- 1536 (A) a currently valid identification card issued by the state, or a branch,
- 1537 department, or agency of the United States;
- 1538 (B) a currently valid Utah permit to carry a concealed weapon;
- 1539 (C) a currently valid United States passport;
- 1540 (D) a currently valid United States military identification card; or
- 1541 (E) a valid tribal identification card, Bureau of Indian Affairs card, or tribal treaty
- 1542 card;
- 1543 (d) place the voted ballot in the mail-in return envelope;
- 1544 (e) if required by the election officer because the voter has not yet provided valid voter
- 1545 identification with the voter's voter registration record, include a copy of the voter's
- 1546 valid voter identification with the ballot inside the mail-in return envelope;
- 1547 (f) securely seal the mail-in return envelope; and
- 1548 (g) [~~if returning the ballot by mail,~~] attach postage, if necessary, and deposit the mail-in
- 1549 return envelope in the mail.
- 1550 [(3)] (5)(a) Except as otherwise provided in Section 20A-16-404, to be valid, a ballot that
- 1551 is mailed must be received by the election officer on or before 8 p.m. on election day.
- 1552 (b) Except as provided in Subsection [(3)(e)] (5)(c), to be valid, a ballot returned by a
- 1553 method other than by mail shall, before 8 p.m. on election day, be:
- 1554 (i) deposited in a ballot box at a standard polling place;
- 1555 (ii) deposited in [a] an attended ballot drop box designated by an election officer for
- 1556 the jurisdiction to which the ballot relates; or
- 1557 (iii) otherwise received by the election officer.
- 1558 (c) An election officer may, but is not required to, forward a ballot deposited in a ballot
- 1559 drop box in the wrong jurisdiction to the correct jurisdiction.
- 1560 (d) An election officer shall ensure that a voter who is, at or before 8 p.m., in line at a

- 1561 standard polling place, is allowed to, after complying with Section 20A-3a-203 and
 1562 Subsection (1):
- 1563 (i) vote at the standard polling place; or
 1564 (ii) if the voter has a sealed return envelope containing a remote ballot in the voter's
 1565 possession, deliver the return envelope to a poll worker for placement in the ballot
 1566 box.
- 1567 ~~[(d) An election officer shall ensure that a voter who is, at or before 8 p.m. on election~~
 1568 ~~day:]~~
- 1569 ~~[(i) in line at a ballot drop box, with a sealed return envelope containing a ballot in~~
 1570 ~~the voter's possession, is allowed to deposit the ballot in the ballot drop box; or]~~
 1571 ~~[(ii) in line at a polling place, is allowed to vote.]~~
- 1572 ~~[(4)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (6), to vote at a polling place the voter shall,~~
 1573 ~~after complying with Subsections (1)(a) through (d):]~~
- 1574 ~~[(i) sign the official register or pollbook; and]~~
 1575 ~~[(ii) place the ballot in the ballot box; or]~~
- 1576 ~~[(b)] (6) If the ballot that a voter votes at a standard polling place is a provisional ballot, the~~
 1577 ~~voter shall place the ballot in the provisional ballot envelope, complete the information~~
 1578 ~~printed on the provisional ballot envelope, and ~~deposit~~ give the provisional ballot~~
 1579 ~~envelope to a poll worker for placement in the provisional ballot box.~~
- 1580 ~~[(5)] (7)(a) An individual with a disability may vote a mechanical ballot at a standard~~
 1581 ~~polling place.~~
- 1582 (b) An individual other than an individual with a disability may vote a mechanical ballot
 1583 at a standard polling place if permitted by the election officer.
- 1584 ~~[(6)] (8) To vote a mechanical ballot, the voter shall:~~
- 1585 (a) make the selections according to the instructions provided for the voting device; and
 1586 (b) ~~[subject to Subsection (7),]~~ record a write-in vote by:
 1587 (i) selecting the appropriate position for entering a write-in candidate; and
 1588 (ii) using the voting device to enter the name of the valid write-in candidate for
 1589 whom the voter wishes to vote.
- 1590 ~~[(7) To vote in an instant runoff voting race under Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate~~
 1591 ~~Voting Methods Pilot Project, a voter:]~~
- 1592 ~~[(a) shall indicate, as directed on the ballot, the name of the candidate who is the voter's~~
 1593 ~~first preference for the office; and]~~
- 1594 ~~[(b) may indicate, as directed on the ballot, the names of the remaining candidates in~~

1595 order of the voter's preference.]

1596 [(8)] (9) A voter who votes at a standard polling place:

1597 (a) shall mark and cast or deposit the ballot without delay and shall leave the voting area
1598 after voting; and

1599 (b) may not:

1600 (i) occupy a voting booth occupied by another, except as provided in Section
1601 20A-3a-208;

1602 (ii) remain within the voting area more than 10 minutes; or

1603 (iii) occupy a voting booth for more than five minutes if all booths are in use and
1604 other voters are waiting to occupy a voting booth.

1605 [(9)] (10) If the official register shows any voter as having voted, that voter may not reenter
1606 the voting area during that election unless that voter is an election official or watcher.

1607 [(10)] (11) A poll worker may not, at a standard polling place, allow more than four voters
1608 more than the number of voting booths into the voting area at one time unless those
1609 excess voters are:

1610 (a) election officials;

1611 (b) watchers; or

1612 (c) assisting voters with a disability.

1613 Section 13. Section **20A-3a-205** is amended to read:

1614 **20A-3a-205 . Manner of voting -- Provisional ballot.**

1615 (1) The poll workers shall follow the procedures and requirements of this section when:

1616 (a) the individual's right to vote is challenged as provided in Section 20A-3a-803 or
1617 20A-3a-805;

1618 (b) the individual's name is not found on the official register; or

1619 (c) the poll worker is not satisfied that the voter has provided valid voter identification.

1620 (2) When faced with one of the circumstances described in Subsection (1)(a) or (b), the poll
1621 worker shall:

1622 (a) request that the individual provide valid voter identification; and

1623 (b) review the identification provided by the individual.

1624 (3) If the poll worker is satisfied that the individual has provided valid voter identification
1625 that establishes the individual's identity and residence in the voting precinct:

1626 (a) the poll worker in charge of the official register shall:

1627 (i) record in the official register the type of identification that established the
1628 individual's identity and place of residence;

- 1629 (ii) record the provisional ballot envelope number in association with the name of the
 1630 individual; and
- 1631 (iii) direct the individual to sign the individual's name in the official register or
 1632 pollbook; and
- 1633 (b) the poll worker having charge of the ballots shall:
- 1634 (i) if the individual is returning a remote ballot, give the individual a provisional
 1635 ballot envelope;
- 1636 (ii) if the individual is at a standard polling place and is voting in person:
 1637 [(+)] (A) give the individual a provisional ballot; and
 1638 [(+)] (B) allow the individual to enter the voting booth[-] ;
- 1639 (iii) accept the provisional ballot only after the voter completes, and seals the voter's
 1640 ballot in, the provisional ballot envelope; and
- 1641 (iv) notify the voter that the voter will have until the close of normal office hours on
 1642 Monday after the day of the election to present valid voter identification to:
 1643 (A) the county clerk at the county clerk's office; or
 1644 (B) an election officer who is administering an election.
- 1645 (4) If the poll worker is not satisfied that the individual has provided valid voter
 1646 identification that establishes the individual's identity and residence in the voting
 1647 precinct:
- 1648 (a) the poll worker in charge of the official register shall:
- 1649 (i) record in the official register that the voter did not provide valid voter
 1650 identification;
- 1651 (ii) record in the official register the type of identification that was provided by the
 1652 individual, if any;
- 1653 (iii) record the provisional ballot envelope number in association with the name of
 1654 the individual; and
- 1655 (iv) direct the individual to sign the individual's name in the official register or
 1656 pollbook; and
- 1657 (b) the poll worker having charge of the ballots shall:
- 1658 (i) if the individual is returning a remote ballot, give the individual a provisional
 1659 ballot envelope;
- 1660 (ii) if the individual is at a standard polling place and is voting in-person:
 1661 [(+)] (A) give the individual a provisional ballot; and
 1662 [(+)] (B) allow the individual to enter the voting booth[-] ;

- 1663 (iii) accept the provisional ballot only after the voter completes, and seals the voter's
 1664 ballot in, the provisional ballot envelope; and
 1665 (iv) notify the voter that the voter will have until the close of normal office hours on
 1666 Monday after the day of the election to present valid voter identification to:
 1667 (A) the county clerk at the county clerk's office; or
 1668 (B) to an election officer who is administering an election.

1669 (5) When, at a polling place, the election officer is required to furnish more than one
 1670 version of a ballot, the poll workers at that polling place shall give the registered voter
 1671 the version of the ballot that the voter is qualified to vote.

1672 Section 14. Section **20A-3a-301** is amended to read:

1673 **20A-3a-301 . Emergency ballots -- Hospitalized voter returning ballot my mail**
 1674 **without standard identification.**

1675 (1) As used in this section, "hospitalized voter" means a registered voter who:

1676 (a) is:

1677 (i) hospitalized;

1678 (ii) confined in hospice care, a treatment facility, or a long-term care institution[
 1679 facility]; or

1680 (iii) due to age[-œr] , illness, [is-] or disability, restricted in the ability to travel from the
 1681 voter's permanent or temporary residence; and

1682 (b) is able to vote a manual ballot.

1683 (2) A hospitalized voter who has not received a ballot by mail, or does not have possession
 1684 of a ballot sent to the voter by mail may, in accordance with this section, obtain a
 1685 manual ballot with a mail-in return envelope to use as an emergency ballot and vote at
 1686 any time after the election officer mails manual ballots to the majority of voters and
 1687 before the close of polls on election day.

1688 (3) An individual may obtain an emergency ballot application, a manual ballot, and a
 1689 mail-in return envelope from the election officer on behalf of a hospitalized voter by:

1690 (a) requesting a manual ballot, a mail-in return envelope, and the application in person at
 1691 the election officer's office during business hours;

1692 (b) presenting valid voter identification for the individual requesting the manual ballot
 1693 and mail-in return envelope on the hospitalized voter's behalf; and

1694 (c) signing a statement, created by the lieutenant governor, where the individual, under
 1695 penalty of perjury:

1696 (i) identifies the individual;

- 1697 (ii) identifies the hospitalized voter and explains the reason the hospitalized voter
 1698 qualifies as ~~[an exempt]~~ a hospitalized voter; and
- 1699 (iii) states that the individual:
- 1700 (A) is obtaining the manual ballot and the mail-in return envelope at the request of
 1701 the hospitalized voter;
- 1702 (B) will not request, persuade, or otherwise induce the voter to vote for or vote
 1703 against any particular candidate or issue;
- 1704 (C) will not release any information regarding the voter's votes; and
- 1705 (D) will not alter the voter's votes.
- 1706 (4) An election officer who provides the items described in Subsection (3) shall mark the
 1707 mail-in return envelope as an emergency ballot.
- 1708 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) To vote, a hospitalized voter described in Subsection (2) shall:
- 1709 (a) complete the emergency ballot application and enclose the application in the mail-in
 1710 return envelope;
- 1711 (b) complete, and sign the affidavit on, the mail-in return envelope;
- 1712 (c) mark the voter's votes on the manual ballot;
- 1713 (d) if the voter did not provide the last four digits of the voter's Utah driver license, Utah
 1714 state identification card, or social security number:
- 1715 (i) include in the mail-in return envelope a photocopy of a type of identification
 1716 described in Subsection ~~[20A-3a-204(2)(e)(ii)]~~ 20A-3a-204(4)(c)(ii); or
- 1717 (ii) if the voter does not have a type of identification described in Subsection [
 1718 ~~20A-3a-204(2)(e)(ii)]~~ 20A-3a-204(4)(c)(ii), include in the mail-in return envelope
 1719 another type of valid voter identification;
- 1720 (e) place the manual ballot into the mail-in return envelope; and
- 1721 (f) seal the mail-in return envelope unless a different method is authorized under Section
 1722 20A-1-308.
- 1723 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) For a ballot described in Subsection ~~[(4)]~~ (5) to be counted, the emergency voter
 1724 application and the sealed ~~[manual ballot]~~ mail-in return envelope must be returned to the
 1725 election officer's office in accordance with the requirements of this chapter.
- 1726 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) An election officer shall design an emergency ballot application and ensure that the
 1727 application includes the check box and statement described in Subsection
 1728 20A-3a-401(7)(d)(v).
- 1729 ~~[(7)]~~ (8) Beginning on January 1, 2029, a hospitalized voter who receives a ballot by mail
 1730 with a mail-in return envelope may, if the voter is unable to provide the digits described

1731 in Subsection 20A-3a-401(4)(b)(i), [~~return the ballot by mail by including~~] include in the
 1732 return envelope:

1733 (a) a photocopy of a type of identification described in Subsection [~~20A-3a-204(2)(c)(ii)]~~
 1734 20A-3a-204(4)(c)(ii); or

1735 (b) if the voter does not have a type of identification described in Subsection [
 1736 ~~20A-3a-204(2)(c)(ii)]~~ 20A-3a-204(4)(c)(ii):

1737 (i) a photocopy of another type of valid voter identification; and

1738 (ii) a document showing that the voter is a hospitalized voter.

1739 Section 15. Section **20A-3a-401** is amended to read:

1740 **20A-3a-401 . Custody of remote ballots returned by mail -- Disposition -- Notice**
 1741 **-- Disclosures relating to unresolved ballots.**

1742 (1)(a) This section governs remote ballots returned by mail[, ~~via a ballot drop box, or by~~
 1743 ~~other legal means~~] under Section 20A-3a-203.6.

1744 (b) Except for a ballot returned under Chapter 16, Uniform Military and Overseas Voters
 1745 Act, if a remote ballot returned by mail is not sealed in a mail-in return envelope, or
 1746 is sealed in a mail-in return envelope that was not issued by the election officer for
 1747 the voter identified on the mail-in return envelope, the election officer shall:

1748 (i) reject the ballot; and

1749 (ii) if possible:

1750 (A) notify the voter that the ballot was rejected and the reason the ballot was
 1751 rejected; and

1752 (B) if it is not too late for the voter to cast a ballot in a manner permitted by law,
 1753 inform the voter how the voter may vote.

1754 (2) Poll workers shall process mail-in return envelopes containing manual ballots that are in
 1755 the custody of the poll workers in accordance with this section.

1756 (3) Poll workers shall examine a mail-in return envelope to make the determinations
 1757 described in Subsection (4).

1758 (4) The poll workers shall take the action described in Subsection (5)(a) if the poll workers
 1759 determine:

1760 (a) for an election held before January 1, 2029:

1761 (i) that the mail-in return envelope contains the last four digits of the voter's Utah
 1762 driver license number, Utah state identification card number, or social security
 1763 number; or

1764 (ii) if the mail-in return envelope does not contain the digits described in Subsection

- 1765 (4)(a)(i), that:
- 1766 (A) in accordance with the rules made under Subsection (13), the signature on the
- 1767 affidavit of the mail-in return envelope is reasonably consistent with the
- 1768 individual's signature in the voter registration records; or
- 1769 (B) for an individual who checks the box described in Subsection (7)(d)(v), the
- 1770 signature is verified by alternative means;
- 1771 (b) for an election held on or after January 1, 2029:
- 1772 (i) that the mail-in return envelope contains the last four digits of the voter's Utah
- 1773 driver license number, Utah state identification card number, or social security
- 1774 number;
- 1775 (ii) if the mail-in return envelope does not contain the digits described in Subsection
- 1776 (4)(b)(i), that the voter included in the mail-in return envelope a copy of the
- 1777 identification described in Subsection [~~20A-3a-204(2)(c)(ii)~~] 20A-3a-204(4)(c)(ii);
- 1778 or
- 1779 (iii) for a voter described in Subsection [~~20A-3a-301(7)~~] 20A-3a-301(8), that the voter
- 1780 complied with Subsection [~~20A-3a-301(7)~~] 20A-3a-301(8);
- 1781 (c) that the affidavit is sufficient;
- 1782 (d) that the voter is registered to vote in the correct precinct;
- 1783 (e) that the voter's right to vote the ballot has not been challenged;
- 1784 (f) that the voter has not already voted in the election; and
- 1785 (g) for a voter who has not yet provided valid voter identification with the voter's voter
- 1786 registration, whether the voter has provided valid voter identification with the mail-in
- 1787 return envelope.
- 1788 (5)(a) If the poll workers make all of the findings described in Subsection (4), the poll
- 1789 workers shall:
- 1790 (i) remove the manual ballot from the mail-in return envelope in a manner that does
- 1791 not destroy the affidavit on the mail-in return envelope;
- 1792 (ii) ensure that the ballot is not examined in connection with the mail-in return
- 1793 envelope; and
- 1794 (iii) place the ballot with the other ballots to be counted.
- 1795 (b) If the poll workers do not make all of the findings described in Subsection (4), the
- 1796 poll workers shall:
- 1797 (i) disallow the vote;
- 1798 (ii) except as provided in Subsection (6), without opening the mail-in return

1799 envelope, record the ballot as "rejected" and state the reason for the rejection; and
1800 (iii) except as provided in Subsection (6), place the mail-in return envelope,
1801 unopened, with the other rejected return envelopes.

1802 (6) A poll worker may open a mail-in return envelope, if necessary, to determine
1803 compliance with Subsection (4)(b)(ii), (4)(b)(iii), or (4)(g).

1804 (7)(a) If the poll workers reject an individual's ballot because the poll workers determine
1805 that the mail-in return envelope does not comply with Subsection (4), the election
1806 officer shall:

1807 (i) contact the individual in accordance with Subsection (8); and

1808 (ii) inform the individual:

1809 (A) that the identification information provided on the mail-in return envelope is
1810 in question;

1811 (B) how the individual may resolve the issue; and

1812 (C) that, in order for the ballot to be counted, the individual is required to deliver
1813 to the election officer a correctly completed affidavit, provided by the county
1814 clerk, that meets the requirements described in Subsection (7)(d).

1815 (b) If, under Subsection (4)(a)(ii)(A), the poll workers reject an individual's ballot
1816 because the poll workers determine, in accordance with rules made under Subsection
1817 (13), that the signature on the mail-in return envelope is not reasonably consistent
1818 with the individual's signature in the voter registration records, the election officer
1819 shall:

1820 (i) contact the individual in accordance with Subsection (8); and

1821 (ii) inform the individual:

1822 (A) that the individual's signature is in question;

1823 (B) how the individual may resolve the issue; and

1824 (C) that, in order for the ballot to be counted, the individual is required to deliver
1825 to the election officer a correctly completed affidavit, provided by the county
1826 clerk, that meets the requirements described in Subsection (7)(d).

1827 (c) The election officer shall ensure that the notice described in Subsection (7)(a) or (b)
1828 includes:

1829 (i) when communicating the notice by mail, a printed copy of the affidavit described
1830 in Subsection (7)(d) and a courtesy reply envelope;

1831 (ii) when communicating the notice electronically, a link to a copy of the affidavit
1832 described in Subsection (7)(d) or information on how to obtain a copy of the

- 1833 affidavit; or
- 1834 (iii) when communicating the notice by phone, either during a direct conversation
1835 with the voter or in a voicemail, arrangements for the voter to receive a copy of
1836 the affidavit described in Subsection (7)(d), either in person from the clerk's
1837 office, by mail, or electronically.
- 1838 (d) An affidavit described in Subsection (7)(a)(ii)(C) or (7)(b)(ii)(C) shall include:
- 1839 (i) an attestation that the individual voted the ballot;
- 1840 (ii) a space for the individual to enter the individual's name, date of birth, and driver
1841 license number or the last four digits of the individual's social security number;
- 1842 (iii) a space for the individual to sign the affidavit;
- 1843 (iv) a statement that, by signing the affidavit, the individual authorizes the lieutenant
1844 governor's and county clerk's use of the information in the affidavit and the
1845 individual's signature on the affidavit for voter identification purposes; and
- 1846 (v) a check box accompanied by language in substantially the following form: "I am
1847 a voter with a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act that
1848 impacts my ability to sign my name consistently. I can provide appropriate
1849 documentation upon request. To discuss accommodations, I can be contacted at
1850 _____".
- 1851 (e) In order for an individual described in Subsection (7)(a) or (b) to have the
1852 individual's remote ballot counted, the individual shall deliver the affidavit described
1853 in Subsection (7)(d) to the election officer.
- 1854 (f) An election officer who receives a signed affidavit under Subsection (7)(e) shall
1855 immediately:
- 1856 (i) scan the signature on the affidavit electronically and keep the signature on file in
1857 the statewide voter registration database developed under Section 20A-2-502;
- 1858 (ii) if the election officer receives the affidavit no later than noon on the last business
1859 day before the day on which the canvass begins, count the individual's remote
1860 ballot; and
- 1861 (iii) if the check box described in Subsection (7)(d)(v) is checked, comply with the
1862 rules described in Subsection (13)(c).
- 1863 (8)(a) The election officer shall, within two business days after the day on which an
1864 individual's ballot is rejected, notify the individual of the rejection and the reason for
1865 the rejection, by phone, mail, email, or, if consent is obtained, text message, unless:
- 1866 (i) the ballot is cured within one business day after the day on which the ballot is

- 1867 rejected; or
- 1868 (ii) the ballot is rejected because the ballot is received late or for another reason that
- 1869 cannot be cured.
- 1870 (b) If an individual's ballot is rejected for a reason described in Subsection (8)(a)(ii), the
- 1871 election officer shall notify the individual of the rejection and the reason for the
- 1872 rejection by phone, mail, email, or, if consent is obtained, text message, within the
- 1873 later of:
- 1874 (i) 30 calendar days after the day of the rejection; or
- 1875 (ii) 30 calendar days after the day of the election.
- 1876 (c) The election officer may, when notifying an individual by phone under this
- 1877 Subsection (8), use auto-dial technology.
- 1878 (9) An election officer may not count the ballot of an individual whom the election officer
- 1879 contacts under Subsection (7) or (8) unless, no later than noon on the last business day
- 1880 before the day on which the canvass begins, the election officer:
- 1881 (a) receives a signed affidavit from the individual under Subsection (7); or
- 1882 (b)(i) contacts the individual;
- 1883 (ii) if the election officer has reason to believe that an individual, other than the voter
- 1884 to whom the ballot was sent, signed the ballot affidavit, informs the individual that
- 1885 it is unlawful to sign a ballot affidavit for another person, even if the person gives
- 1886 permission;
- 1887 (iii) verifies the identity of the individual by:
- 1888 (A) requiring the individual to provide at least two types of personal identifying
- 1889 information for the individual; and
- 1890 (B) comparing the information provided under Subsection (9)(b)(iii)(A) to records
- 1891 relating to the individual that are in the possession or control of an election
- 1892 officer; and
- 1893 (iv) documents the verification described in Subsection (9)(b)(iii), by recording:
- 1894 (A) the name and voter identification number of the individual contacted;
- 1895 (B) the name of the individual who conducts the verification;
- 1896 (C) the date and manner of the communication;
- 1897 (D) the type of personal identifying information provided by the individual;
- 1898 (E) a description of the records against which the personal identifying information
- 1899 provided by the individual is compared and verified; and
- 1900 (F) other information required by the lieutenant governor.

- 1901 (10)(a) The election officer shall retain and preserve:
- 1902 (i) the mail-in return envelopes in accordance with Subsection 20A-4-202(2); and
- 1903 (ii) the documents described in Subsection (9)(b)(iv) in accordance with Subsection
- 1904 20A-4-202(3).
- 1905 (b) If the election officer complies with Subsection (10)(a)(ii) by including the
- 1906 documentation in the voter's voter registration record, the election officer shall make,
- 1907 retain, and preserve a record of the name and voter identification number of each
- 1908 voter contacted under Subsection (9)(b).
- 1909 (11)(a) The election officer shall record the following in the database used in the
- 1910 verification process:
- 1911 (i) any initial rejection of a ballot under Subsection (5)(b), within one business day
- 1912 after the day on which the election officer rejects the ballot; and
- 1913 (ii) any resolution of a rejection of a ballot under Subsection (9), within one business
- 1914 day after the day on which the ballot rejection is resolved.
- 1915 (b) An election officer shall include, in the canvass report, a final report of the
- 1916 disposition of all rejected and resolved ballots, including, for ballots rejected, the
- 1917 following:
- 1918 (i) the number of ballots rejected because the voter did not sign the voter's ballot; and
- 1919 (ii) the number of ballots rejected because the voter's signatures on the ballot, and in
- 1920 records on file, do not correspond.
- 1921 (12) Willful failure to comply with this section constitutes willful neglect of duty under
- 1922 Section 20A-5-701.
- 1923 (13) The director of elections within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor shall make
- 1924 rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to
- 1925 establish:
- 1926 (a) criteria and processes for use by poll workers in determining if a signature
- 1927 corresponds with the signature on file for the voter under Subsection (4)(a)(ii)(A);
- 1928 (b) training and certification requirements for election officers and employees of election
- 1929 officers regarding the criteria and processes described in Subsection (13)(a); and
- 1930 (c) in compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C.
- 1931 Secs. 12131 through 12165, an alternative means of verifying the identity of an
- 1932 individual who checks the box described in Subsection (7)(d)(v).
- 1933 (14)(a) Upon request, and subject to Subsections (14)(b) and (c), an election officer may
- 1934 disclose the name and address of a voter whose ballot has been rejected and not yet

- 1935 resolved with:
- 1936 (i) a candidate in the election;
- 1937 (ii) an individual who represents the candidate's campaign;
- 1938 (iii) the sponsors of an initiative or referendum appearing on the ballot; or
- 1939 (iv) for a ballot proposition appearing on the ballot, an individual who represents a
- 1940 political issues committee, as defined in Section 20A-11-101, if the political
- 1941 issues committee supports or opposes the ballot proposition.
- 1942 (b) If an election officer discloses the information described in Subsection (14)(a), the
- 1943 election officer shall:
- 1944 (i) make the disclosure within two business days after the day on which the request is
- 1945 made;
- 1946 (ii) respond to each request in the order the requests were made; and
- 1947 (iii) make each disclosure in a manner, and within a period of time, that does not
- 1948 reflect favoritism to one requestor over another.
- 1949 (c) A disclosure described in this Subsection (14) may not include the name or address
- 1950 of a protected individual, as defined in Subsection 20A-2-104(1).

1951 Section 16. Section **20A-3a-401.5** is amended to read:

1952 **20A-3a-401.5 . Ballot tracking system.**

- 1953 (1) As used in this section:
- 1954 (a) "Ballot tracking system" means the system described in this section to track and
- 1955 confirm the status of trackable ballots.
- 1956 (b) "Change in the status" includes:
- 1957 (i) when a trackable ballot is mailed to a voter;
- 1958 (ii) when an election official receives a voted trackable ballot; and
- 1959 (iii) when a voted trackable ballot is counted.
- 1960 (c) "Trackable ballot" means a manual ballot that is:
- 1961 (i) mailed to a voter in accordance with Section 20A-3a-202;
- 1962 (ii) cast at a standard polling place in accordance with Section 20A-3a-203;
- 1963 (iii) returned to a standard polling place in accordance with Section 20A-3a-204;
- 1964 (iv) returned to a ballot drop box in accordance with Section 20A-3a-204;
- 1965 (v) returned to an election officer's office in accordance with Section 20A-3a-204; or
- 1966 (vi) returned by mail in accordance with Section 20A-3a-401.
- 1967 (d) "Voter registration database" means the database, as defined in Section 20A-2-501.
- 1968 (2) The lieutenant governor shall operate and maintain a statewide or locally based system

- 1969 to track and confirm when there is a change in the status of a trackable ballot.
- 1970 (3) If a voter elects to receive electronic notifications regarding the status of the voter's
- 1971 trackable ballot, the ballot tracking system shall, when there is a change in the status of
- 1972 the voter's trackable ballot:
- 1973 (a) send a text message notification to the voter if the voter's information in the voter
- 1974 registration database includes a mobile telephone number;
- 1975 (b) send an email notification to the voter if the voter's information in the voter
- 1976 registration database includes an email address; and
- 1977 (c) send a notification by another electronic means directed by the lieutenant governor.
- 1978 (4) The lieutenant governor shall ensure that the ballot tracking system and the
- 1979 state-provided website described in Section 20A-7-801 automatically share appropriate
- 1980 information to ensure that a voter is able to confirm the status of the voter's trackable
- 1981 ballot via the state-provided website free of charge.
- 1982 (5) The ballot tracking system shall include a toll-free telephone number or other offline
- 1983 method by which a voter can confirm the status of the voter's trackable ballot.
- 1984 (6) The lieutenant governor shall ensure that the ballot tracking system:
- 1985 (a) is secure from unauthorized use by employing data encryption or other security
- 1986 measures; and
- 1987 (b) is only used for the purposes described in this section.
- 1988 Section 17. Section **20A-3a-601** is amended to read:
- 1989 **20A-3a-601 . Early voting.**
- 1990 (1)(a) An individual who is registered to vote may vote at a standard polling place
- 1991 before the election date in accordance with this section.
- 1992 (b) Except as provided in Subsection 20A-2-207(6), an individual who is not registered
- 1993 to vote may register to vote and vote at a standard polling place before the election
- 1994 date in accordance with this section if the individual:
- 1995 (i) is otherwise legally entitled to vote the ballot; and
- 1996 (ii) casts a provisional ballot in accordance with Section 20A-2-207.
- 1997 (2) Except as provided in Section 20A-1-308 or Subsection (3), the early voting period:
- 1998 (a) begins on the date that is 14 calendar days before the date of the election; and
- 1999 (b) continues through the Friday before the election if the election date is a Tuesday.
- 2000 (3)(a) An election officer may extend the end of the early voting period to the day before
- 2001 the election date if the election officer provides notice of the extension in accordance
- 2002 with Section 20A-3a-604.

- 2003 (b) For a municipal election, the municipal clerk may reduce the early voting period
 2004 described in this section if:
- 2005 (i) the municipal clerk conducts early voting on at least four days;
- 2006 (ii) the early voting days are within the period beginning on the date that is 14
 2007 calendar days before the date of the election and ending on the day before the
 2008 election; and
- 2009 (iii) the municipal clerk provides notice of the reduced early voting period in
 2010 accordance with Section 20A-3a-604.
- 2011 (c) For a county election, the county clerk may reduce the early voting period described
 2012 in this section if:
- 2013 (i) the county clerk conducts early voting on at least four days;
- 2014 (ii) the early voting days are within the period beginning on the date that is 14
 2015 calendar days before the date of the election and ending on the day before the
 2016 election; and
- 2017 (iii) the county clerk provides notice of the reduced early voting period in accordance
 2018 with Section 20A-3a-604.
- 2019 (4) Except as provided in Section 20A-1-308, during the early voting period, the election
 2020 officer:
- 2021 (a) for a local special election, a municipal primary election, and a municipal general
 2022 election:
- 2023 (i) shall conduct early voting on a minimum of four days during each week of the
 2024 early voting period; and
- 2025 (ii) shall conduct early voting on the last day of the early voting period; and
- 2026 (b) for all other elections:
- 2027 (i) shall conduct early voting on each weekday; and
- 2028 (ii) may elect to conduct early voting on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.
- 2029 (5) Except as specifically provided in this Part 6, Early Voting, or Section 20A-1-308, early
 2030 voting shall be administered in accordance with the requirements of this title.
- 2031 Section 18. Section **20A-3a-805** is amended to read:
- 2032 **20A-3a-805 . Challenges to a voter's eligibility at polling place -- Procedure.**
- 2033 (1)(a) A poll worker, a watcher, or an individual who resides in the jurisdiction to which
 2034 the election relates may, at a polling place, challenge an individual's eligibility to vote
 2035 a particular ballot or to vote in that election if:
- 2036 (i) the individual making the challenge and the challenged individual are both present

- 2037 at the polling place at the time the challenge is made; and
- 2038 (ii) the challenge is made[-] :
- 2039 (A) before the challenged individual applies for a ballot[-] ; or
- 2040 (B) in relation to an individual who is returning a remote ballot, before a poll
- 2041 worker accepts the ballot.
- 2042 (b) An individual may make a challenge by orally stating the challenged individual's
- 2043 name and the basis for the challenge, as provided under Section 20A-3a-803.
- 2044 (2) The poll worker shall record a challenge in the official register or on the challenge
- 2045 sheets in the pollbook, including:
- 2046 (a) the name of the challenged individual;
- 2047 (b) the name of the individual making the challenge; and
- 2048 (c) the basis upon which the challenge is made.
- 2049 (3) If an individual's eligibility to vote is challenged under this section, the poll worker shall
- 2050 follow the procedures and requirements of Section 20A-3a-205.
- 2051 Section 19. Section **20A-4-101** is amended to read:
- 2052 **20A-4-101 . Manual ballots cast at a polling place -- Counting manual ballots at a**
- 2053 **standard polling place on day of election before polls close.**
- 2054 (1) Each county legislative body, municipal legislative body, and each poll worker shall
- 2055 comply with the requirements of this section when counting manual ballots on the day of
- 2056 an election, if:
- 2057 (a) the ballots are cast at a standard polling place; and
- 2058 (b) the ballots are counted at the standard polling place before the polls close.
- 2059 (2)(a) Each county legislative body or municipal legislative body shall provide:
- 2060 (i) two sets of ballot boxes for all voting precincts where both receiving and counting
- 2061 judges have been appointed; and
- 2062 (ii) a counting room for the use of the poll workers counting the ballots during the
- 2063 day.
- 2064 (b) At any election in any voting precinct in which both receiving and counting judges
- 2065 have been appointed, when at least 20 votes have been cast, the receiving judges shall:
- 2066 (i) close the first ballot box and deliver it to the counting judges; and
- 2067 (ii) prepare and use another ballot box to receive voted ballots.
- 2068 (c) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(f), upon receipt of the ballot box, the counting
- 2069 judges shall:
- 2070 (i) take the ballot box to the counting room;

- 2071 (ii) count the votes on the regular ballots in the ballot box;
- 2072 (iii) place the provisional ballot envelopes in the envelope or container provided for
- 2073 them for return to the election officer; and
- 2074 (iv) when they have finished counting the votes in the ballot box, return the emptied
- 2075 box to the receiving judges.
- 2076 (d)(i) During the course of election day, whenever there are at least 20 ballots
- 2077 contained in a ballot box, the receiving judges shall deliver that ballot box to the
- 2078 counting judges for counting; and
- 2079 (ii) the counting judges shall immediately count the regular ballots and segregate the
- 2080 provisional ballots contained in that box.
- 2081 (e) The counting judges shall continue to exchange the ballot boxes and count ballots
- 2082 until the polls close.
- 2083 ~~[(f)(i) The director of elections within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor shall~~
- 2084 ~~make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative~~
- 2085 ~~Rulemaking Act, describing the procedures that a counting judge is required to~~
- 2086 ~~follow for counting ballots in an instant runoff voting race under Part 6, Municipal~~
- 2087 ~~Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project.]~~
- 2088 ~~[(ii) When counting ballots in an instant runoff voting race described in Part 6,~~
- 2089 ~~Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, a counting judge shall comply~~
- 2090 ~~with the procedures established under Subsection (2)(f)(i) and Part 6, Municipal~~
- 2091 ~~Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project.]~~
- 2092 (3) To resolve questions that arise during the counting of ballots, a counting judge shall
- 2093 apply the standards and requirements of~~[:]~~ .
- 2094 ~~[(a)]~~ to the extent applicable, Section 20A-4-105~~[: and]~~ .
- 2095 ~~[(b) as applicable, for an instant runoff voting race under Part 6, Municipal Alternate~~
- 2096 ~~Voting Methods Pilot Project, Subsections 20A-4-603(3) through (5).]~~
- 2097 Section 20. Section **20A-4-102** is amended to read:
- 2098 **20A-4-102 . Manual ballots cast at a polling place -- Counting manual ballots at a**
- 2099 **standard polling place on day of election after polls close.**
- 2100 (1)(a) This section governs counting manual ballots on the day of an election, if:
- 2101 (i) the ballots are cast at a standard polling place; and
- 2102 (ii) the ballots are counted at the standard polling place after the polls close.
- 2103 (b) Except as provided in Subsection (2) or a rule made under Subsection
- 2104 20A-4-101(2)(f)(i), as soon as the polls have been closed and the last qualified voter

- 2105 has voted, the election judges shall count the ballots by performing the tasks
 2106 specified in this section in the order that they are specified.
- 2107 (c) To resolve questions that arise during the counting of ballots, a counting judge shall
 2108 apply the standards and requirements of[?] ,
 2109 [(i)] to the extent applicable, Section 20A-4-105[; and] .
 2110 [(ii) as applicable, for an instant runoff voting race under Part 6, Municipal Alternate
 2111 Voting Methods Pilot Project, Subsections 20A-4-603(3) through (5).]
- 2112 (2)(a) First, the election judges shall count the number of ballots in the ballot box.
- 2113 (b)(i) If there are more ballots in the ballot box than there are names entered in the
 2114 pollbook, the judges shall examine the official endorsements on the ballots.
- 2115 (ii) If, in the unanimous opinion of the judges, any of the ballots do not bear the
 2116 proper official endorsement, the judges shall put those ballots in an excess ballot
 2117 file and not count them.
- 2118 (c)(i) If, after examining the official endorsements, there are still more ballots in the
 2119 ballot box than there are names entered in the pollbook, the judges shall place the
 2120 remaining ballots back in the ballot box.
- 2121 (ii) One of the judges, without looking, shall draw a number of ballots equal to the
 2122 excess from the ballot box.
- 2123 (iii) The judges shall put those excess ballots into the excess ballot envelope and not
 2124 count them.
- 2125 (d) When the ballots in the ballot box equal the number of names entered in the
 2126 pollbook, the judges shall count the votes.
- 2127 (3) The judges shall:
- 2128 (a) place all unused ballots in the envelope or container provided for return to the county
 2129 clerk or city recorder; and
- 2130 (b) seal that envelope or container.
- 2131 (4) The judges shall:
- 2132 (a) place all of the provisional ballot envelopes in the envelope provided for them for
 2133 return to the election officer; and
- 2134 (b) seal that envelope or container.
- 2135 (5)(a) In counting the votes, the election judges shall read and count each ballot
 2136 separately.
- 2137 (b) In regular primary elections the judges shall:
- 2138 (i) count the number of ballots cast for each party;

- 2139 (ii) place the ballots cast for each party in separate piles; and
 2140 (iii) count all the ballots for one party before beginning to count the ballots cast for
 2141 other parties.
- 2142 (6)(a) In all elections, the counting judges shall, except as provided in Part 6, Municipal
 2143 Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, or a rule made under Subsection
 2144 20A-4-101(2)(f)(i):
- 2145 (i) count one vote for each candidate designated by the marks in the squares next to
 2146 the candidate's name;
- 2147 (ii) count each vote for each write-in candidate who has qualified by filing a
 2148 declaration of candidacy under Section 20A-9-601;
- 2149 (iii) read every name marked on the ballot and mark every name upon the tally sheets
 2150 before another ballot is counted;
- 2151 (iv) evaluate each ballot and each vote based on the standards and requirements of
 2152 Section 20A-4-105;
- 2153 (v) write the word "spoiled" on the back of each ballot that lacks the official
 2154 endorsement and deposit it in the spoiled ballot envelope; and
- 2155 (vi) read, count, and record upon the tally sheets the votes that each candidate and
 2156 ballot proposition received from all ballots, except excess or spoiled ballots.
- 2157 (b) Election judges need not tally write-in votes for fictitious persons, nonpersons, or
 2158 persons clearly not eligible to qualify for office.
- 2159 (c) The judges shall certify to the accuracy and completeness of the tally list in the space
 2160 provided on the tally list.
- 2161 (d) When the judges have counted all of the voted ballots, they shall record the results
 2162 on the total votes cast form.
- 2163 (7)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (7)(b), only an election judge and a watcher may
 2164 be present at the place where counting is conducted until the count is completed.
- 2165 (b)(i) An auditor conducting an audit described in Section 36-12-15.2 may be present
 2166 at the place where counting is conducted, regardless of whether the count is
 2167 completed.
- 2168 (ii) The lieutenant governor may be present at the place where counting is conducted,
 2169 regardless of whether the count is completed.
- 2170 Section 21. Section **20A-4-105** is amended to read:
- 2171 **20A-4-105 . Standards and requirements for evaluating voter's ballot choice.**
- 2172 (1)(a) An election officer shall ensure that when a question arises regarding a vote

- 2173 recorded on a manual ballot, two counting judges jointly adjudicate the ballot, except
 2174 as otherwise provided in Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, in
 2175 accordance with the requirements of this section.
- 2176 (b) If the counting judges disagree on the disposition of a vote recorded on a ballot that
 2177 is adjudicated under this section, the counting judges may not count the vote.
- 2178 (c) An election officer shall store adjudicated ballots separately from other ballots to
 2179 enable a court to review the ballots if the election is challenged in court.
- 2180 (2) Except as provided in Subsection (10)[~~Subsection 20A-3a-204(7), or Part 6, Municipal~~
 2181 ~~Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project,~~] if a voter marks more names than there are
 2182 individuals to be elected to an office, or if the counting judges cannot determine a voter's
 2183 choice for an office, the counting judges may not count the voter's vote for that office.
- 2184 (3) Except as otherwise provided in Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot
 2185 Project, the counting judges shall count a defective or incomplete mark on a manual
 2186 ballot if:
- 2187 (a) the defective or incomplete mark is in the proper place; and
 2188 (b) there is no other mark or cross on the ballot indicating the voter's intent to vote other
 2189 than as indicated by the incomplete or defective mark.
- 2190 (4) Except as otherwise provided in Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot
 2191 Project, the counting judges may not reject a ballot marked by the voter because of
 2192 marks on the ballot other than those marks allowed by this section unless the extraneous
 2193 marks on a ballot show an intent by an individual to mark the individual's ballot so that
 2194 the individual's ballot can be identified.
- 2195 (5)(a) In counting the ballots, the counting judges shall give full consideration to the
 2196 intent of the voter.
- 2197 (b) The counting judges may not invalidate a ballot because of mechanical or technical
 2198 defects in voting or failure on the part of the voter to follow strictly the rules for
 2199 balloting required by Chapter 3a, Voting.
- 2200 (6) The counting judges may not reject a ballot because of an error in:
- 2201 (a) stamping or writing an official endorsement; or
 2202 (b) delivering the wrong ballots to a polling place.
- 2203 (7) The counting judges may not count a manual ballot that does not have the official
 2204 endorsement by an election officer.
- 2205 (8) The counting judges may not count a ballot proposition vote or candidate vote for which
 2206 the voter is not legally entitled to vote, as defined in Section 20A-4-107.

2207 (9) If the counting judges discover that the name of a candidate is misspelled on a ballot,
 2208 or that the initial letters of a candidate's given name are transposed or omitted in whole
 2209 or in part on a ballot, the counting judges shall count a voter's vote for the candidate if it
 2210 is apparent that the voter intended to vote for the candidate.

2211 (10) The counting judges shall count a vote for the president and the vice president of any
 2212 political party as a vote for the presidential electors selected by the political party.

2213 (11) [~~Except as otherwise provided in Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot~~
 2214 ~~Project, in~~] In counting the valid write-in votes, if, by casting a valid write-in vote, a
 2215 voter has cast more votes for an office than that voter is entitled to vote for that office,
 2216 the counting judges shall count the valid write-in vote as being the obvious intent of the
 2217 voter.

2218 Section 22. Section **20A-4-304** is amended to read:

2219 **20A-4-304 . Declaration of results -- Canvassers' report.**

2220 (1)(a) Except as provided in Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, a
 2221 board of canvassers shall declare "elected" or "nominated" those persons who:

2222 (i) had the highest number of votes; and

2223 (ii) sought election or nomination to an office completely within the board's
 2224 jurisdiction.

2225 (b) Except as provided in Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, a
 2226 board of canvassers shall declare a "tie vote" if:

2227 (i) two or more candidates for an office receive an equal and the highest number of
 2228 votes for that office; or

2229 (ii) in a race for an at-large office:

2230 (A) two or more candidates receive an equal number of votes; and

2231 (B) a recount is necessary to determine which candidates are elected to the at-large
 2232 office.

2233 (c) A board of canvassers shall declare:

2234 (i) "approved" those ballot propositions that:

2235 (A) had more "yes" votes than "no" votes; and

2236 (B) were submitted only to the voters within the board's jurisdiction; or

2237 (ii) "rejected" those ballot propositions that:

2238 (A) had more "no" votes than "yes" votes or an equal number of "no" votes and
 2239 "yes" votes; and

2240 (B) were submitted only to the voters within the board's jurisdiction.

- 2241 (d) A board of canvassers shall:
- 2242 (i) certify the vote totals for candidates and for and against ballot propositions that
- 2243 were submitted to voters within and beyond the board's jurisdiction and transmit
- 2244 those vote totals to the lieutenant governor; and
- 2245 (ii) if applicable, certify the results of each special district election to the special
- 2246 district clerk.
- 2247 (2) The election officer shall submit a report to the board of canvassers that includes the
- 2248 following information:
- 2249 (a) a statement of votes cast, disclosing:
- 2250 (i) the total number of votes cast in the board's jurisdiction; and
- 2251 (ii) for each office that appeared on the ballot:
- 2252 (A) the name of each candidate whose name appeared on the ballot; and
- 2253 (B) whether the candidate is an unaffiliated candidate, a valid write-in candidate,
- 2254 or, if the candidate is affiliated with or the nominee of a registered political
- 2255 party, the name of the registered political party;
- 2256 (b) the title of each ballot proposition that appeared on the ballot;
- 2257 (c) the total number of votes given in the board's jurisdiction to each candidate, and for
- 2258 and against each ballot proposition;
- 2259 (d) from each voting precinct:
- 2260 (i) the number of votes for each candidate;
- 2261 (ii) for each race conducted by instant runoff voting under Part 6, Municipal
- 2262 Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, the number of valid votes cast for each
- 2263 candidate for each potential ballot-counting phase and the name of the candidate
- 2264 excluded in each ballot-counting phase; and
- 2265 (iii) the number of votes for and against each ballot proposition;
- 2266 (e) standardized statistics, on a form provided by the lieutenant governor, disclosing, at a
- 2267 minimum:
- 2268 (i) the number of active voters in the board's jurisdiction as of the Friday before
- 2269 election day;
- 2270 (ii) the number of ballots counted by the election officer that were cast by voters who
- 2271 registered to vote on election day under Section 20A-2-207;
- 2272 (iii) the total number of ballots counted by the election officer;
- 2273 (iv) the quotient of the number described in Subsection (2)(e)(iii) divided by the sum
- 2274 of the numbers described in Subsections (2)(e)(i) and (ii);

- 2275 (v) of the number described in Subsection (2)(e)(iii):
- 2276 (A) the number of provisional ballots cast at a polling place; and
- 2277 (B) the number of ballots cast using a voting method described in Section
- 2278 20A-3a-201;
- 2279 (vi) a reconciliation of the number of ballots the election officer counted and the
- 2280 number of voters given credit for voting in the election;
- 2281 (vii) if there is a difference between the numbers described in Subsection (2)(e)(vi),
- 2282 an explanation for the difference;
- 2283 (viii) the number of provisional ballots that could not legally be counted; and
- 2284 (ix) each of the following:
- 2285 (A) the number of ballots, other than provisional ballots, that were rejected
- 2286 because the ballots could not legally be cured;
- 2287 (B) the number of ballots, other than provisional ballots, that were rejected, could
- 2288 have been cured by the voter, but were not cured;
- 2289 (C) the number of uncounted ballots received after the deadline described in
- 2290 Subsection [~~20A-3a-204(3)~~] 20A-3a-204(5); and
- 2291 (D) the percentage of ballots that were returned as undeliverable;
- 2292 (f) subject to Subsection (3), a cast vote record report that contains only the following
- 2293 information from the election results database:
- 2294 (i) for the jurisdiction administering the election:
- 2295 (A) the title of each ballot proposition appearing on the ballots;
- 2296 (B) a description of each race for federal office, statewide office, state legislative
- 2297 office, state school board office, county office, local school board office, or
- 2298 municipal office appearing on the ballots; and
- 2299 (C) the name of each candidate for an office described in Subsection (2)(f)(i)(B);
- 2300 (ii) the numeric identifier described in Subsection 20A-5-802.5(2)(b);
- 2301 (iii) the vote cast by a voter for:
- 2302 (A) a candidate for an office described in Subsection (2)(f)(i)(B);
- 2303 (B) a valid write-in candidate; and
- 2304 (C) each ballot proposition;
- 2305 (iv) if a voter's vote was not counted, an indication that the vote was not counted
- 2306 because:
- 2307 (A) the voter cast a vote for more than one candidate for a single office; or
- 2308 (B) the voter made more than one selection for a single ballot proposition;

- 2309 (v) if a voter was eligible to cast a vote, but did not cast a vote, an indication that the
2310 voter did not cast a vote; and
- 2311 (vi) if a ballot proposition or an office described in Subsection (2)(f)(i)(B) did not
2312 appear on the voter's ballot:
- 2313 (A) an indication that the voter was ineligible to cast a vote for the ballot
2314 proposition or office; or
- 2315 (B) a blank field or space in the portion of the report representing the ballot
2316 proposition or office;
- 2317 (g) other information required by law to be provided to the board of canvassers; and
2318 (h) a statement certifying that the information contained in the report is accurate.
- 2319 (3) The cast vote record report described in Subsection (2)(f) may not include:
- 2320 (a) any special district office or special district ballot proposition appearing on a ballot in
2321 the jurisdiction administering the election;
- 2322 (b) the vote cast by a voter for a special district office or special district ballot
2323 proposition;
- 2324 (c) the voter precinct number associated with a ballot; or
2325 (d) information that directly identifies the voter who cast the ballot.
- 2326 (4) For an election in which the election officer does not use automatic tabulating
2327 equipment, the election officer shall:
- 2328 (a) review the votes cast on each ballot that is counted;
- 2329 (b) manually compile the information described in Subsection (2)(f) in a file format
2330 described in Subsection (8)(c);
- 2331 (c) ensure that the file does not contain the information described in Subsection (3); and
2332 (d) include a copy of the file in the board of canvassers' report.
- 2333 (5) The election officer and the board of canvassers shall:
- 2334 (a) review the report to ensure that the report is correct; and
2335 (b) sign the report.
- 2336 (6) The election officer shall:
- 2337 (a) record or file the certified report in a book kept for that purpose;
- 2338 (b) prepare and transmit a certificate of nomination or election under the officer's seal to
2339 each nominated or elected candidate;
- 2340 (c) publish a copy of the certified report in accordance with Subsection (7); and
2341 (d) file a copy of the certified report with the lieutenant governor.
- 2342 (7) Subject to Subsection (8), an election officer shall, no later than three business days

- 2343 after the day on which the board of canvassers declares the election results, publish a
2344 notice of the certified report described in Subsection (2) as a class A notice under
2345 Section 63G-30-102.
- 2346 (8) The class A notice described in Subsection (7) shall:
- 2347 (a) include the following statement: "The Board of Canvassers for [indicate name of
2348 jurisdiction] has prepared a report of the election results for the [indicate type and
2349 date of election].";
- 2350 (b) specify the following sources where an individual may view or obtain a copy of the
2351 entire certified report:
- 2352 (i) the Utah Public Notice Website;
- 2353 (ii) if the election officer is required to publish the notice on the board's jurisdiction's
2354 website under Subsection 63G-30-102(1)(b), the jurisdiction's website;
- 2355 (iii) the physical address for the board's jurisdiction; and
- 2356 (iv) a mailing address and telephone number; and
- 2357 (c) subject to Subsection (9), for the website posting described in Subsections
2358 63G-30-102(1)(a) and (b), include a copy of the certified report in the following file
2359 formats:
- 2360 (i) except for the cast vote record report described in Subsection (2)(f), a PDF or
2361 similar file; and
- 2362 (ii) for the cast vote record report described in Subsection (2)(f), one or more
2363 spreadsheets, Comma Separated Values files, or another common type of
2364 delimited or fixed-width files.
- 2365 (9) An election officer may post the information required to be included in the cast vote
2366 record report described in Subsection (2)(f) as a text-based file that represents structured
2367 information through key value pairs and ordered collections of data in lieu of including
2368 that information in a file described in Subsection (8)(c)(ii) if:
- 2369 (a) the race for elective office was conducted using instant runoff voting under Chapter
2370 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project; and
- 2371 (b) the tabulating equipment does not produce a file described in Subsection (8)(c)(ii)
2372 that accurately records all the preferences cast by a voter on the voter's ballot.
- 2373 (10) An election officer shall publish the class A notice described in Subsection (7) for the
2374 following time periods:
- 2375 (a) in relation to posting the notice on the Utah Public Notice Website under Subsection
2376 63G-30-102(1)(a), indefinitely;

- 2377 (b) in relation to posting the notice on the election officer's jurisdiction's website under
2378 Subsection 63G-30-102(1)(b), for at least 180 calendar days after the day of the
2379 deadline described in Subsection (7); and
- 2380 (c) in relation to posting the notice in a physical location under Subsection
2381 63G-30-102(1)(c), for at least seven calendar days after the day of the deadline
2382 described in Subsection (7).
- 2383 (11) An election officer:
- 2384 (a) shall ensure that an individual may obtain a copy of the certified report in a file
2385 format described in:
- 2386 (i) Subsection (8)(c); and
2387 (ii) if applicable, Subsection (9); and
- 2388 (b) may make the certified report available in any computer-readable format that the
2389 election officer determines is helpful to members of the public.
- 2390 (12) When there has been a regular general or a statewide special election for statewide
2391 officers, for officers that appear on the ballot in more than one county, or for a statewide
2392 or two or more county ballot proposition, each board of canvassers shall, immediately
2393 upon adjournment of the board, transmit to the lieutenant governor a report detailing the
2394 number of votes for each candidate and the number of votes for and against each ballot
2395 proposition.
- 2396 (13) In each county election, municipal election, school election, special district election,
2397 and local special election, the election officer shall transmit the reports to the lieutenant
2398 governor within 14 calendar days after the date of the election.
- 2399 (14) In a regular primary election and in a presidential primary election, the board of
2400 canvassers shall, immediately upon adjournment of the board, transmit to the lieutenant
2401 governor:
- 2402 (a) the county totals for multi-county races; and
2403 (b) a complete tabulation showing voting totals for all primary races, precinct by
2404 precinct.
- 2405 Section 23. Section **20A-5-102** is amended to read:
- 2406 **20A-5-102 . Voting instructions.**
- 2407 (1) Each election officer shall:
- 2408 (a) print instructions for voters;
- 2409 (b) ensure that the instructions are printed in English, and any other language required
2410 under the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, in large clear type; and

- 2411 (c) ensure that the instructions inform voters:
- 2412 (i) about how to obtain, and how to return, ballots for voting;
- 2413 (ii) about special political party affiliation requirements for voting in a regular
- 2414 primary election or presidential primary election;
- 2415 (iii) about how to prepare ballots cast at a standard polling place for deposit in the
- 2416 ballot box;
- 2417 (iv) about how to prepare a [~~mailed~~] remote ballot for return;
- 2418 (v) about how to record write-in votes;
- 2419 (vi) about how to obtain a new ballot in the place of one spoiled by accident or
- 2420 mistake;
- 2421 (vii) about how to obtain assistance in marking ballots;
- 2422 (viii) about obtaining a new ballot if the voter's ballot is defaced;
- 2423 (ix) that identification marks or the spoiling or defacing of a ballot will make it
- 2424 invalid;
- 2425 (x) about how to obtain and vote a provisional ballot;
- 2426 (xi) about whom to contact to report election fraud;
- 2427 (xii) about applicable federal and state laws regarding:
- 2428 (A) voting rights and the appropriate official to contact if the voter alleges that the
- 2429 voter's rights have been violated; and
- 2430 (B) prohibitions on acts of fraud and misrepresentation;
- 2431 (xiii) about procedures governing mail-in registrants and first-time voters; and
- 2432 (xiv) about the date of the election and the hours that the polls are open on election
- 2433 day.

2434 (2) Each election officer shall:

- 2435 (a) provide the election judges of each voting precinct with sufficient instruction cards to
- 2436 instruct voters in the preparation of the voters' ballots; and
- 2437 (b) direct the election judges to post:
- 2438 (i) general voting instructions in each voting booth;
- 2439 (ii) at least three instruction cards at other locations in [~~the~~] a standard polling place;
- 2440 and
- 2441 (iii) at least one sample ballot at the standard polling place.

2442 Section 24. Section **20A-5-301** is amended to read:

2443 **20A-5-301 . Combined voting precincts -- Municipalities.**

2444 (1)(a) The municipal legislative body of a city of the first or second class may combine

2445 up to four regular county voting precincts into one municipal voting precinct for
 2446 purposes of a municipal election if they designate the location and address of each of
 2447 those combined voting precincts.

2448 (b) The standard polling place shall be within the combined voting precinct or within 1/2
 2449 mile of the boundaries of the voting precinct.

2450 (2)(a) The municipal legislative body of a city of the third, fourth, or fifth class or a
 2451 town may combine two or more regular county voting precincts into one municipal
 2452 voting precinct for purposes of an election if it designates the location and address of
 2453 that combined voting precinct.

2454 (b) If only two precincts are combined, the standard polling place shall be within the
 2455 combined precinct or within 1/2 mile of the boundaries of the combined voting
 2456 precinct.

2457 (c) If more than two precincts are combined, the standard polling place should be as near
 2458 as practical to the middle of the combined precinct.

2459 Section 25. Section **20A-5-303** is amended to read:

2460 **20A-5-303 . Establishing, dividing, abolishing, and changing voting precincts --**
 2461 **Common polling places -- Combined voting precincts.**

2462 (1) After receiving recommendations from the county clerk, the county legislative body
 2463 may establish, divide, abolish, or change the boundaries of a voting precinct.

2464 (2)(a) Subject to Subsection (2)(b), a county legislative body may establish a voting
 2465 precinct that consists of two or more noncontiguous geographic areas if:

2466 (i) each noncontiguous area is located entirely within the same municipality; or
 2467 (ii) the noncontiguous areas are located within a municipality and immediately
 2468 adjacent to a municipality.

2469 (b) A voting precinct described in Subsection (2)(a) must consist of the same elective
 2470 offices.

2471 (3) Within 30 calendar days after the establishment, division, abolition, or change of a
 2472 voting precinct under this section, the county legislative body shall file with the Utah
 2473 Geospatial Resource Center, created under Section 63A-16-505, a notice describing the
 2474 action taken and specifying the resulting boundaries of each voting precinct affected by
 2475 the action.

2476 (4)(a) The county legislative body shall alter or divide voting precincts so that each
 2477 voting precinct contains not more than 1,250 active voters at the time of the
 2478 redistricting described in Subsection (5).

- 2479 (b) The county legislative body may identify a voting precinct that:
2480 (i) is too large to facilitate the election process; and
2481 (ii) except as provided by Subsection (5), divide the precinct on or before January 1
2482 of a general election year.
- 2483 (5) A county legislative body shall divide a precinct identified under Subsection (4)(b)(i) on
2484 or before January 31 of a regular general election year that immediately follows the
2485 calendar year in which the Legislature divides the state into districts in accordance with
2486 Utah Constitution, Article IX, Section 1.
- 2487 (6) Notwithstanding Subsection (4)(a), and except as provided by Subsection (7), the
2488 county legislative body may not:
2489 (a) establish or abolish a voting precinct after January 1 of a regular general election
2490 year;
2491 (b) alter or change the boundaries of a voting precinct after January 1 of a regular
2492 general election year; or
2493 (c) establish, divide, abolish, alter, or change a voting precinct between January 1 of a
2494 year immediately preceding the year in which an enumeration is required by the
2495 United States Constitution, and the day on which the Legislature divides the state into
2496 districts in accordance with Utah Constitution, Article IX, Section 1.
- 2497 (7) A county legislative body may establish, divide, abolish, alter, or change a voting
2498 precinct on or before January 31 of a regular general election year that immediately
2499 follows the calendar year in which the Legislature divides the state into districts in
2500 accordance with Utah Constitution, Article IX, Section 1.
- 2501 (8)(a) For the purpose of voting in an election, the county legislative body may establish
2502 a common standard polling place for two or more whole voting precincts.
2503 (b) At least 90 calendar days before the date of the election, the county legislative body
2504 shall designate:
2505 (i) each voting precinct that will vote at the common standard polling place; and
2506 (ii) the location of the common standard polling place.
2507 (c) A county may use one set of election judges for the common polling place under this
2508 Subsection (8).
- 2509 (9) Each voting precinct established under this section shall have a name that is
2510 distinguishable from the name of any other voting precinct in the state.
- 2511 (10) Each county shall have at least two standard polling places open for voting on the date
2512 of the election.

2513 (11) Each common standard polling place shall have at least one voting device that is
2514 accessible for individuals with disabilities in accordance with Public Law 107-252, the
2515 Help America Vote Act of 2002.

2516 Section 26. Section **20A-5-403** is amended to read:

2517 **20A-5-403 . Polling places -- Booths -- Ballot boxes -- Inspections --**

2518 **Arrangements.**

2519 (1) An election officer shall:

2520 (a) designate polling places for each voting precinct in the jurisdiction; and

2521 (b) obtain the approval of the county or municipal legislative body or special district
2522 governing board for those polling places.

2523 (2)(a) For each standard polling place, the election officer shall provide:

2524 (i) an American flag;

2525 (ii) a sufficient number of voting booths or compartments;

2526 (iii) the voting devices, voting booths, ballots, ballot boxes, and any other records and
2527 supplies necessary to enable a voter to vote;

2528 (iv) the constitutional amendment cards required by Part 1, Election Notices and
2529 Instructions;

2530 (v) the instructions required by Section 20A-5-102; and

2531 (vi) a sign, to be prominently displayed in the polling place, indicating that valid
2532 voter identification is required for every voter before the voter may vote and
2533 listing the forms of identification that constitute valid voter identification.

2534 (b) Each election officer shall ensure that:

2535 (i) each voting booth is at a convenient height for writing, and is arranged so that the
2536 voter can prepare the voter's ballot screened from observation;

2537 (ii) there are a sufficient number of voting booths or voting devices to accommodate
2538 the voters at that polling place; and

2539 (iii) there is at least one voting booth or voting device that is configured to
2540 accommodate persons with disabilities.

2541 (c) Each county clerk shall provide a ballot box for each polling place that is large
2542 enough to properly receive and hold the ballots to be cast.

2543 (3)(a) All polling places shall be physically inspected by each county clerk to ensure
2544 access by a person with a disability.

2545 (b) Any issues concerning inaccessibility to polling places by a person with a disability
2546 discovered during the inspections referred to in Subsection (3)(a) or reported to the

- 2547 county clerk shall be:
- 2548 (i) forwarded to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor; and
- 2549 (ii) within six months of the time of the complaint, the issue of inaccessibility shall
- 2550 be either:
- 2551 (A) remedied at the particular location by the county clerk;
- 2552 (B) the county clerk shall designate an alternative accessible location for the
- 2553 particular precinct; or
- 2554 (C) if no practical solution can be identified, file with the Office of the Lieutenant
- 2555 Governor a written explanation identifying the reasons compliance cannot
- 2556 reasonably be met.
- 2557 (4)(a) The municipality in which the election is held shall pay the cost of conducting
- 2558 each municipal election, including the cost of printing and supplies.
- 2559 (b)(i) Costs assessed by a county clerk to a municipality under this section may not
- 2560 exceed the actual costs incurred by the county clerk.
- 2561 (ii) The actual costs shall include:
- 2562 (A) costs of or rental fees associated with the use of election equipment and
- 2563 supplies; and
- 2564 (B) reasonable and necessary administrative costs.
- 2565 (5) The county clerk shall make detailed entries of all proceedings had under this chapter.
- 2566 (6)(a) Each county clerk shall, to the extent possible, ensure that the amount of time that
- 2567 an individual waits in line before the individual can vote at a standard polling place in
- 2568 the county, or return a mailed ballot to a polling place in the county, does not exceed
- 2569 30 minutes.
- 2570 (b) The lieutenant governor may require a county clerk to submit a line management
- 2571 plan before the next election if an individual waits in line at a standard polling place
- 2572 in the county, or return a mailed ballot to a polling place in the county, longer than 30
- 2573 minutes before the individual can vote.
- 2574 (c) The lieutenant governor may consider extenuating circumstances in deciding whether
- 2575 to require the county clerk to submit a plan described in Subsection (6)(b).
- 2576 (d) The lieutenant governor shall review each plan submitted under Subsection (6)(b)
- 2577 and consult with the county clerk submitting the plan to ensure, to the extent
- 2578 possible, that the amount of time an individual waits in line before the individual can
- 2579 vote at a standard polling place in the county, or return a mailed ballot to a polling
- 2580 place in the county, does not exceed 30 minutes.

2581 Section 27. Section **20A-5-403.5** is amended to read:

2582 **20A-5-403.5 . Ballot drop boxes -- Notice.**

2583 [~~(1) An election officer;~~]

2584 [~~(a) shall designate at least one ballot drop box in each municipality and reservation~~
2585 ~~located in the jurisdiction to which the election relates;~~]

2586 [~~(b) may designate additional ballot drop boxes for the election officer's jurisdiction;~~]

2587 [~~(c) shall clearly mark each ballot drop box as an official ballot drop box for the election~~
2588 ~~officer's jurisdiction;~~]

2589 [~~(d) shall provide 24-hour recorded video surveillance, without audio, of each~~
2590 ~~unattended ballot drop box;~~]

2591 [~~(e) shall post a sign on or near each unattended ballot drop box indicating that the ballot~~
2592 ~~drop box is under 24-hour video surveillance; and]~~

2593 [~~(f) shall ensure that a camera, a video, or a recording of a video described in Subsection~~
2594 ~~(1)(d) may only be accessed by:~~]

2595 [~~(i) the election officer;~~]

2596 [~~(ii) a custodian of the camera, video, or recording;~~]

2597 [~~(iii) the lieutenant governor;~~]

2598 [~~(iv) the legislative auditor general, when performing an audit;~~]

2599 [~~(v) a court of competent jurisdiction, by or pursuant to an order of the court;~~]

2600 [~~(vi) a registered voter who claims to have cast a ballot at an unattended ballot drop~~
2601 ~~box, if the election officer informs the voter that the election officer never~~
2602 ~~received the voter's ballot; or]~~

2603 [~~(vii) subject to Subsection (2)(b), and except as provided in Subsection (2)(c):]~~

2604 [~~(A) a candidate for an office that appears on a ballot, or an individual~~
2605 ~~representing the candidate's campaign;~~]

2606 [~~(B) for a federal, statewide, or multicounty race, the chair of the state political~~
2607 ~~party whose member is a candidate described in Subsection (1)(f)(vii)(A);]~~

2608 [~~(C) for a race where the officeholder is selected by voters entirely within one~~
2609 ~~county, the chair of the county political party whose member is a candidate~~
2610 ~~described in Subsection (1)(f)(vii)(A); or]~~

2611 [~~(D) the designee of a political party chair described in Subsection (1)(f)(vii)(B) or~~
2612 ~~(C).]~~

2613 [~~(2)(a) An individual may not view a video, or a recording of a video, described in~~
2614 ~~Subsection (1)(d), unless the individual;~~]

- 2615 ~~[(i) is an individual described in Subsection (1)(f); and]~~
- 2616 ~~[(ii) views the video to the extent necessary to:]~~
- 2617 ~~[(A) ensure compliance with Subsection (1)(d), (1)(f), or (3); or]~~
- 2618 ~~[(B) investigate a concern relating to ballots or the ballot box.]~~
- 2619 ~~[(b) If an individual described in Subsection (1)(f)(vii) seeks to view a video recording~~
- 2620 ~~described in Subsection (1)(d), the election officer may require the individual to view~~
- 2621 ~~the video recording at the election officer's office during regular business hours.]~~
- 2622 ~~[(c) An individual described in Subsection (1)(f)(vii) may not view a video recording~~
- 2623 ~~described in Subsection (1)(d) after the time period for contesting the election to~~
- 2624 ~~which the video recording relates ends.]~~
- 2625 ~~[(3) The election officer, or the custodian of the recording:]~~
- 2626 ~~[(a) shall keep a recording described in Subsection (1)(d) until at least the later of:]~~
- 2627 ~~[(i) the last day of the calendar year in which the election was held; or]~~
- 2628 ~~[(ii) if the election is contested, when the contest is resolved; and]~~
- 2629 ~~[(b) may keep the video recording described in Subsection (1)(d) indefinitely.]~~
- 2630 (1) An election officer shall:
- 2631 (a) in each municipality in the jurisdiction to which the election relates:
- 2632 (i) if the municipality contains less than 10,000 active registered voters, designate
- 2633 within the municipality at least one ballot drop box; or
- 2634 (ii) if the municipality contains at least 10,000 active registered voters:
- 2635 (A) designate within the municipality at least two ballot drop boxes, plus one
- 2636 additional ballot drop box for each 10,000 active registered voters above
- 2637 10,000 active registered voters in the municipality; and
- 2638 (B) disburse the ballot drop boxes in different locations throughout the
- 2639 municipality;
- 2640 (b) in each reservation in the jurisdiction to which the election relates, designate within
- 2641 the reservation at least one ballot drop box;
- 2642 (c) designate additional ballot drop boxes, as needed, to avoid long lines at a ballot drop
- 2643 box or other polling locations;
- 2644 (d) clearly mark each ballot drop box as an official ballot drop box for the election
- 2645 officer's jurisdiction;
- 2646 (e) secure a ballot drop box in a manner that a ballot cannot be placed in the ballot drop
- 2647 box while the ballot drop box is unattended;
- 2648 (f) operate each ballot drop box, in accordance with Section 20A-3a-203.5, with at least

- 2649 two poll workers present:
- 2650 (i) from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on each of the five business days before the day of the
- 2651 election; and
- 2652 (ii) on the day of the election, from 8 a.m. until each voter described in Subsection
- 2653 (10)(c) is given the opportunity to deliver the return envelope to a poll worker for
- 2654 placement in the ballot drop box, after the voter complies with Section
- 2655 20A-3a-203.5 and Subsection 20A-3a-204(1); and
- 2656 (g) ensure that, before poll workers leave a ballot drop box for the day, the poll workers:
- 2657 (i) remove all ballots from the ballot drop box for delivery to the election officer;
- 2658 (ii) ensure that the ballot drop box is empty; and
- 2659 (iii) secure the ballot drop box in a manner that a ballot cannot be placed in the ballot
- 2660 drop box until the ballot drop box again opens for operation.
- 2661 (2) Each day described in Subsection (1)(f), the poll workers shall:
- 2662 (a) before 8 a.m., inspect the ballot drop box to ensure that the ballot drop box is empty;
- 2663 (b) if any ballots or other items are discovered in the ballot drop box, empty the ballot
- 2664 drop box and secure any ballots found in the ballot drop box in a separate container
- 2665 for delivery to the election officer;
- 2666 (c) ensure that at least two poll workers are present at the ballot drop box at all times
- 2667 described in Subsections (1)(f)(i) and (ii); and
- 2668 (d) before leaving the ballot drop box for the day:
- 2669 (i) remove all ballots from the ballot drop box for processing;
- 2670 (ii) ensure that the ballot drop box is empty; and
- 2671 (iii) secure the ballot drop box in a manner that a ballot cannot be placed in the ballot
- 2672 drop box until the ballot drop box again opens for operation.
- 2673 (3) An individual may not place a ballot in a ballot drop box, unless at least two poll
- 2674 workers are present to accept remote ballots in accordance with Section 20A-3a-203.5.
- 2675 (4) Only a poll worker may deposit a return ballot envelope into a ballot drop box, and only
- 2676 after a voter submits the return ballot envelope to the poll worker, at the ballot drop box,
- 2677 in accordance with the requirements of Section 20A-3a-203.5.
- 2678 [(4)] (5) Except as provided in Section 20A-1-308 or Subsection [(7)] (8), the election officer
- 2679 shall, at least 28 calendar days before the date of the election, provide notice of the
- 2680 location of each ballot drop box designated under Subsection (1), and the dates and
- 2681 hours that poll workers will be present to accept ballots, by publishing notice for the
- 2682 jurisdiction holding the election, as a class A notice under Section 63G-30-102, for at

- 2683 least 28 calendar days before the day of the election.
- 2684 [(5)] (6) Instead of including the location and the dates and hours of operation of ballot drop
- 2685 boxes, a notice required under Subsection [(4)] (5) may specify the following sources
- 2686 where a voter may view or obtain a copy of all ballot drop box locations and the dates
- 2687 and hours of operation:
- 2688 (a) the jurisdiction's website;
- 2689 (b) the physical address of the jurisdiction's offices; and
- 2690 (c) a mailing address and telephone number.
- 2691 [(6)] (7) The election officer shall include in the notice described in Subsection [(4)] (5):
- 2692 (a) the address of the Statewide Electronic Voter Information Website and, if available,
- 2693 the address of the election officer's website, with a statement indicating that the
- 2694 election officer will post on the website the location and the dates and hours of
- 2695 operation of each ballot drop box, including any changes to the location of a ballot
- 2696 drop box and the location of additional ballot drop boxes; and
- 2697 (b) a phone number that a voter may call to obtain information regarding the location
- 2698 and the dates and hours of operation of a ballot drop box.
- 2699 [(7)] (8)(a) Except as provided in Section 20A-1-308, the election officer may, after the
- 2700 deadline described in Subsection [(4)] (5):
- 2701 (i) if necessary, change the location of a ballot drop box; or
- 2702 (ii) if the election officer determines that the number of ballot drop boxes is
- 2703 insufficient due to the number of registered voters who are voting, designate
- 2704 additional ballot drop boxes.
- 2705 (b) Except as provided in Section 20A-1-308, if an election officer [~~changes the location~~
- 2706 ~~of a ballot box or designates an additional ballot drop box location~~] takes an action
- 2707 described in Subsection (8)(a), the election officer shall, as soon as is reasonably
- 2708 possible, give notice of the [~~changed ballot drop box location or the additional ballot~~
- 2709 ~~drop box location~~] action:
- 2710 (i) to the lieutenant governor, for posting on the Statewide Voter Information
- 2711 Website;
- 2712 (ii) by posting the information on the website of the election officer, if available; and
- 2713 (iii) by posting notice:
- 2714 (A) for a change in the location of a ballot drop box, at the new location and, if
- 2715 possible, the old location; and
- 2716 (B) for an additional ballot drop box location, at the additional ballot drop box

2717 location.

2718 [~~(8)~~] (9) An election officer may, at any time, authorize two or more poll workers to remove
2719 a ballot drop box from a location, or to remove ballots from a ballot drop box for
2720 processing.

2721 [~~(9)~~] (10)(a) At least two poll workers must be present when a poll worker collects
2722 ballots from a ballot drop box and delivers the ballots to the location where the
2723 ballots will be opened and counted.

2724 (b) An election officer shall ensure that the chain of custody of ballots placed in a ballot
2725 box are recorded and tracked from the time the ballots are removed from the ballot
2726 box until the ballots are delivered to the location where the ballots will be opened and
2727 counted.

2728 (c) An election officer shall ensure that a voter who is, at or before 8 p.m., in line at a
2729 ballot drop box that is attended by poll workers, with a sealed return envelope
2730 containing a remote ballot in the voter's possession, permitted to deliver the return
2731 envelope to a poll worker for placement in the ballot drop box after the voter
2732 complies with Section 20A-3a-203.5 and Subsection 20A-3a-204(1).

2733 Section 28. Section **20A-5-407** is amended to read:

2734 **20A-5-407 . Election officer to provide ballot boxes.**

2735 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (3), an election officer shall, for a standard polling
2736 place:

2737 (a) provide one ballot box with a lock and key for each polling place; and

2738 (b) deliver the ballot boxes, locks, and keys to the polling place before the polls open.

2739 (2) An election officer for a municipality or special district may obtain ballot boxes from
2740 the county clerk's office.

2741 (3) If locks and keys are unavailable, the election officer shall ensure that the ballot box lid
2742 is secured by tape.

2743 Section 29. Section **20A-5-601** is amended to read:

2744 **20A-5-601 . Appointment of poll workers in elections where candidates are**
2745 **distinguished by registered political parties.**

2746 (1)(a) This section governs appointment of poll workers in elections where candidates
2747 are distinguished by registered political parties.

2748 (b) On or before March 1 of each even-numbered year, an election officer shall provide
2749 to the county chair of each registered political party a list of the number of poll
2750 workers that the party must nominate for each polling place.

- 2751 (c) On or before April 1 of each even-numbered year, the county chair and secretary of
2752 each registered political party shall file a list with the election officer containing the
2753 names of individuals in the county who are willing to serve as poll workers, who are
2754 qualified to serve as poll workers in accordance with this section, and who are
2755 competent and trustworthy.
- 2756 (d) The county chair and secretary shall submit names equal in number to the number
2757 required by the election officer, plus one.
- 2758 (2) Each election officer shall provide for the appointment of individuals to serve as poll
2759 workers at each election.
- 2760 (3)(a) For each election, each election officer shall provide for the appointment of at
2761 least three registered voters, or one individual who is 16 or 17 years old and two
2762 registered voters, one of whom is at least 21 years old, from the list to serve as poll
2763 workers.
- 2764 (b) An election officer may appoint additional poll workers, as needed.
- 2765 (4) For each set of three poll workers appointed for a standard polling place for an election,
2766 the election officer shall ensure that:
- 2767 (a) two poll workers are appointed from the political party that cast the highest number
2768 of votes for governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, state auditor, and state
2769 treasurer, excluding votes for unopposed candidates, in the jurisdiction holding the
2770 election at the last regular general election before the appointment of the poll
2771 workers; and
- 2772 (b) one poll worker is appointed from the political party that cast the second highest
2773 number of votes for governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, state auditor,
2774 and state treasurer, excluding votes for unopposed candidates, in the county, city, or
2775 special district, as applicable, at the last regular general election before the
2776 appointment of the poll workers.
- 2777 (5) The election officer shall provide for the appointment of any qualified county voter as a
2778 poll worker when:
- 2779 (a) a political party fails to file the poll worker list by the filing deadline; or
2780 (b) the list is incomplete.
- 2781 (6) A registered voter of the county may serve as a poll worker at any polling place in the
2782 county, municipality, or district, as applicable.
- 2783 (7) An election officer may not appoint a candidate's parent, sibling, spouse, child,
2784 mother-in-law, father-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, daughter-in-law, or

2785 son-in-law to serve as a poll worker in a polling place where the candidate appears on
2786 the ballot.

2787 (8) The election officer shall fill all poll worker vacancies.

2788 (9) If a conflict arises over the right to certify the poll worker lists for any political party,
2789 the election officer may decide between conflicting lists, but may only select names
2790 from a properly submitted list.

2791 (10) The clerk shall establish compensation for poll workers.

2792 (11) The election officer may appoint additional poll workers to serve in the polling place
2793 as needed.

2794 Section 30. Section **20A-5-605** is amended to read:

2795 **20A-5-605 . Duties of poll workers.**

2796 (1) Poll workers shall:

2797 (a) arrive at the polling place at a time determined by the election officer; and

2798 (b) remain until the official election returns are prepared for delivery.

2799 (2) The election officer may designate the title and duties of each poll worker.

2800 (3) Upon arriving to open the polls, the poll workers shall, at a standard polling place:

2801 (a) display the United States flag;

2802 (b) examine the voting devices to see that they are in proper working order and that
2803 security devices have not been tampered with;

2804 (c) place the voting devices, voting booths, and the ballot box in plain view of those poll
2805 workers and watchers that are present;

2806 (d) check the ballots, supplies, records, and forms;

2807 (e) if directed by the election officer:

2808 (i) make any necessary corrections to the official ballots before the ballots are
2809 distributed at the polls;

2810 (ii) post any necessary notice of errors in ballots before voting commences; and

2811 (iii) post a sample ballot, instructions to voters, and constitutional amendments, if
2812 any;

2813 (f) open the ballot box in the presence of those assembled, turn the ballot box upside
2814 down to empty the ballot box of anything; and

2815 (g) immediately before the polls open, lock the ballot box or, if locks and keys are not
2816 available, tape the ballot box securely.

2817 (4)(a) If, at a standard polling place, any poll worker fails to appear on the morning of
2818 the election, or fails or refuses to act:

- 2819 (i) at least six qualified electors who are present at the polling place at the hour
2820 designated by law for the opening of the polls shall fill the vacancy by appointing
2821 another qualified individual from the voting precinct who is a member of the same
2822 political party as the poll worker who is being replaced to act as a poll worker; or
2823 (ii) the election officer shall appoint a qualified individual to act as a poll worker.
- 2824 (b) If a majority of the poll workers are present, the poll workers shall open the polls,
2825 even though a poll worker has not arrived.
- 2826 (5)(a) If it is impossible or inconvenient to hold an election at the standard polling place
2827 designated, the poll workers, after having assembled at or as near as practicable to the
2828 designated place, and before receiving any vote, may move to the nearest convenient
2829 place for holding the election.
- 2830 (b) If the poll workers move to a new standard polling place, the poll workers shall
2831 display a proclamation of the change and station a peace officer or some other proper
2832 individual at the original standard polling place to notify voters of the location of the
2833 new standard polling place.
- 2834 (6) If, for any reason, the official ballots are not ready for distribution at a standard polling
2835 place or, if the supply of ballots is exhausted before the polls are closed, the poll workers
2836 may use unofficial ballots, made as nearly as possible in the form of the official ballot,
2837 until the election officer provides additional ballots.
- 2838 (7) When it is time to open the polls, one of the poll workers shall announce that the polls
2839 are open as required by Section 20A-1-302, or in the case of early voting, Section
2840 20A-3a-602.
- 2841 (8)(a) The poll workers shall comply with the voting procedures and requirements of
2842 Chapter 3a, Voting, in allowing people to vote.
- 2843 (b) The poll workers may not allow an individual, other than election officials and those
2844 admitted to vote, within six feet of voting devices, voting booths, or the ballot box.
- 2845 (c) Besides the poll workers and watchers, the poll workers may not allow more than
2846 four voters in excess of the number of voting booths provided within six feet of
2847 voting devices, voting booths, or the ballot box.
- 2848 (d) If necessary, the poll workers shall instruct each voter permitted to use a voting
2849 device how to operate the voting device before the voter enters the voting booth.
- 2850 (e)(i) If the voter requests additional instructions after entering the voting booth, two
2851 poll workers may, if necessary, enter the booth and give the voter additional
2852 instructions.

2853 (ii) In regular general elections and regular primary elections, the two poll workers
2854 who enter the voting booth to assist the voter shall be of different political parties.

2855 Section 31. Section **20A-6-105** is amended to read:

2856 **20A-6-105 . Provisional ballot envelopes.**

2857 (1) Each election officer shall ensure that provisional ballot envelopes are printed in
2858 substantially the following form:

2859 (a) the envelope shall include the following statement:

2860 "AFFIRMATION

2861 Are you a citizen of the United States of America? Yes No

2862 Will you be 18 years old on or before election day? Yes No

2863 If you checked "no" in response to either of the two above questions, do not complete
2864 this form.

2865 Name of Voter _____

2866 First Middle Last

2867 Driver License or Identification Card Number _____

2868 State of Issuance of Driver License or Identification Card Number _____

2869 Date of Birth _____

2870 Street Address of Principal Place of Residence

2871 _____

2872 City County State Zip Code

2873 Telephone Number (optional) _____

2874 Email Address (optional) _____

2875 Last four digits of Social Security Number _____

2876 Last former address at which I was registered to vote (if known)

2877 _____

2878 City County State Zip Code

2879 Voting Precinct (if known) _____

2880 I, (please print your full name) _____ do solemnly swear or
2881 affirm:

2882 That I am eligible to vote in this election; that I have not voted in this election in any
2883 other precinct; that I am eligible to vote in this precinct; and that I request that I be permitted
2884 to vote in this precinct; and

2885 Subject to penalty of law for false statements, that the information contained in this form
2886 is true, and that I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of Utah, residing at the above

2887 address; and that I am at least 18 years old and have resided in Utah for the 30 calendar days
 2888 immediately before this election.

2889 Signed

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2891 Dated

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2893 In accordance with Section 20A-3a-506, wilfully providing false information above is a
 2894 class B misdemeanor under Utah law and is punishable by imprisonment and by fine.

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2895 PRIVACY INFORMATION

2896 Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such
 2897 as your name and address, some information that is available only to government entities, and
 2898 some information that is available only to certain third parties in accordance with the
 2899 requirements of law.

2900 Your driver license number, identification card number, social security number, email
 2901 address, full date of birth, and phone number are available only to government entities. Your
 2902 year of birth is available to political parties, candidates for public office, certain third parties,
 2903 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, in accordance with the requirements of law.

2904 You may request that all information on your voter registration records be withheld from
 2905 all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office, and
 2906 their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by indicating here:

2907 _____ Yes, I request that all information on my voter registration records be withheld
 2908 from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,
 2909 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers.

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2910 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION

2911 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that identifying
 2912 information on your voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates
 2913 for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a
 2914 withholding request form, and any required verification, as described in the following
 2915 paragraphs.

2916 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration
 2917 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their
 2918 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form with this
 2919 registration record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is or is likely
 2920 to be, or resides with a person who is or is likely to be, a victim of domestic violence or dating

2921 violence.

2922 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration
 2923 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their
 2924 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form and any
 2925 required verification with this registration form, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk,
 2926 if the person is, or resides with a person who is, a law enforcement officer, a member of the
 2927 armed forces, a public figure, or protected by a protective order or a protection order.

2928 CITIZENSHIP AFFIDAVIT

2929 Name:

2930 Name at birth, if different:

2931 Place of birth:

2932 Date of birth:

2933 Date and place of naturalization (if applicable):

2934 I hereby swear and affirm, under penalties for voting fraud set forth below, that I am a
 2935 citizen and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information above is true and
 2936 correct.

2937

2938 _____
 Signature of Applicant

2939 In accordance with Section 20A-2-401, the penalty for willfully causing, procuring, or
 2940 allowing yourself to be registered to vote if you know you are not entitled to register to vote is
 2941 up to one year in jail and a fine of up to \$2,500.";

2942 (b) the following statement shall appear after the statement described in Subsection (1)(a):

2943 "BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS

2944 Do you consent to receive communications about the status of your ballot and other official
 2945 communications, by text, at the phone number you provided above? Yes No
 2946 "; and

2947 (c) no later than November 5, 2025, after the statement described in Subsection (1)(b), the
 2948 following:

2949 "Indicate below how you want to [~~vote in~~] receive your ballot for upcoming elections:

2950 _____ Mail a ballot to me.

2951 _____ Do not mail a ballot to me. I will obtain a ballot at a polling place and vote in
 2952 person."

2953 (2) The provisional ballot envelope shall include:

2954 (a) a unique number;

- 2955 (b) a detachable part that includes the unique number;
- 2956 (c) a telephone number, internet address, or other indicator of a means, in accordance
- 2957 with Section 20A-6-105.5, where the voter can find out if the provisional ballot was
- 2958 counted; and
- 2959 (d) an insert containing written instructions on how a voter may sign up to receive ballot
- 2960 status notifications via the ballot tracking system described in Section 20A-3a-401.5.
- 2961 Section 32. Section **20A-11-1002** is amended to read:

2962 **20A-11-1002 . Retention and public inspection of financial statements -- Written**

2963 **complaint if statement is false or unlawful -- Redaction of certain information -- Penalties**

2964 **for unlawful disclosure.**

- 2965 (1) The chief election officer shall:
- 2966 (a) make each financial statement required by this chapter or Chapter 12, Part 2, Judicial
- 2967 Retention Elections:
- 2968 (i) open to public inspection in the office of the chief election officer; and
- 2969 (ii) available for viewing on the [~~Internet~~] internet in accordance with Section
- 2970 20A-11-103;
- 2971 (b) preserve those statements for at least five years; and
- 2972 (c) provide certified copies of the financial statements in the same manner as for other
- 2973 public records.
- 2974 (2) Any candidate or voter may file a written complaint with the chief election officer
- 2975 alleging that a filed financial statement does not conform to law or to the truth.
- 2976 (3)(a) As used in this Subsection (3), "required report" means a report, a financial
- 2977 statement, or any other type of statement or disclosure that a person is required to
- 2978 make under this chapter or Chapter 12, Part 2, Judicial Retention Elections.
- 2979 (b) Before posting or otherwise publicly disclosing a required report, the lieutenant
- 2980 governor shall redact from the report the following information relating to each
- 2981 individual referenced in the report:
- 2982 (i) the phone number of the individual; and
- 2983 (ii) the street number and street name in the address of the individual.
- 2984 (c) The information required to be redacted under Subsection (3)(b) is not a record under
- 2985 Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act.
- 2986 (d) It is unlawful to publicly disclose the information required to be redacted under
- 2987 Subsection (3)(b).
- 2988 (e) A government officer or employee who knowingly violates Subsection (3)(d) is

2989 guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

2990 Section 33. **Effective Date.**

2991 This bill takes effect on January 1, 2027.