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Verification Form Amendments

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LONG TITLE

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General Description:

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This bill makes technical corrections to the verification forms on signature packets for initiatives and referenda.

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Highlighted Provisions:

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This bill:

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Money Appropriated in this Bill:

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None

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Other Special Clauses:

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None

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Utah Code Sections Affected:

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AMENDS:

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20A-7-203, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442

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20A-7-303, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442

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20A-7-503, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442

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20A-7-603, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442

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

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Section 1. Section **20A-7-203** is amended to read:

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

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

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

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"INITIATIVE PETITION To the Honorable ____, Lieutenant Governor:

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We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully demand that the following proposed

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law be submitted to the legal voters/Legislature of Utah for their/its approval or rejection at the

31 regular general election/session to be held/ beginning on _____(month\day\year);

32 Each signer says:

33 I have personally signed this initiative petition or, if I am an individual with a qualifying
34 disability, I have signed this initiative petition by directing the signature gatherer to enter the
35 initials "AV" as my signature;

36 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the
37 initiative petition;

38 I have personally read the entire statement included with this packet;

39 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

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

41 NOTICE TO SIGNERS:

42 Public hearings to discuss this initiative were held at: (list dates and locations of public
43 hearings.)".

44 (b) If the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement shall appear, in at least
45 14-point, bold type, immediately following the information described in Subsection (2)(a):

46 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax
47 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent
48 increase in the current tax rate."

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

51 (3) Each initiative signature sheet shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 65 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
66 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point
67 type;
- 68 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 69 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
70 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;
- 71 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 72 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
- 73 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
74 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;
- 75 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 76 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
77 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;
- 78 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 79 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;
- 80 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
81 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;
- 82 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 83 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
84 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;
- 85 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and
- 86 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
87 and contain the following statement, "By signing this initiative petition, you are
88 stating that you have read and understand the law proposed by this initiative
89 petition." in 12-point type;
- 90 (e) the table described in Subsection (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at
91 the bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (3)(f); and
- 92 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include in the following order:
- 93 (i) the words "Fiscal Impact of" followed by the title of the initiative, in at least
94 12-point, bold type;
- 95 (ii) except as provided in Subsection (5), the initial fiscal impact statement issued by
96 the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst in accordance with Subsection
97 20A-7-202.5(2)(a), including any update in accordance with Subsection
98 20A-7-204.1(5), in not less than 12-point type;

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

100 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax
101 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent
102 increase in the current tax rate."; and

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

105 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name
106 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
107 once for the same initiative petition, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows
108 that the individual is not a registered voter.

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

113 (4) The final page of each initiative packet shall contain the following printed or typed
114 statement:

115 Verification of signature collector

116 State of Utah, County of ____

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

118 I am at least 18 years old;

119 All the names that appear in this initiative packet were signed by individuals who
120 professed to be the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed
121 the individual's name on it in my presence or, in the case of an individual with a qualifying
122 disability, I have signed this initiative petition on the individual's behalf, at the direction of the
123 individual and in the individual's presence, by entering the initials "AV" as the individual's
124 signature;

125 I certify that, for each individual whose signature is represented in this initiative
126 packet by the initials "AV":

127 I obtained the individual's voluntary direction or consent to sign the initiative
128 petition on the individual's behalf;

129 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual lacked the mental
130 capacity to give direction or consent;

131 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual did not
132 understand the purpose or nature of my signing the initiative petition on the individual's behalf;

133 I did not intentionally or knowingly deceive the individual into directing me to,
134 or consenting for me to, sign the initiative petition on the individual's behalf; and

135 I did not intentionally or knowingly enter false information on the signature
136 sheet;

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

139 I believe that each individual's name, post office address, and residence is written
140 correctly, that each signer has read the law proposed by the initiative, and that each signer is
141 registered to vote in Utah;

142 The correct date of signature appears next to each individual's name; and

143 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this initiative
144 packet to encourage that individual to sign it.

145 _____
146 [(Name)] (Signature) (Residence Address) (Date)

147 (5) If the initial fiscal impact statement described in Subsection (3)(f)(ii), as updated in
148 accordance with Subsection 20A-7-204.1(5), exceeds 200 words, the Office of the
149 Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall prepare a shorter summary statement, for the purpose of
150 inclusion on an initiative signature sheet, that does not exceed 200 words.

151 (6) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the initiative petitions
152 are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

153 Section 2. Section **20A-7-303** is amended to read:

154 **20A-7-303 . Manual referendum process -- Form of referendum petition and**
155 **signature sheets.**

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

157 (2)(a) Each proposed referendum petition shall be printed in substantially the following form:

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

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

164 Each signer says:

165 I have personally signed this referendum petition or, if I am an individual with a
166 qualifying disability, I have signed this referendum petition by directing the signature gatherer

167 to enter the initials "AV" as my signature;

168 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the
169 referendum petition;

170 I have personally read the entire statement included with this referendum packet;

171 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

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

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

175 (3) Each referendum signature sheet shall:

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

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

179 (c) include the title of the referendum printed below the horizontal line, in at least
180 14-point, bold type;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

201 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;
 202 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
 203 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;
 204 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
 205 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;
 206 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;
 207 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
 208 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;
 209 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and
 210 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
 211 and contain the following words "By signing this referendum petition, you are
 212 stating that you have read and understand the law that this referendum petition
 213 seeks to overturn." in 12-point type;

214 (e) the table described in Subsection (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at
 215 the bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (3)(f); and

216 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type, followed by
 217 the following statement in not less than eight-point type:

218 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name
 219 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
 220 once for the same referendum petition, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual
 221 knows that the individual is not a registered voter.

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

226 (4) The final page of each referendum packet shall contain the following printed or typed
 227 statement:

228 Verification of signature collector

229 State of Utah, County of ____

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

231 I am at least 18 years old;

232 All the names that appear in this referendum packet were signed by individuals who
 233 professed to be the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed
 234 the individual's name on it in my presence or, in the case of an individual with a qualifying

235 disability, I have signed this referendum petition on the individual's behalf, at the direction of
236 the individual and in the individual's presence, by entering the initials "AV" as the individual's
237 signature;

238 I certify that, for each individual whose signature is represented in this referendum
239 packet by the initials "AV":

240 I obtained the individual's voluntary direction or consent to sign the referendum
241 petition on the individual's behalf;

242 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual lacked the mental
243 capacity to give direction or consent;

244 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual did not
245 understand the purpose or nature of my signing the referendum petition on the individual's
246 behalf;

247 I did not intentionally or knowingly deceive the individual into directing me to,
248 or consenting for me to, sign the referendum petition on the individual's behalf; and

249 I did not intentionally or knowingly enter false information on the signature
250 sheet;

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

253 I believe that each individual's name, post office address, and residence is written
254 correctly, that each signer has read the law that the referendum seeks to overturn, and that each
255 signer is registered to vote in Utah;

256 The correct date of signature appears next to each individual's name; and

257 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this referendum
258 packet to encourage that individual to sign it.

259 _____
260 [(Name)] Signature (Residence Address) (Date).

261 (5) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the referendum
262 petitions are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

263 Section 3. Section **20A-7-503** is amended to read:

264 **20A-7-503 . Manual initiative process -- Form of initiative petition and signature**
265 **sheet.**

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

267 (2)(a) Each proposed initiative petition shall be printed in substantially the following form:

268 "INITIATIVE PETITION To the Honorable _____, County Clerk/City Recorder/Town

269 Clerk:

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

274 Each signer says:

275 I have personally signed this initiative petition or, if I am an individual with a qualifying
276 disability, I have signed this initiative petition by directing the signature gatherer to enter the
277 initials "AV" as my signature;

278 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the
279 petition;

280 I have personally read the entire statement included with this packet;

281 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

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

283 (b) If the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement shall appear, in at least
284 14-point, bold type, immediately following the information described in Subsection (2)(a):

285 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax
286 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent
287 increase in the current tax rate."

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

290 (3) Each initiative signature sheet shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 303 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
- 304 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 305 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point
- 306 type;
- 307 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 308 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 309 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;
- 310 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 311 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
- 312 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 313 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;
- 314 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 315 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 316 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;
- 317 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 318 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;
- 319 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 320 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;
- 321 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 322 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 323 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;
- 324 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and
- 325 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
- 326 and contain the following words "By signing this initiative petition, you are
- 327 stating that you have read and understand the law proposed by this initiative
- 328 petition." in 12-point type;
- 329 (e) the table described in Subsection (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at
- 330 the bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (3)(f); and
- 331 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include in the following order:
- 332 (i) the words "Fiscal and legal impact of" followed by the title of the initiative, in at
- 333 least 12-point, bold type;
- 334 (ii) the summary statement in the initial fiscal impact and legal statement issued by
- 335 the budget officer in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-502.5(2)(b) and the cost
- 336 estimate for printing and distributing information related to the initiative petition

337 in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-502.5(3), in not less than 12-point, bold
338 type;

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

340 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax
341 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent
342 increase in the current tax rate."; and

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

345 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name
346 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
347 once for the same initiative petition, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows
348 that the individual is not a registered voter.

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

353 (4) The final page of each initiative packet shall contain the following printed or typed
354 statement:

355 "Verification of signature collector

356 State of Utah, County of ____

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

358 I am at least 18 years old;

359 All the names that appear in this packet were signed by individuals who professed to be
360 the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed the individual's
361 name on it in my presence or, in the case of an individual with a qualifying disability, I have
362 signed this initiative petition on the individual's behalf, at the direction of the individual and in
363 the individual's presence, by entering the initials "AV" as the individual's signature;

364 I certify that, for each individual whose signature is represented in this initiative
365 packet by the initials "AV":

366 I obtained the individual's voluntary direction or consent to sign the initiative
367 petition on the individual's behalf;

368 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual lacked the mental
369 capacity to give direction or consent;

370 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual did not

371 understand the purpose or nature of my signing the initiative petition on the individual's behalf;

372 I did not intentionally or knowingly deceive the individual into directing me to,
373 or consenting for me to, sign the initiative petition on the individual's behalf; and

374 I did not intentionally or knowingly enter false information on the signature
375 sheet;

376 I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law proposed by
377 the initiative;[-and]

378 I believe that each individual's name, post office address, and residence is written
379 correctly, that each signer has read the law proposed by the initiative, and that each signer is
380 registered to vote in Utah[-] ;

381 [_____

382 _____]

383 (~~Name~~) (~~Residence Address~~) (~~Date~~)]

384 The correct date of signature appears next to each individual's name[-] ; and

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

387 _____

388 [~~Name~~] (Signature) (Residence Address) (Date)".

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

391 Section 4. Section **20A-7-603** is amended to read:

392 **20A-7-603 . Manual referendum process -- Form of referendum petition and**
393 **signature sheet.**

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

395 (2)(a) Each proposed referendum petition shall be printed in substantially the following form:

396 "REFERENDUM PETITION To the Honorable _____, County Clerk/City
397 Recorder/Town Clerk:

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

402 Each signer says:

403 I have personally signed this referendum petition or, if I am an individual with a
404 qualifying disability, I have signed this referendum petition by directing the signature gatherer

405 to enter the initials "AV" as my signature;

406 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the
407 petition;

408 I have personally read the entire statement included with this packet;

409 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

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

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

413 (3) Each referendum signature sheet shall:

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

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

417 (c) include the title of the referendum printed below the horizontal line, in at least
418 14-point type;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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439 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;
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 441 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;
 442 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
 443 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;
 444 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;
 445 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
 446 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;
 447 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and
 448 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
 449 and contain the following words, "By signing this referendum petition, you are
 450 stating that you have read and understand the law that this referendum petition
 451 seeks to overturn." in 12-point type;

452 (e) the table described in Subsection (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at
 453 the bottom of the sheet or the information described in Subsection (3)(f); and

454 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type, followed by
 455 the following statement in not less than eight-point type:

456 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name
 457 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
 458 once for the same referendum petition, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual
 459 knows that the individual is not a registered voter.

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

464 (4) The final page of each referendum packet shall contain the following printed or typed
 465 statement:

466 "Verification of signature collector

467 State of Utah, County of ____

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

469 I am at least 18 years old;

470 All the names that appear in this packet were signed by individuals who professed to be
 471 the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed the individual's
 472 name on it in my presence or, in the case of an individual with a qualifying disability, I have

473 signed this referendum petition on the individual's behalf, at the direction of the individual and
474 in the individual's presence, by entering the initials "AV" as the individual's signature;

475 I certify that, for each individual whose signature is represented in this referendum
476 packet by the initials "AV":

477 I obtained the individual's voluntary direction or consent to sign the referendum
478 petition on the individual's behalf;

479 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual lacked the mental
480 capacity to give direction or consent;

481 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual did not
482 understand the purpose or nature of my signing the referendum petition on the individual's
483 behalf;

484 I did not intentionally or knowingly deceive the individual into directing me to,
485 or consenting for me to, sign the referendum petition on the individual's behalf; and

486 I did not intentionally or knowingly enter false information on the signature
487 sheet;

488 I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law this petition
489 seeks to overturn;[-and]

490 I believe that each individual's name, post office address, and residence is written
491 correctly, that each signer has read the law that the referendum seeks to overturn, and that each
492 signer is registered to vote in Utah[-] ;

493 [_____
494 _____
495 _____

496 (~~Name~~) (Residence Address) (~~Date~~)]

497 The correct date of signature appears next to each individual's name[-] ; and

498 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this referendum
499 packet to encourage that individual to sign it.

500 _____
501 [~~Name~~] (Signature) (Residence Address) (Date)".

502 (5) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the referendum
503 petitions are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

504 Section 5. **Effective Date.**

505 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.