

**ELECTION SECURITY AMENDMENTS**

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill addresses election security and voter confidence.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ clarifies that it is unlawful to vote in the same election in Utah and outside of Utah;
- ▶ requires an individual who did not provide valid voter identification when registering to vote to provide valid voter identification when voting;
- ▶ prohibits an election officer from soliciting, accepting, or using funds donated for an election by a person other than a government entity;
- ▶ requires video surveillance of unattended ballot drop boxes and institutes other requirements and security measures for ballot drop boxes;
- ▶ requires the director of elections to make rules establishing:
  - requirements for election officials regarding ballot security, including ballot custody, processing, and tabulation;
  - minimum standards for preserving the security of election equipment, including use, storage, and maintenance;
  - software validation procedures to verify that voting system files have not been tampered with; and
  - minimum requirements that a vendor must meet to be eligible to print ballots to be used in an election;
- ▶ requires the lieutenant governor to conduct an annual voter registration audit;

- 29           ▶ restricts access to election equipment and prohibits connecting certain election  
30 equipment to the Internet;
- 31           ▶ modifies a county clerk's responsibilities;
- 32           ▶ provides for the security of election equipment and information;
- 33           ▶ requires increased record keeping for security purposes;
- 34           ▶ requires an election official to check available resources to determine whether an  
35 individual registers to vote, or votes, in more than one state or precinct;
- 36           ▶ addresses printing and mailing of ballots; and
- 37           ▶ addresses legal requirements relating to copies of ballots and election returns made  
38 as part of a legislative audit.

39 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

40           This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2023:

- 41           ▶ to the Governor's Office – Governor's Office – Lt. Governor's Office as a one-time  
42 appropriation:
  - 43           • from the General Fund, One-time, \$500,000.

44 **Other Special Clauses:**

45           None

46 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

47 AMENDS:

- 48           **20A-1-603**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 31
- 49           **20A-2-304**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 100
- 50           **20A-2-308**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 373
- 51           **20A-3a-202**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 100
- 52           **20A-3a-204**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 31
- 53           **20A-4-202**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 31
- 54           **20A-5-403.5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, First Special Session, Chapter 15

55 ENACTS:

- 56            **20A-3a-404**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 57            **20A-5-207**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 58            **20A-5-901**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 59            **20A-5-902**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 60            **20A-5-903**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 61            **20A-5-904**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 62            **20A-5-905**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 63            **20A-6-108**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

66            Section 1. Section **20A-1-603** is amended to read:

67            **20A-1-603. Fraud, interference, disturbance -- Tampering with ballots or records**  
68    **-- Penalties.**

69            (1) (a) An individual may not fraudulently vote on the individual's behalf or on behalf  
70 of another, by:

71            (i) voting more than once at any one election, regardless of whether one of the  
72 elections is in a state or territory of the United States outside of Utah;

73            (ii) knowingly handing in two or more ballots folded together;

74            (iii) changing any ballot after the ballot is cast or deposited in the ballot box, or ballot  
75 drop box, or mailed;

76            (iv) adding or attempting to add any ballot or vote to those legally polled at any  
77 election by fraudulently introducing the ballot or vote into the ballot box or vote tally, either  
78 before or after the ballots have been counted;

79            (v) adding to or mixing or attempting to add or mix, other ballots with the ballots  
80 lawfully polled while those ballots are being counted or canvassed, or at any other time; or

81            (vi) voting in a voting district or precinct when the individual knew or should have  
82 known that the individual was not eligible for voter registration in that district or precinct,

83 unless the individual is legally entitled to vote the ballot under Section [20A-4-107](#) or another  
84 provision of this title.

85 (b) A person may not fraudulently interfere with an election by:

86 (i) willfully tampering with, detaining, mutilating, or destroying any election returns;

87 (ii) in any manner, interfering with the officers holding an election or conducting a  
88 canvass, or with the voters lawfully exercising their rights of voting at an election, so as to  
89 prevent the election or canvass from being fairly held or lawfully conducted;

90 (iii) engaging in riotous conduct at any election, or interfering in any manner with any  
91 election official in the discharge of the election official's duties;

92 (iv) inducing any election officer, or officer whose duty it is to ascertain, announce, or  
93 declare the result of any election or to give or make any certificate, document, or evidence in  
94 relation to any election, to violate or refuse to comply with the election officer's duty or any law  
95 regulating the election officer's duty;

96 (v) taking, carrying away, concealing, removing, or destroying any ballot, pollbook, or  
97 other thing from a polling place, or from the possession of the person authorized by law to have  
98 the custody of that thing;

99 (vi) taking, carrying away, concealing, removing, or destroying a ballot drop box or the  
100 contents of a ballot drop box; or

101 (vii) aiding, counseling, providing, procuring, advising, or assisting any person to do  
102 any of the acts described in this section.

103 (2) In addition to the penalties established in Subsections [20A-1-609](#)(2) and (3), a  
104 person who commits an offense under Subsection (1) is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

105 (3) The lieutenant governor shall take, and store for at least 22 months, a static copy of  
106 the official register made at the following times:

107 (a) the voter registration deadline described in Subsection [20A-2-102.5](#)(2)(a);

108 (b) the day of the election; and

109 (c) the last day of the canvass.

110 Section 2. Section **20A-2-304** is amended to read:

111 **20A-2-304. County clerk's responsibilities -- Notice of disposition.**

112 Each county clerk shall:

113 (1) register to vote each individual who meets the requirements for registration and  
114 who:

115 (a) submits a completed voter registration form to the county clerk;

116 (b) submits a completed voter registration form, as defined in Section [20A-2-204](#), to  
117 the Driver License Division;

118 (c) submits a completed voter registration form to a public assistance agency or a  
119 discretionary voter registration agency; or

120 (d) mails a completed voter registration form to the county clerk; and

121 (2) within 30 days after the day on which the county clerk processes a voter registration  
122 form, send a notice to the individual who submits the form that:

123 (a) (i) informs the individual that the individual's voter registration form has been  
124 accepted and that the individual is registered to vote;

125 (ii) informs the individual of the procedure for designating or changing the individual's  
126 political affiliation;

127 (iii) informs the individual of the procedure to cancel a voter registration; [~~and~~]

128 [~~(iv) after May 1, 2022;~~]

129 (iv) provides instructions to the voter on how the voter may sign up to receive  
130 electronic ballot status notifications via the ballot tracking system described in Section  
131 [20A-3a-401.5](#); and

132 [~~(A)~~] (v) confirms that the individual has chosen to receive electronic ballot status  
133 notifications if the individual opted to receive electronic ballot status notifications on the voter  
134 registration form; [~~or~~]

135 [~~(B) notifies the individual how to receive electronic ballot status notifications if the~~  
136 ~~individual did not opt to receive electronic ballot status notifications on the voter registration~~

137 form;]

138 (b) informs the individual that the individual's voter registration form has been rejected  
139 and the reason for the rejection; or

140 (c) (i) informs the individual that the individual's voter registration form is being  
141 returned to the individual for further action because the form is incomplete; and

142 (ii) gives instructions to the individual on how to properly complete the form.

143 Section 3. Section **20A-2-308** is amended to read:

144 **20A-2-308. Lieutenant governor and county clerks to preserve records.**

145 (1) As used in this section:

146 (a) "Voter registration record" means a record concerning the implementation of  
147 programs and activities conducted for the purpose of ensuring that the official register is  
148 accurate and current.

149 (b) "Voter registration record" does not include a record that:

150 (i) relates to a person's decision to decline to register to vote; or

151 (ii) identifies the particular public assistance agency, discretionary voter registration  
152 agency, or Driver License Division through which a particular voter registered to vote.

153 (2) The lieutenant governor and each county clerk shall:

154 (a) preserve for at least two years all records relating to voter registration, including:

155 (i) the official register; and

156 (ii) the names and addresses of all persons to whom the notice required by Section  
157 [20A-2-306](#) was sent and a notation as to whether or not the person responded to the notice;

158 (b) make a voter registration record available for public inspection, except for a voter  
159 registration record, or part of a voter registration record that is classified as private under  
160 Section [63G-2-302](#); and

161 (c) allow a record or part of a record described in Subsection (2)(b) that is not  
162 classified as a private record to be photocopied for a reasonable cost.

163 (3) The lieutenant governor shall take, and store for at least 22 months, a static copy of

164 the official register made at the following times:

165 (a) the voter registration deadline described in Subsection 20A-2-102.5(2)(a);

166 (b) the day of the election; and

167 (c) the last day of the canvass.

168 Section 4. Section **20A-3a-202** is amended to read:

169 **20A-3a-202. Conducting election by mail.**

170 (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided for an election conducted entirely by mail under  
171 Section **20A-7-609.5**, an election officer shall administer an election primarily by mail, in  
172 accordance with this section.

173 (b) An individual who did not provide valid voter identification at the time the voter  
174 registered to vote shall provide valid voter identification before voting.

175 (2) An election officer who administers an election:

176 (a) shall in accordance with Subsection (3), no sooner than 21 days before election day  
177 and no later than seven days before election day, mail to each active voter within a voting  
178 precinct:

179 (i) a manual ballot;

180 (ii) a return envelope;

181 (iii) instructions for returning the ballot that include an express notice about any  
182 relevant deadlines that the voter must meet in order for the voter's vote to be counted;

183 (iv) for an election administered by a county clerk, information regarding the location  
184 and hours of operation of any election day voting center at which the voter may vote or a  
185 website address where the voter may view this information;

186 (v) for an election administered by an election officer other than a county clerk, if the  
187 election officer does not operate a polling location or an election day voting center, a warning,  
188 on a separate page of colored paper in bold face print, indicating that if the voter fails to follow  
189 the instructions included with the ballot, the voter will be unable to vote in that election  
190 because there will be no polling place for the voting precinct on the day of the election; and

191 (vi) after May 1, 2022, instructions on how a voter may sign up to receive electronic  
192 ballot status notifications via the ballot tracking system described in Section 20A-3a-401.5; and

193 (b) may not mail a ballot under this section to:

194 (i) an inactive voter, unless the inactive voter requests a manual ballot; or

195 (ii) a voter whom the election officer is prohibited from sending a ballot under  
196 Subsection (10)(c)(ii).

197 (3) (a) An election officer who mails a manual ballot under Subsection (2) shall mail  
198 the manual ballot to the address:

199 (i) provided at the time of registration; or

200 (ii) if, at or after the time of registration, the voter files an alternate address request  
201 form described in Subsection (3)(b), the alternate address indicated on the form.

202 (b) The lieutenant governor shall make available to voters an alternate address request  
203 form that permits a voter to request that the election officer mail the voter's ballot to a location  
204 other than the voter's residence.

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

207 (4) The return envelope shall include:

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

210 (b) a space where a voter may write an email address and phone number by which the  
211 election officer may contact the voter if the voter's ballot is rejected;

212 (c) a printed affidavit in substantially the following form:

213 "County of \_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_

214 I, \_\_\_\_, solemnly swear that: I am a qualified resident voter of the \_\_\_\_ voting precinct  
215 in \_\_\_\_ County, Utah and that I am entitled to vote in this election. I am not a convicted felon  
216 currently incarcerated for commission of a felony.

217 \_\_\_\_\_



218 Signature of Voter"; and  
219 (d) a warning that the affidavit must be signed by the individual to whom the ballot  
220 was sent and that the ballot will not be counted if the signature on the affidavit does not match  
221 the signature on file with the election officer of the individual to whom the ballot was sent.  
222 (5) If the election officer determines that the voter is required to show valid voter  
223 identification, the election officer may:  
224 (a) mail a ballot to the voter; ~~and~~  
225 (b) instruct the voter to include a copy of the voter's valid voter identification with the  
226 return ballot[-]; and  
227 (c) provide instructions to the voter on how the voter may sign up to receive electronic  
228 ballot status notifications via the ballot tracking system described in Section [20A-3a-401.5](#).  
229 (6) An election officer who administers an election shall:  
230 (a) (i) before the election, obtain the signatures of each voter qualified to vote in the  
231 election; or  
232 (ii) obtain the signature of each voter within the voting precinct from the county clerk;  
233 and  
234 (b) maintain the signatures on file in the election officer's office.  
235 (7) Upon receipt of a returned ballot, the election officer shall review and process the  
236 ballot under Section [20A-3a-401](#).  
237 (8) A county that administers an election:  
238 (a) shall provide at least one election day voting center in accordance with Chapter 3a,  
239 Part 7, Election Day Voting Center, and at least one additional election day voting center for  
240 every 5,000 active voters in the county who have requested to not receive a ballot by mail;  
241 (b) shall ensure that each election day voting center operated by the county has at least  
242 one voting device that is accessible, in accordance with the Help America Vote Act of 2002,  
243 Pub. L. No. 107-252, for individuals with disabilities;  
244 (c) may reduce the early voting period described in Section [20A-3a-601](#), if:

- 245 (i) the county clerk conducts early voting on at least four days;  
246 (ii) the early voting days are within the period beginning on the date that is 14 days  
247 before the date of the election and ending on the day before the election; and  
248 (iii) the county clerk provides notice of the reduced early voting period in accordance  
249 with Section [20A-3a-604](#);
- 250 (d) is not required to pay return postage for a ballot; and  
251 (e) is subject to an audit conducted under Subsection (9).
- 252 (9) (a) The lieutenant governor shall:
- 253 (i) develop procedures for conducting an audit of affidavit signatures on ballots cast in  
254 an election conducted under this section; and  
255 (ii) after each primary, general, or special election conducted under this section, select  
256 a number of ballots, in varying jurisdictions, to audit in accordance with the procedures  
257 developed under Subsection (9)(a)(i).
- 258 (b) The lieutenant governor shall post the results of an audit conducted under this  
259 Subsection (9) on the lieutenant governor's website.
- 260 (10) (a) An individual may request that the election officer not send the individual a  
261 ballot by mail in the next and subsequent elections by submitting a written request to the  
262 election officer.
- 263 (b) An individual shall submit the request described in Subsection (10)(a) to the  
264 election officer before 5 p.m. no later than 60 days before an election if the individual does not  
265 wish to receive a ballot by mail in that election.
- 266 (c) An election officer who receives a request from an individual under Subsection  
267 (10)(a):
- 268 (i) shall remove the individual's name from the list of voters who will receive a ballot  
269 by mail; and  
270 (ii) may not send the individual a ballot by mail for:  
271 (A) the next election, if the individual submits the request described in Subsection

272 (10)(a) before the deadline described in Subsection (10)(b); or  
 273 (B) an election after the election described in Subsection (10)(c)(ii)(A).  
 274 (d) An individual who submits a request under Subsection (10)(a) may resume the  
 275 individual's receipt of a ballot by mail by submitting a written request to the election officer.

276 Section 5. Section **20A-3a-204** is amended to read:

277 **20A-3a-204. Marking and depositing ballots.**

278 (1) To vote by mail:

279 (a) except as provided in Subsection (6), the voter shall prepare the voter's manual  
 280 ballot by marking the appropriate space with a mark opposite the name of each candidate of the  
 281 voter's choice for each office to be filled;

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

284 (c) except as provided in Subsection (6), the voter shall record a write-in vote in  
 285 accordance with Subsection [20A-3a-206](#)(1);

286 (d) except as provided in Subsection (6), a mark is not required opposite the name of a  
 287 write-in candidate; and

288 (e) the voter shall:

289 (i) complete and sign the affidavit on the return envelope;

290 (ii) place the voted ballot in the return envelope;

291 (iii) if required, place a copy of the voter's valid voter identification in the return  
 292 envelope;

293 [~~(iii)~~] (iv) securely seal the return envelope; and

294 [~~(iv)~~] (v) (A) attach postage, if necessary, and deposit the return envelope in the mail;

295 or

296 (B) place the return envelope in a ballot drop box, designated by the election officer,  
 297 for the precinct where the voter resides.

298 (2) (a) Except as otherwise provided in Section [20A-16-404](#), to be valid, a ballot that is

299 mailed must be:

300 (i) clearly postmarked before election day, or otherwise clearly marked by the post  
301 office as received by the post office before election day; and

302 (ii) received in the office of the election officer before noon on the day of the official  
303 canvass following the election.

304 (b) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(c), to be valid, a ballot shall, before the polls  
305 close on election day, be deposited in:

306 (i) a ballot box at a polling place; or

307 (ii) a ballot drop box designated by an election officer for the jurisdiction to which the  
308 ballot relates.

309 (c) An election officer may, but is not required to, forward a ballot deposited in a ballot  
310 drop box in the wrong jurisdiction to the correct jurisdiction.

311 (d) An election officer shall ensure that a voter who is, at or before 8 p.m., in line at a  
312 ballot drop box, with a sealed return envelope containing a ballot in the voter's possession, to  
313 deposit the ballot in the ballot drop box.

314 (3) Except as provided in Subsection (4), to vote at a polling place the voter shall, after  
315 complying with Subsections (1)(a) through (d):

316 (a) sign the official register or pollbook; and

317 (b) (i) place the ballot in the ballot box; or

318 (ii) if the ballot is a provisional ballot, place the ballot in the provisional ballot  
319 envelope, complete the information printed on the provisional ballot envelope, and deposit the  
320 provisional ballot envelope in the provisional ballot box.

321 (4) (a) An individual with a disability may vote a mechanical ballot at a polling place.

322 (b) An individual other than an individual with a disability may vote a mechanical  
323 ballot at a polling place if permitted by the election officer.

324 (5) To vote a mechanical ballot, the voter shall:

325 (a) make the selections according to the instructions provided for the voting device;

326 and

327 (b) subject to Subsection (6), record a write-in vote by:

328 (i) selecting the appropriate position for entering a write-in candidate; and

329 (ii) using the voting device to enter the name of the valid write-in candidate for whom  
330 the voter wishes to vote.

331 (6) To vote in an instant runoff voting race under Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6,  
332 Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, a voter:

333 (a) shall indicate, as directed on the ballot, the name of the candidate who is the voter's  
334 first preference for the office; and

335 (b) may indicate, as directed on the ballot, the names of the remaining candidates in  
336 order of the voter's preference.

337 (7) A voter who votes at a polling place:

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

340 (b) may not:

341 (i) occupy a voting booth occupied by another, except as provided in Section  
342 [20A-3a-208](#);

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

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

346 (8) If the official register shows any voter as having voted, that voter may not reenter  
347 the voting area during that election unless that voter is an election official or watcher.

348 (9) A poll worker may not, at a polling place, allow more than four voters more than  
349 the number of voting booths into the voting area at one time unless those excess voters are:

350 (a) election officials;

351 (b) watchers; or

352 (c) assisting voters with a disability.

353 Section 6. Section **20A-3a-404** is enacted to read:

354 **20A-3a-404. Rules regarding ballot security -- Affidavit of compliance.**

355 (1) The director of elections within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor shall make  
356 rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,  
357 establishing requirements for election officials regarding ballot security, including the custody,  
358 documentation of custody, handling, processing, disposition, and tabulation of ballots.

359 (2) Beginning in November 2022, an election officer shall include, with all election  
360 returns provided to a board of canvassers, an affidavit, signed by the election officer, certifying:

361 (a) compliance with the rules described in Subsection (1); and

362 (b) that the county clerk maintains the voter registration database in accordance with  
363 federal and state laws and rules.

364 Section 7. Section **20A-4-202** is amended to read:

365 **20A-4-202. Election officers -- Disposition of ballots -- Release of number of**  
366 **provisional ballots cast.**

367 (1) Upon receipt of the election returns from the poll workers, the election officer shall:

368 (a) ensure that the poll workers have provided all of the ballots and election returns;

369 (b) inspect the ballots and election returns to ensure that they are sealed;

370 (c) for manual ballots, deposit and lock the ballots and election returns in a safe and  
371 secure place;

372 (d) for mechanical ballots:

373 (i) count the ballots; and

374 (ii) deposit and lock the ballots and election returns in a safe and secure place; and

375 (e) for bond elections, provide a copy of the election results to the board of canvassers  
376 of the local political subdivision that called the bond election.

377 (2) Each election officer shall:

378 (a) before 5 p.m. on the day after the date of the election, determine the number of  
379 provisional ballots cast within the election officer's jurisdiction and make that number available

380 to the public;

381 (b) preserve ballots for 22 months after the election or until the time has expired during  
382 which the ballots could be used in an election contest;

383 (c) preserve all other official election returns for at least 22 months after an election;  
384 and

385 (d) after that time, destroy them without opening or examining them.

386 (3) (a) The election officer shall package and retain all tabulating cards and other  
387 materials used in the programming of the automatic tabulating equipment.

388 (b) The election officer:

389 (i) may access these tabulating cards and other materials;

390 (ii) may make copies of these materials and make changes to the copies;

391 (iii) may not alter or make changes to the materials themselves; and

392 (iv) within 22 months after the election in which they were used, may dispose of those  
393 materials or retain them.

394 (4) (a) If an election contest is begun within 12 months, the election officer shall:

395 (i) keep the ballots and election returns unopened and unaltered until the contest is  
396 complete; or

397 (ii) surrender the ballots and election returns to the custody of the court having  
398 jurisdiction of the contest when ordered or subpoenaed to do so by that court.

399 (b) When all election contests arising from an election are complete, the election  
400 officer shall either:

401 (i) retain the ballots and election returns until the time for preserving them under this  
402 section has run; or

403 (ii) destroy the ballots and election returns remaining in the election officer's custody  
404 without opening or examining them if the time for preserving them under this section has run.

405 (5) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the legislative auditor general:

406 (i) may make and keep copies of ballots or election returns as part of a legislative audit;

407 and

408 (ii) may not examine, make copies, or keep copies, of a ballot in a manner that  
409 identifies a ballot with the voter who casts the ballot.

410 (b) A copy described in Subsection (5)(a) is not a record, and not subject to disclosure,  
411 under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act.

412 Section 8. Section **20A-5-207** is enacted to read:

413 **20A-5-207. Donated funding prohibited.**

414 An election officer may not solicit, accept, or use any funds for an election if those  
415 funds are donated by any person other than a government entity.

416 Section 9. Section **20A-5-403.5** is amended to read:

417 **20A-5-403.5. Ballot drop boxes.**

418 (1) An election officer:

419 (a) shall designate at least one ballot drop box in each municipality and reservation  
420 located in the jurisdiction to which the election relates;

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

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

425 (d) shall provide 24-hour video surveillance of each unattended ballot drop box; and

426 (e) shall post a sign on or near each unattended ballot drop box indicating that the  
427 ballot drop box is under 24-hour video surveillance.

428 (2) Except as provided in Section **20A-1-308** or Subsection (5), the election officer  
429 shall, at least 19 days before the date of the election, provide notice of the location of each  
430 ballot drop box designated under Subsection (1):

431 (a) (i) by publishing notice in at least one issue of a newspaper of general circulation in  
432 the jurisdiction holding the election;

433 (ii) by posting one notice, and at least one additional notice per 2,000 population of the



434 jurisdiction holding the election, in places within the jurisdiction that are most likely to give  
435 notice to the residents in the jurisdiction, subject to a maximum of 10 notices; or

436 (iii) by mailing notice to each registered voter in the jurisdiction holding the election;

437 (b) by posting notice on the Utah Public Notice Website, created in Section

438 [63A-16-601](#), for 19 days before the day of the election; and

439 (c) by posting notice on the jurisdiction's website for 19 days before the day of the  
440 election.

441 (3) Instead of including the location of ballot drop boxes, a notice required under  
442 Subsection (2) may specify the following sources where a voter may view or obtain a copy of  
443 all ballot drop box locations:

444 (a) the jurisdiction's website;

445 (b) the physical address of the jurisdiction's offices; and

446 (c) a mailing address and telephone number.

447 (4) The election officer shall include in the notice described in Subsection (2):

448 (a) the address of the Statewide Electronic Voter Information Website and, if available,  
449 the address of the election officer's website, with a statement indicating that the election officer  
450 will post on the website the location of each ballot drop box, including any changes to the  
451 location of a ballot drop box and the location of additional ballot drop boxes; and

452 (b) a phone number that a voter may call to obtain information regarding the location  
453 of a ballot drop box.

454 (5) (a) Except as provided in Section [20A-1-308](#), the election officer may, after the  
455 deadline described in Subsection (2):

456 (i) if necessary, change the location of a ballot drop box; or

457 (ii) if the election officer determines that the number of ballot drop boxes is  
458 insufficient due to the number of registered voters who are voting, designate additional ballot  
459 drop boxes.

460 (b) Except as provided in Section [20A-1-308](#), if an election officer changes the

461 location of a ballot box or designates an additional ballot drop box location, the election officer  
462 shall, as soon as is reasonably possible, give notice of the changed ballot drop box location or  
463 the additional ballot drop box location:

- 464 (i) to the lieutenant governor, for posting on the Statewide Voter Information Website;
- 465 (ii) by posting the information on the website of the election officer, if available; and
- 466 (iii) by posting notice:

467 (A) for a change in the location of a ballot drop box, at the new location and, if  
468 possible, the old location; and

469 (B) for an additional ballot drop box location, at the additional ballot drop box  
470 location.

471 (6) An election officer may, at any time, authorize two or more poll workers to remove  
472 a ballot drop box from a location, or to remove ballots from a ballot drop box for processing.

473 (7) (a) At least two poll workers must be present when a poll worker collects ballots  
474 from a ballot drop box and delivers the ballots to the location where the ballots will be opened  
475 and counted.

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

479 Section 10. Section **20A-5-901** is enacted to read:

480 **Part 9. Election Security**

481 **20A-5-901. Voter registration audit.**

482 (1) The lieutenant governor shall, on at least an annual basis, conduct an audit of the  
483 voter registration database.

484 (2) The audit shall include:

485 (a) a random selection of at least .02% of the active registered voters statewide; and

486 (b) at least one active registered voter from each county.

487 (3) For each voter selected for the audit, the auditor shall:

- 488           (a) verify that the voter is eligible for registration;
- 489           (b) verify that the voter's registration information is accurate and supported by the
- 490 documentation on file;
- 491           (c) verify that there is a signature on file for the voter;
- 492           (d) check for duplicate voter registrations; and
- 493           (e) search available resources to determine whether the voter is deceased.
- 494           (4) The audit report shall identify areas of concern or training needed in response to the
- 495 audit findings.
- 496           (5) The lieutenant governor shall:
- 497           (a) share the audit results with the county clerks and verify that the county clerks
- 498 address the concerns and fulfill the training identified under Subsection (4); and
- 499           (b) beginning in 2023, report biannually to the Government Operations Interim
- 500 Committee on the results of the audits conducted under this section.

501           Section 11. Section **20A-5-902** is enacted to read:

502           **20A-5-902. Security of election equipment.**

- 503           (1) Except when divesting election equipment as surplus property or providing for
- 504 maintenance, an election officer may not permit an individual, other than an election official,
- 505 access to election equipment.
- 506           (2) An election officer shall keep a record of service work done on voting equipment,
- 507 including:
- 508           (a) a designation of the specific equipment serviced;
- 509           (b) the date of service;
- 510           (c) the names of all individuals who perform or supervise the service;
- 511           (d) the name of each vendor that performs the service; and
- 512           (e) a description of the service performed.

513           Section 12. Section **20A-5-903** is enacted to read:

514           **20A-5-903. Cyber security.**

515 (1) An election officer shall ensure that the following election equipment is never  
516 connected to the Internet:

517 (a) tabulation servers;

518 (b) tabulation equipment;

519 (c) ballot scanners, including central, precinct, and mobile scanners; and

520 (d) ballot marking devices.

521 (2) This section does not prohibit Internet connection of equipment used for voting if  
522 the equipment's use of voting is solely for the purpose of:

523 (a) complying with Title 20A, Chapter 16, Uniform Military and Overseas Voting Act;

524 or

525 (b) administering the Internet Voting Pilot Project, described in Section [20A-6-103](#).

526 Section 13. Section **20A-5-904** is enacted to read:

527 **20A-5-904. Voter fraud.**

528 An election officer shall:

529 (1) check available resources to determine whether an individual registers to vote, or  
530 votes, in more than one state or precinct; and

531 (2) report the information to law enforcement or a prosecutor if the election officer has  
532 reason to believe that an individual has intentionally committed election fraud.

533 Section 14. Section **20A-5-905** is enacted to read:

534 **20A-5-905. Software validation -- Database security.**

535 (1) Before November 2022, the director of elections within the Office of the Lieutenant  
536 Governor shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative  
537 Rulemaking Act, establishing software validation procedures that an election officer is required  
538 to comply with to verify that voting system files have not been tampered with.

539 (2) The lieutenant governor and each county clerk shall ensure that a record is made,  
540 and stored for at least 22 months, of each time a voter database is accessed by a person,  
541 including:

542 (a) the name of the person accessing the voter database;

543 (b) the date and time of the access; and

544 (c) any changes made to the voter database.

545 Section 15. Section **20A-6-108** is enacted to read:

546 **20A-6-108. Requirements for printing and mailing ballots.**

547 (1) Before January 2023, the director of elections within the Office of the Lieutenant  
548 Governor shall, in consultation with county clerks, make rules, in accordance with Title 63G,  
549 Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, establishing minimum requirements that a  
550 vendor must meet to be eligible to print ballots to be used in an election.

551 (2) Beginning on the effective date of the rules described in Subsection (1), an election  
552 officer shall ensure that, when the bulk of ballots are initially mailed to voters, the ballots are  
553 mailed from a location in Utah.

554 Section 16. **Appropriation.**

555 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
556 2022, and ending June 30, 2023. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for  
557 fiscal year 2023. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures  
558 Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts  
559 indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

560 ITEM 1

561 To Governor's Office -- Governor's Office

562 From General Fund, One-time \$500,000

563 Schedule of Programs:

564 Lt. Governor's Office \$500,000

565 The Legislature intends that:

566 (1) appropriations provided under this section be distributed, in a manner determined  
567 by the lieutenant governor, to assist counties and municipalities to obtain video surveillance  
568 equipment to comply with Subsection [20A-5-403.5\(1\)](#); and

569           (2) under Section [63J-1-603](#), appropriations provided under this section not lapse at the  
570 close of fiscal year 2023 and the use of any nonlapsing funds is limited to the purpose  
571 described in Subsection (1).