

1 **INITIATIVES AND REFERENDA AMENDMENTS**

2 2024 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Jennifer Dailey-Provost**

5 Senate Sponsor: _____

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **Committee Note:**

9 The Government Operations Interim Committee recommended this bill.

10 Legislative Vote: 12 voting for 0 voting against 4 absent

11 **General Description:**

12 This bill amends provisions relating to collecting signatures for, or removing signatures
13 from, an initiative petition or a referendum petition.

14 **Highlighted Provisions:**

15 This bill:

- 16 ▶ defines terms;
- 17 ▶ modifies requirements for a form to remove a signature from an initiative petition or
18 a referendum petition;
- 19 ▶ clarifies that a particular document that a signature gatherer is required to provide to
20 a petition signer must only be offered to the petition signer;
- 21 ▶ establishes an alternate procedure for an individual with a disability to sign, or to
22 request removal of a signature from, an initiative petition or a referendum petition
23 and an alternate procedure for verifying the individual's signature;
- 24 ▶ modifies certain forms to reflect the alternate procedure described in the preceding
25 paragraph;
- 26 ▶ modifies the requirements that must be fulfilled before circulating a statewide
27 initiative or a statewide referendum;



28 ▶ provides that an individual who signs an initiative packet or a referendum packet
29 must read the entire statement included with the packet;

30 ▶ provides that the attestation relating to reading a statement provided with an
31 initiative packet or a referendum packet or reading the law to which the initiative or
32 referendum relates, does not require an attestation that the individual understands
33 the statement or law;

34 ▶ modifies certain mailing requirements to permit other delivery methods;

35 ▶ requires a local clerk to provide petition sponsors with a copy of the voter
36 information pamphlet to be included in the signature packet; and

37 ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

38 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

39 None

40 **Other Special Clauses:**

41 None

42 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

43 AMENDS:

44 **20A-1-1003**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 116 and last amended by
45 Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 116

46 **20A-7-101**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 107, 116

47 **20A-7-104**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 418

48 **20A-7-105**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 116

49 **20A-7-202.5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 107

50 **20A-7-203**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 107

51 **20A-7-204**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 107

52 **20A-7-209**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 45, 107 and last amended
53 by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 45

54 **20A-7-215**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 107

55 **20A-7-216**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 107, 116

56 **20A-7-303**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 107

57 **20A-7-308**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 45, 107

58 **20A-7-313**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 107

- 59 [20A-7-314](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 107, 116
- 60 [20A-7-502.5](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 107
- 61 [20A-7-503](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 107
- 62 [20A-7-504](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 107
- 63 [20A-7-508](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 45, 107 and last amended
- 64 by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 45
- 65 [20A-7-514](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 107
- 66 [20A-7-515](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 107, 116
- 67 [20A-7-602.5](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 107
- 68 [20A-7-603](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 107
- 69 [20A-7-604](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 107
- 70 [20A-7-608](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 45, 107
- 71 [20A-7-614](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 107
- 72 [20A-7-615](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 107, 116

73 ENACTS:

74 [20A-7-106](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

77 Section 1. Section **20A-1-1003** is amended to read:

78 **20A-1-1003. Signature removal -- Statement required.**

79 (1) A voter who signs a petition may have the voter's signature removed from the
80 petition by submitting to the clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.

81 (2) (a) (i) The statement described in Subsection (1) shall include:

82 (A) the name or description of the petition from which the voter seeks to remove the
83 voter's signature;

84 ~~[(A)]~~ (B) the name of the voter;

85 ~~[(B)]~~ (C) the resident address at which the voter is registered to vote;

86 ~~[(C)]~~ (D) except as otherwise provided in Section [20A-7-106](#), the voter's signature; and

87 ~~[(D)]~~ (E) the date of the signature described in Subsection ~~[(2)(a)(i)(C)]~~ (2)(a)(i)(D).

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

90 (b) Except as provided in Subsection [~~20A-7-216(5)(c), 20A-7-314(5)(c),~~
91 ~~20A-7-515(4)(d), or 20A-7-615(4)(d)~~] 20A-7-216(5)(a), 20A-7-314(5)(a), 20A-7-515(4)(b), or
92 20A-7-615(4)(b), a voter may not submit a statement described in Subsection (1) by email or
93 other electronic means.

94 (c) In order for the signature to be removed, the clerk must receive the statement
95 described in Subsection (1) no later than the deadline described in the provision of law
96 governing the petition.

97 (d) A voter may only remove a signature from a petition in accordance with this section
98 and the provision of law governing the petition.

99 (e) A clerk shall analyze a signature, for purposes of removing a signature from a
100 petition, in accordance with Subsection (3).

101 (3) [~~The~~] Except to the extent otherwise required under Section 20A-7-106, the clerk
102 shall use the following procedures to determine whether to remove an individual's signature
103 from a petition after receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature:

104 (a) if the signer's name and address shown on the statement and the petition exactly
105 match a name and address shown on the official register and the individual's signature on the
106 statement is reasonably consistent with the individual's signature on the statewide voter
107 registration database, the clerk shall remove the signature from the petition;

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

110 (i) the address on the statement and the address provided by the individual with the
111 individual's petition signature match the address of an individual on the official register with a
112 substantially similar name; and

113 (ii) the individual's signature on the statement is reasonably consistent with the
114 signature on the statewide voter registration database of the individual described in Subsection
115 (3)(b)(i); and

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

118 (i) the birth date or age on the statement and the birth date or age provided by the
119 individual with the individual's petition signature match the birth date or age of an individual
120 on the official register with a substantially similar name; and

121 (ii) the individual's signature on the statement is reasonably consistent with the
122 signature on the statewide voter registration database of the individual described in Subsection
123 (3)(b)(i)[~~;~~and].

124 [~~(d) if~~] (4) If a signature does not qualify for removal under Subsection (3)(a), (b), or
125 (c), or, if applicable, Section 20A-7-106, the clerk may not remove the signature from the
126 petition.

127 Section 2. Section **20A-7-101** is amended to read:

128 **20A-7-101. Definitions.**

129 As used in this chapter:

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

133 (2) "Budget officer" means:

134 (a) for a county, the person designated as finance officer as defined in Section [17-36-3](#);

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

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

137 (d) for a metro township, the person described in Subsection (2)(a) for the county in
138 which the metro township is located.

139 (3) "Certified" means that the county clerk has acknowledged a signature as being the
140 signature of a registered voter.

141 (4) "Circulation" means the process of submitting an initiative petition or a referendum
142 petition to legal voters for their signature.

143 (5) "Electronic initiative process" means:

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

146 (b) as it relates to a local initiative, the process, described in Sections [20A-7-514](#) and
147 [20A-21-201](#), for gathering signatures.

148 (6) "Electronic referendum process" means:

149 (a) as it relates to a statewide referendum, the process, described in Sections
150 [20A-7-313](#) and [20A-21-201](#), for gathering signatures; or

151 (b) as it relates to a local referendum, the process, described in Sections [20A-7-614](#) and

152 20A-21-201, for gathering signatures.

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

155 (8) "Final fiscal impact statement" means a financial statement prepared after voters
156 approve an initiative that contains the information required by Subsection 20A-7-202.5(2) or
157 20A-7-502.5(2).

158 (9) "Initial fiscal impact statement" means
159 a financial statement prepared under Section 20A-7-202.5 after the filing of a statewide
160 initiative application.

161 (10) "Initial fiscal impact and legal statement" means a financial and legal statement
162 prepared under Section 20A-7-502.5 or 20A-7-602.5 for a local initiative or a local
163 referendum.

164 (11) "Initiative" means a new law proposed for adoption by the public as provided in
165 this chapter.

166 (12) "Initiative application" means:

167 (a) for a statewide initiative, an application described in Subsection 20A-7-202(2) that
168 includes all the information, statements, documents, and notarized signatures required under
169 Subsection 20A-7-202(2); or

170 (b) for a local initiative, an application described in Subsection 20A-7-502(2) that
171 includes all the information, statements, documents, and notarized signatures required under
172 Subsection 20A-7-502(2).

173 (13) "Initiative packet" means a copy of the initiative petition, a copy of the proposed
174 law, and the signature sheets, all of which have been bound together as a unit.

175 (14) "Initiative petition":

176 (a) as it relates to a statewide initiative, using the manual initiative process:

177 (i) means the form described in Subsection 20A-7-203(2)(a), petitioning for
178 submission of the initiative to the Legislature or the legal voters; and

179 (ii) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, includes the statement described in
180 Subsection 20A-7-203(2)(b);

181 (b) as it relates to a statewide initiative, using the electronic initiative process:

182 (i) means the form described in Subsections 20A-7-215(2) and (3), petitioning for

183 submission of the initiative to the Legislature or the legal voters; and

184 (ii) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, includes the statement described in

185 Subsection 20A-7-215(5)(b);

186 (c) as it relates to a local initiative, using the manual initiative process:

187 (i) means the form described in Subsection 20A-7-503(2)(a), petitioning for

188 submission of the initiative to the legislative body or the legal voters; and

189 (ii) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, includes the statement described in

190 Subsection 20A-7-503(2)(b); or

191 (d) as it relates to a local initiative, using the electronic initiative process:

192 (i) means the form described in Subsection 20A-7-514(2)(a), petitioning for

193 submission of the initiative to the legislative body or the legal voters; and

194 (ii) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, includes the statement described in

195 Subsection 20A-7-514(4)(a).

196 (15) (a) "Land use law" means a law of general applicability, enacted based on the
197 weighing of broad, competing policy considerations, that relates to the use of land, including
198 land use regulation, a general plan, a land use development code, an annexation ordinance, the
199 rezoning of a single property or multiple properties, or a comprehensive zoning ordinance or
200 resolution.

201 (b) "Land use law" does not include a land use decision, as defined in Section
202 10-9a-103 or 17-27a-103.

203 (16) "Legal signatures" means the number of signatures of legal voters that:

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

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

206 (17) "Legal voter" means an individual who is registered to vote in Utah.

207 (18) "Legally referable to voters" means:

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

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

212 (19) "Local attorney" means the county attorney, city attorney, or town attorney in
213 whose jurisdiction a local initiative or referendum petition is circulated.

- 214 (20) "Local clerk" means the county clerk, city recorder, or town clerk in whose
215 jurisdiction a local initiative or referendum petition is circulated.
- 216 (21) (a) "Local law" includes:
- 217 (i) an ordinance;
- 218 (ii) a resolution;
- 219 (iii) a land use law;
- 220 (iv) a land use regulation, as defined in Section 10-9a-103; or
- 221 (v) other legislative action of a local legislative body.
- 222 (b) "Local law" does not include a land use decision, as defined in Section 10-9a-103.
- 223 (22) "Local legislative body" means the legislative body of a county, city, town, or
224 metro township.
- 225 (23) "Local obligation law" means a local law passed by the local legislative body
226 regarding a bond that was approved by a majority of qualified voters in an election.
- 227 (24) "Local tax law" means a law, passed by a political subdivision with an annual or
228 biannual calendar fiscal year, that increases a tax or imposes a new tax.
- 229 (25) "Manual initiative process" means the process for gathering signatures for an
230 initiative using paper signature packets that a signer physically signs.
- 231 (26) "Manual referendum process" means the process for gathering signatures for a
232 referendum using paper signature packets that a signer physically signs.
- 233 (27) "Measure" means a proposed constitutional amendment, an initiative, or
234 referendum.
- 235 (28) "Referendum" means a process by which a law passed by the Legislature or by a
236 local legislative body is submitted or referred to the voters for their approval or rejection.
- 237 (29) "Referendum application" means:
- 238 (a) for a statewide referendum, an application described in Subsection 20A-7-302(2)
239 that includes all the information, statements, documents, and notarized signatures required
240 under Subsection 20A-7-302(2); or
- 241 (b) for a local referendum, an application described in Subsection 20A-7-602(2) that
242 includes all the information, statements, documents, and notarized signatures required under
243 Subsection 20A-7-602(2).
- 244 (30) "Referendum packet" means a copy of the referendum petition, a copy of the law

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

247 (31) "Referendum petition" means:

248 (a) as it relates to a statewide referendum, using the manual referendum process, the
249 form described in Subsection 20A-7-303(2)(a), petitioning for submission of a law passed by
250 the Legislature to legal voters for their approval or rejection;

251 (b) as it relates to a statewide referendum, using the electronic referendum process, the
252 form described in Subsection 20A-7-313(2), petitioning for submission of a law passed by the
253 Legislature to legal voters for their approval or rejection;

254 (c) as it relates to a local referendum, using the manual referendum process, the form
255 described in Subsection 20A-7-603(2)(a), petitioning for submission of a local law to legal
256 voters for their approval or rejection; or

257 (d) as it relates to a local referendum, using the electronic referendum process, the form
258 described in Subsection 20A-7-614(2), petitioning for submission of a local law to legal voters
259 for their approval or rejection.

260 (32) "Signature":

261 (a) for a statewide initiative:

262 (i) as it relates to the electronic initiative process, means an electronic signature
263 collected under Section 20A-7-215 and Subsection 20A-21-201(6)(c); or

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

265 (A) means a holographic signature collected physically on a signature sheet described
266 in Section 20A-7-203; [~~and~~]

267 (B) as it relates to an individual who, due to a qualifying disability under the
268 Americans with Disabilities Act, is unable to fill out the signature sheet or to sign the voter's
269 name consistently, the initials "AV," indicating that the voter's identity will be verified by an
270 alternate verification process described in Section 20A-7-106; and

271 [~~(B)~~] (C) does not include an electronic signature;

272 (b) for a statewide referendum:

273 (i) as it relates to the electronic referendum process, means an electronic signature
274 collected under Section 20A-7-313 and Subsection 20A-21-201(6)(c); or

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

276 (A) means a holographic signature collected physically on a signature sheet described
277 in Section 20A-7-303; [~~and~~]

278 (B) as it relates to an individual who, due to a qualifying disability under the
279 Americans with Disabilities Act, is unable to fill out the signature sheet or to sign the voter's
280 name consistently, the initials "AV," indicating that the voter's identity will be verified by an
281 alternate verification process described in Section 20A-7-106; and

282 [~~(B)~~] (C) does not include an electronic signature;

283 (c) for a local initiative:

284 (i) as it relates to the electronic initiative process, means an electronic signature
285 collected under Section 20A-7-514 and Subsection 20A-21-201(6)(c); or

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

287 (A) means a holographic signature collected physically on a signature sheet described
288 in Section 20A-7-503; [~~and~~]

289 (B) as it relates to an individual who, due to a qualifying disability under the
290 Americans with Disabilities Act, is unable to fill out the signature sheet or to sign the voter's
291 name consistently, the initials "AV," indicating that the voter's identity will be verified by an
292 alternate verification process described in Section 20A-7-106; and

293 [~~(B)~~] (C) does not include an electronic signature; or

294 (d) for a local referendum:

295 (i) as it relates to the electronic referendum process, means an electronic signature
296 collected under Section 20A-7-614 and Subsection 20A-21-201(6)(c); or

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

298 (A) means a holographic signature collected physically on a signature sheet described
299 in Section 20A-7-603; [~~and~~]

300 (B) as it relates to an individual who, due to a qualifying disability under the
301 Americans with Disabilities Act, is unable to fill out the signature sheet or to sign the voter's
302 name consistently, the initials "AV," indicating that the voter's identity will be verified by an
303 alternate verification process described in Section 20A-7-106; and

304 [~~(B)~~] (C) does not include an electronic signature.

305 (33) "Signature sheets" means sheets in the form required by this chapter that are used
306 under the manual initiative process or the manual referendum process to collect signatures in

307 support of an initiative or referendum.

308 (34) "Special local ballot proposition" means a local ballot proposition that is not a
309 standard local ballot proposition.

310 (35) "Sponsors" means the legal voters who support the initiative or referendum and
311 who sign the initiative application or referendum application.

312 (36) (a) "Standard local ballot proposition" means a local ballot proposition for an
313 initiative or a referendum.

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

316 (37) "Tax percentage difference" means the difference between the tax rate proposed
317 by an initiative or an initiative petition and the current tax rate.

318 (38) "Tax percentage increase" means a number calculated by dividing the tax
319 percentage difference by the current tax rate and rounding the result to the nearest thousandth.

320 (39) "Verified" means acknowledged by the person circulating the petition as required
321 in Section [20A-7-105](#).

322 Section 3. Section **20A-7-104** is amended to read:

323 **20A-7-104. Signature gatherers -- Payments -- Badges -- Information --**
324 **Requirement to provide initiative or referendum for reading.**

325 (1) A person may not pay a person to gather signatures under this chapter based on a
326 rate per signature, on a rate per verified signature, or on the initiative or referendum qualifying
327 for the ballot.

328 (2) A person that pays a person to gather signatures under this section shall base the
329 payment solely on an hourly rate.

330 (3) A person may not accept payment made in violation of this section.

331 (4) An individual who is paid to gather signatures for a petition described in this
332 chapter shall, while gathering signatures, wear a badge on the front of the individual's torso that
333 complies with the following, ensuring that the information on the badge is clearly visible to the
334 individual from whom a signature is sought:

335 (a) the badge shall be printed in black ink on white cardstock and laminated; and

336 (b) the information on the badge shall be in at least 24-point type and include the
337 following information:

338 (i) an identification number that is unique to the individual gathering signatures,
339 assigned by:

340 (A) for a statewide initiative or referendum, the lieutenant governor; or

341 (B) for a local initiative or referendum, the local clerk;

342 (ii) the title of the initiative or referendum;

343 (iii) the words "Paid Signature Gatherer"; and

344 (iv) the name of the entity paying the signature gatherer.

345 (5) ~~[Except as provided in Subsection (6)(b), an]~~ An individual who gathers signatures
346 under this chapter shall ~~[provide]~~ offer a paper document to each individual who signs the
347 petition that:

348 (a) is printed in black ink on white paper, white cardstock, or a white sticker, in at least
349 12-point type; and

350 (b) (i) for an initiative, includes the name of the initiative and the following statement:

351 "You may view the initiative, its fiscal impact, and information on removing your
352 signature from the petition at [list a uniform resource locator that links directly to the
353 information described in Section [20A-7-202.7](#) or [20A-7-502.6](#), as applicable]."; or

354 (ii) for a referendum, includes the name of the referendum and the following statement:

355 "You may view the referendum and information on removing your signature from the
356 petition at [list a uniform resource locator that links directly to the information described in
357 Section [20A-7-304.5](#) or [20A-7-604.5](#), as applicable]."

358 (6) An individual who gathers signatures under this chapter~~[-(a)]~~ shall, before
359 collecting a signature from an individual, present to the individual a printed or digital copy of
360 the initiative or referendum and wait for the individual to read the initiative or referendum~~[-~~
361 ~~and]~~.

362 ~~[(b) is not required to provide the document described in Subsection (5) if, after the~~
363 ~~individual offers to provide the document, the individual who signs the petition declines to~~
364 ~~accept the document.]~~

365 (7) A person who violates this section is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

366 Section 4. Section **20A-7-105** is amended to read:

367 **20A-7-105. Manual petition processes -- Obtaining signatures -- Verification --**
368 **Submitting the petition -- Certification of signatures -- Transfer to lieutenant governor --**

369 **Removal of signature.**

370 (1) This section applies only to the manual initiative process and the manual
371 referendum process.

372 (2) As used in this section:

373 (a) "Local petition" means:

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

375 or

376 (ii) a manual local referendum petition described in Part 6, Local Referenda -

377 Procedures.

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

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

380 (d) "Statewide petition" means:

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

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

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

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

385 (i) is a legal voter; and

386 (ii) resides in the local jurisdiction.

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

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

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

392 (iii) is informed that each signer is required to read [~~and understand~~]:

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

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

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

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

- 400 (i) for a statewide initiative:
- 401 (A) 30 days after the day on which the first individual signs the initiative packet;
- 402 (B) 316 days after the day on which the application for the initiative petition is filed; or
- 403 (C) the February 15 immediately before the next regular general election immediately
- 404 after the application is filed under Section 20A-7-202;
- 405 (ii) for a statewide referendum:
- 406 (A) 30 days after the day on which the first individual signs the referendum packet; or
- 407 (B) 40 days after the day on which the legislative session at which the law passed ends;
- 408 (iii) for a local initiative:
- 409 (A) 30 days after the day on which the first individual signs the initiative packet;
- 410 (B) 316 days after the day on which the application is filed;
- 411 (C) the April 15 immediately before the next regular general election immediately after
- 412 the application is filed under Section 20A-7-502, if the local initiative is a county initiative; or
- 413 (D) the April 15 immediately before the next municipal general election immediately
- 414 after the application is filed under Section 20A-7-502, if the local initiative is a municipal
- 415 initiative; or
- 416 (iv) for a local referendum:
- 417 (A) 30 days after the day on which the first individual signs the referendum packet; or
- 418 (B) 45 days after the day on which the sponsors receive the items described in
- 419 Subsection 20A-7-604(3) from the local clerk.
- 420 (b) A person may not submit a packet after the applicable deadline described in
- 421 Subsection (5)(a).
- 422 (c) Before delivering an initiative packet to the county clerk under this Subsection (5),
- 423 the sponsors shall send an email to each individual who provides a legible, valid email address
- 424 on the signature sheet that includes the following:
- 425 (i) the subject of the email shall include the following statement, "Notice Regarding
- 426 Your Petition Signature"; and
- 427 (ii) the body of the email shall include the following statement in 12-point type:
- 428 "You signed a petition for the following initiative:
- 429 [insert title of initiative]
- 430 To access a copy of the initiative petition, the initiative, the fiscal impact statement, and

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

435 (d) When the sponsors submit the last initiative packet to the county clerk, the sponsors
436 shall submit to the county clerk:

437 (i) a list containing:

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

440 (B) the date the email was sent;

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

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

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

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

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

449 _____
450 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)".

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

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

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

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

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

460 (B) post the name, voter identification number, and date of signature of each legal
461 voter certified under Subsection (6)(a)(ii)(A) on the lieutenant governor's website, in a

462 conspicuous location designated by the lieutenant governor; and
463 (C) deliver the verified packet to the lieutenant governor;
464 (iii) for a local initiative or a local referendum:
465 (A) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a legal voter who is registered
466 in the jurisdiction to which the initiative or referendum relates;
467 (B) post the name, voter identification number, and date of signature of each legal
468 voter certified under Subsection (6)(a)(iii)(A) on the lieutenant governor's website, in a
469 conspicuous location designated by the lieutenant governor; and
470 (C) deliver the verified packet to the local clerk.
471 (b) For a local initiative or local referendum, the local clerk shall post a link in a
472 conspicuous location on the local government's website to the posting described in Subsection
473 (6)(a)(iii)(B):
474 (i) for a local initiative, during the period of time described in Subsection
475 [20A-7-507\(3\)\(a\)](#); or
476 (ii) for a local referendum, during the period of time described in Subsection
477 [20A-7-607\(2\)\(a\)\(i\)](#).
478 (7) The county clerk may not certify a signature under Subsection (6):
479 (a) on a packet that is not verified in accordance with Subsection (4); or
480 (b) that does not have a date of signature next to the signature.
481 (8) (a) A voter who signs a statewide initiative petition may have the voter's signature
482 removed from the petition by, in accordance with Section [20A-1-1003](#), submitting to the
483 county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed no later than the
484 earlier of:
485 (i) for an initiative packet received by the county clerk before December 1:
486 (A) 30 days after the day on which the voter signs the signature removal statement; or
487 (B) 90 days after the day on which the lieutenant governor posts the voter's name under
488 Subsection [20A-7-207\(2\)](#); or
489 (ii) for an initiative packet received by the county clerk on or after December 1:
490 (A) 30 days after the day on which the voter signs the signature removal statement; or
491 (B) 45 days after the day on which the lieutenant governor posts the voter's name under
492 Subsection [20A-7-207\(2\)](#).

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

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

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

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

504 (ii) 90 days after the day on which the local clerk posts the voter's name under
505 Subsection 20A-7-507(2);

506 (iii) 316 days after the day on which the application is filed; or

507 (iv) (A) for a county initiative, April 15 immediately before the next regular general
508 election immediately after the application is filed under Section 20A-7-502; or

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

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

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

516 (ii) 45 days after the day on which the local clerk posts the voter's name under
517 Subsection 20A-7-607(2)(a).

518 [~~(e) A statement described in this Subsection (8) shall comply with the requirements~~
519 ~~described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).~~]

520 [(~~f~~) (e)] In order for the signature to be removed, the county clerk must receive the
521 statement described in this Subsection (8) before 5 p.m. no later than the applicable deadline
522 described in this Subsection (8).

523 [(~~g~~) (f)] A county clerk shall analyze a signature, for purposes of removing a signature

524 from a petition, in accordance with Subsection 20A-1-1003(3).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

537 Section 5. Section 20A-7-106 is enacted to read:

538 **20A-7-106. Petition signature or removal for an individual with a disability.**

539 (1) If a voter who desires to sign a petition is, due to a qualifying disability under the
540 Americans with Disabilities Act, unable to fill out the signature sheet or to sign the voter's
541 name consistently, the voter may:

542 (a) inform the individual gathering signatures that, due to a qualifying disability under
543 the Americans with Disabilities Act, the voter is unable to fill out the signature sheet or to sign
544 the voter's name consistently; and

545 (b) direct the individual gathering signatures to:

546 (i) fill out the form on the signature sheet with the information provided by the voter;
547 and

548 (ii) in place of the registered voter's signature:

549 (A) place the initials "AV" to indicate that the county clerk must use an alternate
550 verification process to verify the validity of the voter's signature; and

551 (B) place next to the initials described in Subsection (1)(b)(ii)(A) a phone number,
552 email address, or other method that the county clerk may use to contact the voter to verify the
553 identity of the voter.

554 (2) If a voter who desires to remove the voter's signature from a petition is, due to a

555 qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act, unable to sign the voter's name
556 consistently, the voter may, instead of signing the statement described in Section [20A-1-1003](#):

557 (a) place the initials "AV" to indicate that the county clerk must use an alternate
558 verification process to verify the validity of the voter's signature; and

559 (b) include in the statement a phone number, email address, or other method that the
560 county clerk may use to contact the voter to verify the identity of the voter.

561 (3) The alternate verification process described in this section includes:

562 (a) the process described in Subsection [20A-3a-401\(7\)\(b\)](#); or

563 (b) another process established by rule, made by the director of elections within the
564 Office of the Lieutenant Governor, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
565 Administrative Rulemaking Act.

566 Section 6. Section **20A-7-202.5** is amended to read:

567 **20A-7-202.5. Initial fiscal impact statement -- Preparation of statement --**
568 **Challenge to statement.**

569 (1) Within three working days after the day on which the lieutenant governor receives
570 an initiative application, the lieutenant governor shall submit a copy of the initiative application
571 to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst.

572 (2) (a) The Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall prepare an unbiased, good
573 faith initial fiscal impact statement for the proposed law, not exceeding 100 words plus 100
574 words per revenue source created or impacted by the proposed law, that contains:

575 (i) a description of the total estimated fiscal impact of the proposed law over the time
576 period or time periods determined by the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst to be most
577 useful in understanding the estimated fiscal impact of the proposed law;

578 (ii) if the proposed law would increase taxes, decrease taxes, or impose a new tax, a
579 dollar amount representing the total estimated increase or decrease for each type of tax affected
580 under the proposed law, a dollar amount showing the estimated amount of a new tax, and a
581 dollar amount representing the total estimated increase or decrease in taxes under the proposed
582 law;

583 (iii) if the proposed law would increase a particular tax or tax rate, the tax percentage
584 difference and the tax percentage increase for each tax or tax rate increased;

585 (iv) if the proposed law would result in the issuance or a change in the status of bonds,

586 notes, or other debt instruments, a dollar amount representing the total estimated increase or
587 decrease in public debt under the proposed law;

588 (v) a dollar amount representing the estimated cost or savings, if any, to state or local
589 government entities under the proposed law;

590 (vi) if the proposed law would increase costs to state government, a listing of all
591 sources of funding for the estimated costs; and

592 (vii) a concise description and analysis titled "Funding Source," not to exceed 100
593 words for each funding source, of the funding source information described in Subsection
594 [20A-7-202\(2\)\(e\)\(ii\)](#).

595 (b) If the proposed law is estimated to have no fiscal impact, the Office of the
596 Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall include a summary statement in the initial fiscal impact
597 statement in substantially the following form:

598 "The Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst estimates that the law proposed by this
599 initiative would have no significant fiscal impact and would not result in either an increase or
600 decrease in taxes or debt."

601 (3) Within 25 calendar days after the day on which the lieutenant governor delivers a
602 copy of the initiative application, the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall:

603 (a) [~~deliver~~] send a copy of the initial fiscal impact statement to the lieutenant
604 governor's office; and

605 (b) [~~mail~~] send a copy of the initial fiscal impact statement to the first five sponsors
606 named in the initiative application.

607 (4) (a) (i) Three or more of the sponsors of the initiative petition may, within 20
608 calendar days after the day on which the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst delivers the
609 initial fiscal impact statement to the lieutenant governor's office, file a petition with the
610 appropriate court, alleging that the initial fiscal impact statement, taken as a whole, is an
611 inaccurate estimate of the fiscal impact of the initiative.

612 (ii) After receipt of the appeal, the court shall direct the lieutenant governor to send
613 notice of the petition filed with the court to:

614 (A) any person or group that has filed an argument with the lieutenant governor's office
615 for or against the initiative that is the subject of the challenge; and

616 (B) any political issues committee established under Section [20A-11-801](#) that has filed

617 written or electronic notice with the lieutenant governor that identifies the name, mailing or
 618 email address, and telephone number of the person designated to receive notice about any
 619 issues relating to the initiative.

620 (b) (i) There is a presumption that the initial fiscal impact statement prepared by the
 621 Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst is based upon reasonable assumptions, uses reasonable
 622 data, and applies accepted analytical methods to present the estimated fiscal impact of the
 623 initiative.

624 (ii) The court may not revise the contents of, or direct the revision of, the initial fiscal
 625 impact statement unless the plaintiffs rebut the presumption by clear and convincing evidence
 626 that establishes that the initial fiscal impact statement, taken as a whole, is an inaccurate
 627 statement of the estimated fiscal impact of the initiative.

628 (iii) The court may refer an issue related to the initial fiscal impact statement to a
 629 master to examine the issue and make a report in accordance with Utah Rules of Civil
 630 Procedure, Rule 53.

631 (c) The court shall certify to the lieutenant governor a fiscal impact statement for the
 632 initiative that meets the requirements of this section.

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

634 **20A-7-203. Manual initiative process -- Form of initiative petition and signature**
 635 **sheets.**

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

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

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

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

643 Each signer says:

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

647 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the

648 initiative petition;

649 I have personally [~~reviewed~~] read the entire statement included with this packet;

650 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

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

652 NOTICE TO SIGNERS:

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

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

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

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

663 (3) Each initiative signature sheet shall:

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

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

667 (c) include the title of the initiative printed below the horizontal line, in at least
668 14-point, bold type;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 679 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 680 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
681 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;
- 682 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 683 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
- 684 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
685 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;
- 686 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 687 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
688 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;
- 689 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 690 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;
- 691 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
692 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;
- 693 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 694 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
695 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;
- 696 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and
- 697 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
698 and contain the following statement, "By signing this initiative petition, you are stating that you
699 have read [~~and understand~~] the law proposed by this initiative petition." in 12-point type;
- 700 (e) the table described in Subsection (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at
701 the bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (3)(f); and
- 702 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include in the following order:
- 703 (i) the words "Fiscal Impact of" followed by the title of the initiative, in at least
704 12-point, bold type;
- 705 (ii) except as provided in Subsection (5), the initial fiscal impact statement issued by
706 the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-202.5(2)(a),
707 including any update in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-204.1(5), in not less than 12-point
708 type;
- 709 (iii) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement in 12-point, bold

710 type:

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

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

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

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

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

726 Verification of signature collector

727 State of Utah, County of ____

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

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

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

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

738 I believe that each [~~individual has printed and signed the~~] individual's name [~~and~~
739 ~~written the individual's~~], post office address, and residence is written correctly, that each signer
740 has read [~~and understands~~] the law proposed by the initiative, and that each signer is registered

741 to vote in Utah.

742 ~~[Each individual who signed the initiative packet wrote the]~~ The correct date of
743 signature appears next to ~~[the]~~ each individual's name.

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

746 _____
747 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)

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

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

754 (7) An individual's status as a resident, under Subsection (4), is determined in
755 accordance with Section 20A-2-105.

756 Section 8. Section 20A-7-204 is amended to read:

757 **20A-7-204. Manual initiative process -- Circulation requirements -- Lieutenant**
758 **governor to provide sponsors with materials.**

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

760 (2) In order to obtain the necessary number of signatures required by this part, the
761 sponsors or an agent of the sponsors shall, after the sponsors receive the documents described
762 in Subsection (3), circulate initiative packets that meet the form requirements of this part.

763 (3) The lieutenant governor shall provide the sponsors with a copy of the initiative
764 petition and a signature sheet within three days after the day on which the following conditions
765 are fulfilled:

766 (a) the sponsors hold the final hearing required under Section 20A-7-204.1;

767 (b) the sponsors provide to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor the video tape, audio
768 tape, or comprehensive minutes described in Subsection 20A-7-204.1(4) for each public
769 hearing described in Section 20A-7-204.1;

770 (c) (i) the sponsors give written notice to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor that the
771 sponsors waive the opportunity to change the text of the proposed law under Subsection

772 20A-7-204.1(5);

773 (ii) the deadline, described in Subsection 20A-7-204.1(5)(a), for changing the text of
774 the proposed law passes without the sponsors filing an application addendum in accordance
775 with Subsection 20A-7-204.1(5); or

776 (iii) if the sponsors file an application addendum in accordance with Subsection
777 20A-7-204.1(5), the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst provides to the Office of the
778 Lieutenant Governor:

779 (A) an updated initial fiscal impact statement, in accordance with Subsection

780 20A-7-204.1(5)(b); or

781 (B) a written notice indicating that no changes to the initial fiscal impact statement are
782 necessary; ~~and~~

783 (d) (i) the sponsors give written notice to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor that the
784 sponsors waive the opportunity to:

785 (A) challenge the initial fiscal impact statement in court; and

786 (B) if applicable, challenge the updated initial fiscal impact statement in court;

787 (ii) the deadline, described in Subsection 20A-7-202.5(4)(a)(i), for:

788 (A) challenging the initial fiscal impact statement in court passes without the sponsors
789 filing a petition to challenge; and

790 (B) if applicable, challenging the updated initial fiscal impact statement in court passes
791 without the sponsors filing a petition to challenge; or

792 (iii) if the sponsors timely file a petition challenging the initial fiscal impact statement
793 in court or, if applicable, the updated initial fiscal impact statement in court, and the court's
794 decision becomes final; and

795 ~~(d)~~ (e) the sponsors sign an agreement, under Subsection (6)(a), with the Office of the
796 Lieutenant Governor specifying the range of numbers that the sponsors will use to number the
797 initiative packets.

798 (4) The sponsors of the initiative shall:

799 (a) arrange and pay for the printing of all documents that are part of the initiative
800 packets; and

801 (b) ensure that the initiative packets and the documents described in Subsection (4)(a)
802 meet the requirements of this part.

803 (5) (a) The sponsors or an agent of the sponsors may prepare the initiative packets for
804 circulation by creating multiple initiative packets.

805 (b) The sponsors or an agent of the sponsors shall create the initiative packets by
806 binding a copy of the initiative petition with the text of the proposed law, including any
807 modification made under Subsection 20A-7-204.1(5) and no more than 50 signature sheets
808 together at the top in a manner that the initiative packets may be conveniently opened for
809 signing.

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

811 (6) (a) The sponsors or an agent of the sponsors shall, before gathering signatures:

812 (i) contact the lieutenant governor's office to receive a range of numbers that the
813 sponsors may use to number initiative packets;

814 (ii) sign an agreement with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, specifying the range
815 of numbers that the sponsors will use to number the initiative packets; and

816 (iii) number each initiative packet, sequentially, within the range of numbers provided
817 by the lieutenant governor's office, starting with the lowest number in the range.

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

819 (i) number an initiative packet in a manner not directed by the lieutenant governor's
820 office; or

821 (ii) circulate or submit an initiative packet that is not numbered in the manner directed
822 by the lieutenant governor's office.

823 Section 9. Section 20A-7-209 is amended to read:

824 **20A-7-209. Short title and summary of initiative -- Duties of lieutenant governor**
825 **and Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.**

826 (1) On or before June 5 before the regular general election, the lieutenant governor
827 shall deliver a copy of all of the proposed laws that have qualified for the ballot to the Office of
828 Legislative Research and General Counsel.

829 (2) (a) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall:

830 (i) entitle each statewide initiative that has qualified for the ballot "Proposition Number
831 ___" and give it a number as assigned under Section 20A-6-107;

832 (ii) prepare for each initiative:

833 (A) an impartial short title, not exceeding 25 words, that generally describes the subject

834 of the initiative; and

835 (B) an impartial summary of the contents of the initiative, not exceeding 125 words;

836 and

837 (iii) provide each short title, and summary to the lieutenant governor on or before June

838 26.

839 (b) The short title and summary may be distinct from the title of the proposed law.

840 (c) If the initiative proposes a tax increase, the Office of Legislative Research and

841 General Counsel shall include the following statement, in bold, in the summary:

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

845 (d) Subject to Subsection (4), for each statewide initiative, the official ballot shall
846 show, in the following order:

847 (i) the number of the initiative, determined in accordance with Section [20A-6-107](#);

848 (ii) the short title;

849 (iii) except as provided in Subsection (2)(e):

850 (A) the summary;

851 (B) the text of the proposed law; and

852 (C) a link to a location on the lieutenant governor's website where a voter may review
853 additional information relating to each initiative, including the information described in
854 Subsection [20A-7-202\(2\)](#), the initial fiscal impact statement described in Section [20A-7-202.5](#),
855 as updated under Section [20A-7-204.1](#), and the arguments relating to the initiative that are
856 included in the voter information pamphlet; and

857 (iv) the initial fiscal impact statement prepared under Section [20A-7-202.5](#), as updated
858 under Section [20A-7-204.1](#).

859 (e) Unless the information described in Subsection (2)(d)(iii) is shown on the official
860 ballot, the election officer shall include with the ballot a separate ballot proposition insert that
861 includes the short title and summary for each initiative on the ballot and a link to a location on
862 the lieutenant governor's website where a voter may review the additional information
863 described in Subsection (2)(d)(iii)(C).

864 (f) Unless the information described in Subsection (2)(d)(iii) for all initiatives on the

865 ballot, and the information described in Subsection 20A-7-308(2)(c)(iii) for all referenda on the
866 ballot, is printed on the ballot, the ballot shall include the following statement at the beginning
867 of the portion of the ballot that includes ballot measures, "The ballot proposition sheet included
868 with this ballot contains an impartial summary of each initiative and referendum on this ballot,
869 unless the summary is printed directly on the ballot."

870 (3) On or before June 27, the lieutenant governor shall [mat] send a copy of the short
871 title and summary to any sponsor of the petition.

872 (4) (a) (i) At least three of the sponsors of the petition may, on or before July 6,
873 challenge the wording of the short title and summary prepared by the Office of Legislative
874 Research and General Counsel to the appropriate court.

875 (ii) After receipt of the challenge, the court shall direct the lieutenant governor to send
876 notice of the challenge to:

877 (A) any person or group that has filed an argument for or against the initiative that is
878 the subject of the challenge; or

879 (B) any political issues committee established under Section 20A-11-801 that has filed
880 written or electronic notice with the lieutenant governor that identifies the name, mailing or
881 email address, and telephone number of the individual designated to receive notice about any
882 issues relating to the initiative.

883 (b) (i) There is a presumption that the short title prepared by the Office of Legislative
884 Research and General Counsel is an impartial description of the contents of the initiative.

885 (ii) The court may not revise the wording of the short title unless the plaintiffs rebut the
886 presumption by clearly and convincingly establishing that the short title is false or biased.

887 (iii) There is a presumption that the summary prepared by the Office of Legislative
888 Research and General Counsel is an impartial summary of the contents of the initiative.

889 (iv) The court may not revise the wording of the summary unless the plaintiffs rebut
890 the presumption by clearly and convincingly establishing that the summary is false or biased.

891 (c) The court shall:

892 (i) examine the short title and summary;

893 (ii) hear arguments; and

894 (iii) enter an order consistent with the requirements of this section.

895 (d) The lieutenant governor shall, in accordance with the court's order, certify the short

896 title and summary to the county clerks for inclusion in the ballot or ballot proposition insert, as
897 required by this section.

898 Section 10. Section **20A-7-215** is amended to read:

899 **20A-7-215. Electronic initiative process -- Form of initiative petition --**
900 **Circulation requirements -- Signature collection.**

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

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

904 "This INITIATIVE PETITION is addressed to the Honorable _____, Lieutenant
905 Governor:

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

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

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

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

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

920 (4) (a) The third screen presented on the approved device shall include the title of
921 proposed law, described in Subsection **20A-7-202(2)(e)(i)**, followed by the entire text of the
922 proposed law.

923 (b) An individual may not advance to the fourth screen until the individual clicks a link
924 at the bottom of the third screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read [~~and~~
925 ~~understand~~] the entire text of the proposed law."

926 (5) Subsequent screens shall be presented on the device in the following order, with the

927 individual viewing the device being required, before advancing to the next screen, to click a
928 link at the bottom of the screen with the following statement: "By clicking here, I attest that I
929 have read [~~and understand~~] the information presented on this screen.":

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

932 (b) (i) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement, "This initiative
933 seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax percentage difference)
934 percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent increase in the current tax
935 rate."; or

936 (ii) if the initiative does not propose a tax increase, the following statement, "This
937 initiative does not propose a tax increase.";

938 (c) the initial fiscal impact statement issued by the Office of the Legislative Fiscal
939 Analyst in accordance with Subsection [20A-7-202.5\(2\)\(a\)](#), including any update in accordance
940 with Subsection [20A-7-204.1\(6\)](#);

941 (d) a statement indicating whether persons gathering signatures for the initiative
942 petition may be paid for gathering signatures; and

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

945 "I have personally [~~reviewed~~] read the entirety of each statement presented on this
946 device;

947 I am personally signing this initiative petition;

948 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

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

951 It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name
952 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
953 once for the same initiative petition, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows
954 that the individual is not a registered voter.

955 **WARNING**

956 Even if your voter registration record is classified as private, your name, voter
957 identification number, and date of signature in relation to signing this initiative petition will be

958 made public.

959 Do you wish to continue and sign this initiative petition?"

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

963 (b) If the individual clicks "yes" in response to the question described in Subsection
964 (5)(e), the website, or the application that accesses the website, shall take the signature-gatherer
965 and the individual signing the initiative petition through the signature process described in
966 Section [20A-21-201](#).

967 Section 11. Section **20A-7-216** is amended to read:

968 **20A-7-216. Electronic initiative process -- Obtaining signatures -- Request to**
969 **remove signature.**

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

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

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

974 (a) verifies that the individual is at least 18 years old and meets the residency
975 requirements of Section [20A-2-105](#); and

976 (b) is informed that each signer is required to read [~~and understand~~] the law proposed
977 by the initiative.

978 (4) A voter who signs an initiative petition may have the voter's signature removed
979 from the initiative petition by, in accordance with Section [20A-1-1003](#), submitting to the
980 county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed before 5 p.m. no later
981 than the earlier of:

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

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

984 (ii) 90 days after the day on which the county clerk posts the voter's name under
985 Subsection [20A-7-217\(4\)](#); or

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

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

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

989 Subsection [20A-7-217\(4\)](#).

990 ~~[(5) (a) The statement described in Subsection (4) shall include:]~~

991 ~~[(i) the name of the voter;]~~

992 ~~[(ii) the resident address at which the voter is registered to vote;]~~

993 ~~[(iii) the signature of the voter; and]~~

994 ~~[(iv) the date of the signature described in Subsection (5)(a)(iii).]~~

995 ~~[(b) To increase the likelihood of the voter's signature being identified and removed,~~
996 ~~the statement described in Subsection (4) may include the voter's birth date or age.]~~

997 ~~[(c)]~~ (5) (a) A voter may not submit a signature removal statement described in
998 Subsection (4) by email or other electronic means, unless the lieutenant governor establishes a
999 signature removal process that is consistent with the requirements of this section and Section
1000 [20A-21-201](#).

1001 ~~[(d)]~~ (b) A person may only remove an electronic signature from an initiative petition
1002 in accordance with this section.

1003 ~~[(e)]~~ (c) A county clerk shall analyze a holographic signature, for purposes of removing
1004 an electronic signature from an initiative petition, in accordance with Subsection
1005 [20A-1-1003\(3\)](#).

1006 Section 12. Section [20A-7-303](#) is amended to read:

1007 **[20A-7-303. Manual referendum process -- Form of referendum petition and](#)**
1008 **signature sheets.**

1009 (1) This section applies only to the manual referendum process.

1010 (2) (a) Each proposed referendum petition shall be printed in substantially the
1011 following form:

1012 "REFERENDUM PETITION To the Honorable ____, Lieutenant Governor:

1013 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully order that Senate (or House) Bill No.
1014 ____, entitled (title of act, and, if the petition is against less than the whole act, set forth here
1015 the part or parts on which the referendum is sought), passed by the Legislature of the state of
1016 Utah during the ____ Session, be referred to the people of Utah for their approval or rejection
1017 at a regular general election or a statewide special election;

1018 Each signer says:

1019 I have personally signed this referendum petition or, if I am an individual with a

1020 qualifying disability, I have signed this referendum petition by directing the signature gatherer
1021 to enter the initials "AV" as my signature;

1022 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the
1023 referendum petition;

1024 I have personally [~~reviewed~~] read the entire statement included with this referendum
1025 packet;

1026 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

1027 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name."

1028 (b) The sponsors of a referendum or an agent of the sponsors shall attach a copy of the
1029 law that is the subject of the referendum to each referendum petition.

1030 (3) Each referendum signature sheet shall:

1031 (a) be printed on sheets of paper 8-1/2 inches long and 11 inches wide;

1032 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line three-fourths inch from the top, with the space above
1033 that line blank for the purpose of binding;

1034 (c) include the title of the referendum printed below the horizontal line, in at least
1035 14-point, bold type;

1036 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the referendum, and beginning .5 inch
1037 from the left side of the paper, as follows:

1038 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;

1039 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For
1040 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;

1041 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;

1042 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;

1043 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;

1044 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
1045 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point type;

1046 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;

1047 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
1048 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;

1049 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;

1050 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;

- 1051 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
1052 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;
- 1053 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 1054 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
1055 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;
- 1056 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 1057 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;
- 1058 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
1059 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;
- 1060 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 1061 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
1062 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;
- 1063 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and
- 1064 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
1065 and contain the following words "By signing this referendum petition, you are stating that you
1066 have read [~~and understand~~] the law that this referendum petition seeks to overturn." in 12-point
1067 type;
- 1068 (e) the table described in Subsection (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at
1069 the bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (3)(f); and
- 1070 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type,
1071 followed by the following statement in not less than eight-point type:
- 1072 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name
1073 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
1074 once for the same referendum petition, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual
1075 knows that the individual is not a registered voter.
- 1076 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity
1077 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be
1078 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified
1079 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."
- 1080 (4) The final page of each referendum packet shall contain the following printed or
1081 typed statement:

1082 Verification of signature collector

1083 State of Utah, County of _____

1084 I, _____, of _____, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

1085 I am a Utah resident and am at least 18 years old;

1086 All the names that appear in this referendum packet were signed by individuals who
1087 professed to be the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed the
1088 individual's name on it in my presence or, in the case of an individual with a qualifying
1089 disability, I have signed this referendum petition on the individual's behalf, at the direction of
1090 the individual and in the individual's presence, by entering the initials "AV" as the individual's
1091 signature;

1092 I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law this petition
1093 seeks to overturn;

1094 I believe that each [~~individual has printed and signed the~~] individual's name, [~~and~~
1095 ~~written the individual's~~] post office address, and residence is written correctly, that each signer
1096 has read [~~and understands~~] the law that the referendum seeks to overturn, and that each signer
1097 is registered to vote in Utah.

1098 [~~Each individual who signed the referendum packet wrote the~~] The correct date of
1099 signature appears next to [~~the~~] each individual's name.

1100 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this referendum
1101 packet to encourage that individual to sign it.

1102 _____
1103 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date).

1104 (5) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the referendum
1105 petitions are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

1106 (6) An individual's status as a resident, under Subsection (4), is determined in
1107 accordance with Section [20A-2-105](#).

1108 Section 13. Section **20A-7-308** is amended to read:

1109 **20A-7-308. Short title and summary of referendum -- Duties of lieutenant**
1110 **governor and Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.**

1111 (1) Whenever a referendum petition is declared sufficient for submission to a vote of
1112 the people, the lieutenant governor shall deliver a copy of the referendum petition and the law

- 1113 to which the referendum relates to the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.
- 1114 (2) (a) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall:
- 1115 (i) entitle each statewide referendum that qualifies for the ballot "Proposition Number
- 1116 __" and assign a number to the referendum in accordance with Section [20A-6-107](#);
- 1117 (ii) prepare for each referendum:
- 1118 (A) an impartial short title, not exceeding 25 words, that generally describes the law to
- 1119 which the referendum relates; and
- 1120 (B) an impartial summary of the contents of the law to which the referendum relates,
- 1121 not exceeding 125 words; and
- 1122 (iii) submit the short title and summary to the lieutenant governor within 15 days after
- 1123 the day on which the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel receives the petition
- 1124 under Subsection (1).
- 1125 (b) The short title and summary may be distinct from the title of the law that is the
- 1126 subject of the referendum.
- 1127 (c) Subject to Subsection (4), for each statewide referendum, the official ballot shall
- 1128 show, in the following order:
- 1129 (i) the number of the referendum, determined in accordance with Section [20A-6-107](#);
- 1130 (ii) the short title; and
- 1131 (iii) except as provided in Subsection (2)(d):
- 1132 (A) the summary;
- 1133 (B) a copy of the law; and
- 1134 (C) a link to a location on the lieutenant governor's website where a voter may review
- 1135 additional information relating to each referendum, including the information described in
- 1136 Subsection [20A-7-302](#)(2) and the arguments relating to the referendum that are included in the
- 1137 voter information pamphlet.
- 1138 (d) Unless the information described in Subsection (2)(c)(iii) is shown on the official
- 1139 ballot, the election officer shall include with the ballot a separate ballot proposition insert that
- 1140 includes the short title and summary for each referendum on the ballot and a link to a location
- 1141 on the lieutenant governor's website where a voter may review the additional information
- 1142 described in Subsection (2)(c)(iii)(C).
- 1143 (e) Unless the information described in Subsection [20A-7-209](#)(2)(d)(iii) for all

1144 initiatives on the ballot, and the information described in Subsection (2)(c)(iii) for all referenda
1145 on the ballot, is printed on the ballot, the ballot shall include the following statement at the
1146 beginning of the portion of the ballot that includes ballot measures, "The ballot proposition
1147 sheet included with this ballot contains an impartial summary of each initiative and referendum
1148 on this ballot, unless the summary is printed directly on the ballot."

1149 (3) Immediately after the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel submits
1150 the short title and summary to the lieutenant governor, the lieutenant governor shall mail or
1151 email a copy of the short title and summary to any of the sponsors of the referendum petition.

1152 (4) (a) (i) At least three of the sponsors of the referendum petition may, within 15 days
1153 after the day on which the lieutenant governor [~~mails~~] sends the short title and summary,
1154 challenge the wording of the short title and summary prepared by the Office of Legislative
1155 Research and General Counsel to the appropriate court.

1156 (ii) After receipt of the appeal, the court shall direct the lieutenant governor to send
1157 notice of the appeal to:

1158 (A) any person or group that has filed an argument for or against the law to which the
1159 referendum relates; and

1160 (B) any political issues committee established under Section 20A-11-801 that has filed
1161 written or electronic notice with the lieutenant governor that identifies the name, mailing or
1162 email address, and telephone number of the person designated to receive notice about any
1163 issues relating to the referendum.

1164 (b) (i) There is a presumption that the short title prepared by the Office of Legislative
1165 Research and General Counsel is an impartial description of the contents of the referendum.

1166 (ii) The court may not revise the wording of the short title unless the plaintiffs rebut the
1167 presumption by clearly and convincingly establishing that the short title is false or biased.

1168 (iii) There is a presumption that the summary prepared by the Office of Legislative
1169 Research and General Counsel is an impartial summary of the contents of the law to which the
1170 referendum relates.

1171 (iv) The court may not revise the wording of the summary unless the plaintiffs rebut
1172 the presumption by clearly and convincingly establishing that the summary is false or biased.

1173 (c) The court shall:

1174 (i) examine the short title and summary;

1175 (ii) hear arguments; and

1176 (iii) enter an order consistent with the requirements of this section.

1177 (d) The lieutenant governor shall, in accordance with the court's order, certify the short
1178 title and summary to the county clerks for inclusion in the ballot or ballot proposition insert, as
1179 required by this section.

1180 Section 14. Section **20A-7-313** is amended to read:

1181 **20A-7-313. Electronic referendum process -- Form of referendum petition --**
1182 **Circulation requirements -- Signature collection.**

1183 (1) This section applies only to the electronic referendum process.

1184 (2) (a) The first screen presented on the approved device shall include the following
1185 statement:

1186 "This REFERENDUM PETITION is addressed to the Honorable ____, Lieutenant
1187 Governor:

1188 The citizens of Utah who sign this petition respectfully order that Senate (or House)
1189 Bill No. ____, entitled (title of act, and, if the petition is against less than the whole act, set
1190 forth here the part or parts on which the referendum is sought), passed by the Legislature of the
1191 state of Utah during the ____ Session, be referred to the people of Utah for their approval or
1192 rejection at a regular general election or a statewide special election."

1193 (b) An individual may not advance to the second screen until the individual clicks a
1194 link at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read [~~and~~
1195 ~~understand~~] the information presented on this screen."

1196 (3) (a) The second screen presented on the approved device shall include the entire text
1197 of the law that is the subject of the referendum petition.

1198 (b) An individual may not advance to the third screen until the individual clicks a link
1199 at the bottom of the second screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read [~~and~~
1200 ~~understand~~] the entire text of the law that is the subject of the referendum petition."

1201 (4) (a) The third screen presented on the approved device shall include a statement
1202 indicating whether persons gathering signatures for the referendum petition may be paid for
1203 gathering signatures.

1204 (b) An individual may not advance to the fourth screen until the individual clicks a link
1205 at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read [~~and~~

1206 understand] the information presented on this screen."

1207 (5) The fourth screen presented on the approved device shall include the following
1208 statement, followed by links where the individual may click "yes" or "no":

1209 "I have personally [reviewed] read the entirety of each statement presented on this
1210 device;

1211 I am personally signing this referendum petition;

1212 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

1213 All information I enter on this device, including my residence and post office address, is
1214 accurate.

1215 It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name
1216 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
1217 once for the same referendum petition, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual
1218 knows that the individual is not a registered voter.

1219 WARNING

1220 Even if your voter registration record is classified as private, your name, voter
1221 identification number, and date of signature in relation to signing this referendum petition will
1222 be made public.

1223 Do you wish to continue and sign this referendum petition?"

1224 (6) (a) If the individual clicks "no" in response to the question described in Subsection
1225 (5), the next screen shall include the following statement, "Thank you for your time. Please
1226 return this device to the signature-gatherer."

1227 (b) If the individual clicks "yes" in response to the question described in Subsection
1228 (5), the website, or the application that accesses the website, shall take the signature-gatherer
1229 and the individual signing the referendum petition through the signature process described in
1230 Section [20A-21-201](#).

1231 Section 15. Section **20A-7-314** is amended to read:

1232 **20A-7-314. Electronic referendum process -- Obtaining signatures -- Request to**
1233 **remove signature.**

1234 (1) This section applies to the electronic referendum process.

1235 (2) A Utah voter may sign a referendum petition if the voter is a legal voter.

1236 (3) The sponsors shall ensure that the signature-gatherer who collects a signature from

1237 an individual:

1238 (a) verifies that the individual is at least 18 years old and meets the residency
1239 requirements of Section [20A-2-105](#); and

1240 (b) is informed that each signer is required to read ~~[and understand]~~ the law that is the
1241 subject of the referendum petition.

1242 (4) A voter who signs a referendum petition may have the voter's signature removed
1243 from the referendum petition by, in accordance with Section [20A-1-1003](#), submitting to the
1244 county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed before 5 p.m. no later
1245 than the earlier of:

1246 (a) 30 days after the day on which the voter signs the statement requesting removal; or

1247 (b) 45 days after the day on which the lieutenant governor posts the voter's name under
1248 Subsection [20A-7-315\(4\)](#).

1249 ~~[(5)(a) The statement described in Subsection (4) shall include:]~~

1250 ~~[(i) the name of the voter;]~~

1251 ~~[(ii) the resident address at which the voter is registered to vote;]~~

1252 ~~[(iii) the signature of the voter; and]~~

1253 ~~[(iv) the date of the signature described in Subsection (5)(a)(iii).]~~

1254 ~~[(b) To increase the likelihood of the voter's signature being identified and removed,~~
1255 ~~the statement described in Subsection (4) may include the voter's birth date or age.]~~

1256 ~~[(e)]~~ (5)(a) A voter may not submit a signature removal statement described in

1257 Subsection (4) by email or other electronic means, unless the lieutenant governor establishes a
1258 signature removal process that is consistent with the requirements of this section and Section
1259 [20A-21-201](#).

1260 ~~[(d)]~~ (b) A person may only remove an electronic signature from a referendum petition
1261 in accordance with this section.

1262 ~~[(e)]~~ (c) A county clerk shall analyze a holographic signature, for purposes of removing
1263 an electronic signature from a referendum petition, in accordance with Subsection
1264 [20A-1-1003\(3\)](#).

1265 Section 16. Section [20A-7-502.5](#) is amended to read:

1266 **[20A-7-502.5. Initial fiscal and legal impact statement -- Preparation of statement.](#)**

1267 (1) Within three business days after the day on which the local clerk receives an

1268 initiative application, the local clerk shall submit a copy of the initiative application to the
1269 county, city, or town's budget officer.

1270 (2) (a) The budget officer, together with legal counsel, shall prepare an unbiased, good
1271 faith initial fiscal and legal impact statement for the proposed law that contains:

1272 (i) a dollar amount representing the total estimated fiscal impact of the proposed law;

1273 (ii) if the proposed law would increase or decrease taxes, a dollar amount representing
1274 the total estimated increase or decrease for each type of tax affected under the proposed law
1275 and a dollar amount representing the total estimated increase or decrease in taxes under the
1276 proposed law;

1277 (iii) if the proposed law would increase taxes, the tax percentage difference and the tax
1278 percentage increase;

1279 (iv) if the proposed law would result in the issuance or a change in the status of bonds,
1280 notes, or other debt instruments, a dollar amount representing the total estimated increase or
1281 decrease in public debt under the proposed law;

1282 (v) a listing of all sources of funding for the estimated costs associated with the
1283 proposed law showing each source of funding and the percentage of total funding provided
1284 from each source;

1285 (vi) a dollar amount representing the estimated costs or savings, if any, to state and
1286 local government entities under the proposed law;

1287 (vii) the proposed law's legal impact, including:

1288 (A) any significant effects on a person's vested property rights;

1289 (B) any significant effects on other laws or ordinances;

1290 (C) any significant legal liability the city, county, or town may incur; and

1291 (D) any other significant legal impact as determined by the budget officer and the legal
1292 counsel; and

1293 (viii) a concise explanation, not exceeding 100 words, of the information described in
1294 this Subsection (2)(a) and of the estimated fiscal impact, if any, under the proposed law.

1295 (b) (i) If the proposed law is estimated to have no fiscal impact, the local budget officer
1296 shall include a summary statement in the initial fiscal impact and legal statement in
1297 substantially the following form:

1298 "The (title of the local budget officer) estimates that the law proposed by this initiative

1299 would have no significant fiscal impact and would not result in either an increase or decrease in
1300 taxes or debt."

1301 (ii) If the proposed law is estimated to have a fiscal impact, the local budget officer
1302 shall include a summary statement in the initial fiscal impact and legal statement in
1303 substantially the following form:

1304 "The (title of the local budget officer) estimates that the law proposed by this initiative
1305 would result in a total fiscal expense/savings of \$_____, which includes a (type of tax or
1306 taxes) tax increase/decrease of \$_____ and a \$_____ increase/decrease in public debt."

1307 (iii) If the estimated fiscal impact of the proposed law is highly variable or is otherwise
1308 difficult to reasonably express in a summary statement, the local budget officer may include in
1309 the summary statement a brief explanation that identifies those factors affecting the variability
1310 or difficulty of the estimate.

1311 (iv) If the proposed law would increase taxes, the local budget officer shall include a
1312 summary statement in the initial fiscal impact and legal statement in substantially the following
1313 form:

1314 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax
1315 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent
1316 increase in the current tax rate."

1317 (3) The budget officer shall prepare an unbiased, good faith estimate of the cost of
1318 printing and distributing information related to the initiative petition in the voter information
1319 pamphlet as required by Section [20A-7-402](#).

1320 (4) Within 20 calendar days after the day on which the local clerk submits a copy of the
1321 proposed law under Subsection (1), the budget officer shall:

1322 (a) [~~deliver~~] send a copy of the initial fiscal impact and legal statement to the local
1323 clerk's office; and

1324 (b) [~~mail~~] send a copy of the initial fiscal impact and legal statement to the first three
1325 sponsors named in the initiative application.

1326 Section 17. Section [20A-7-503](#) is amended to read:

1327 **[20A-7-503. Manual initiative process -- Form of initiative petition and signature](#)**
1328 **sheet.**

1329 (1) This section applies only to the manual initiative process.

1330 (2) (a) Each proposed initiative petition shall be printed in substantially the following
1331 form:

1332 "INITIATIVE PETITION To the Honorable _____, County Clerk/City Recorder/Town
1333 Clerk:

1334 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully demand that the following proposed
1335 law be submitted to: the legislative body for its approval or rejection at its next meeting; and
1336 the legal voters of the county/city/town, if the legislative body rejects the proposed law or takes
1337 no action on it.

1338 Each signer says:

1339 I have personally signed this initiative petition or, if I am an individual with a
1340 qualifying disability, I have signed this initiative petition by directing the signature gatherer to
1341 enter the initials "AV" as my signature;

1342 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the
1343 petition;

1344 I have personally [~~reviewed~~] read the entire statement included with this packet;

1345 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

1346 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name."

1347 (b) If the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement shall appear, in at
1348 least 14-point, bold type, immediately following the information described in Subsection
1349 (2)(a):

1350 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax
1351 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent
1352 increase in the current tax rate."

1353 (c) The sponsors of an initiative or an agent of the sponsors shall attach a copy of the
1354 proposed law to each initiative petition.

1355 (3) Each initiative signature sheet shall:

1356 (a) be printed on sheets of paper 8-1/2 inches long and 11 inches wide;

1357 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line three-fourths inch from the top, with the space above
1358 that line blank for the purpose of binding;

1359 (c) include the title of the initiative printed below the horizontal line, in at least
1360 14-point, bold type;

1361 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the initiative, and beginning .5 inch
1362 from the left side of the paper, as follows:

1363 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;

1364 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For
1365 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;

1366 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;

1367 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;

1368 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;

1369 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
1370 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point type;

1371 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;

1372 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
1373 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;

1374 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;

1375 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;

1376 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
1377 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;

1378 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;

1379 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
1380 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;

1381 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;

1382 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;

1383 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
1384 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;

1385 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;

1386 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
1387 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;

1388 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and

1389 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
1390 and contain the following words "By signing this initiative petition, you are stating that you
1391 have read ~~and understand~~ the law proposed by this initiative petition." in 12-point type;

1392 (e) the table described in Subsection (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at
1393 the bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (3)(f); and

1394 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include in the following order:

1395 (i) the words "Fiscal and legal impact of" followed by the title of the initiative, in at
1396 least 12-point, bold type;

1397 (ii) the summary statement in the initial fiscal impact and legal statement issued by the
1398 budget officer in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-502.5(2)(b) and the cost estimate for
1399 printing and distributing information related to the initiative petition in accordance with
1400 Subsection 20A-7-502.5(3), in not less than 12-point, bold type;

1401 (iii) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement in 12-point, bold
1402 type:

1403 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax
1404 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent
1405 increase in the current tax rate."; and

1406 (iv) the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type, followed by the following statement in
1407 not less than eight-point type:

1408 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name
1409 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
1410 once for the same initiative petition, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows
1411 that the individual is not a registered voter.

1412 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity
1413 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be
1414 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified
1415 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."

1416 (4) The final page of each initiative packet shall contain the following printed or typed
1417 statement:

1418 "Verification of signature collector

1419 State of Utah, County of ____

1420 I, _____, of _____, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

1421 I am a resident of Utah and am at least 18 years old;

1422 All the names that appear in this packet were signed by individuals who professed to be

1423 the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed the individual's
1424 name on it in my presence or, in the case of an individual with a qualifying disability, I have
1425 signed this initiative petition on the individual's behalf, at the direction of the individual and in
1426 the individual's presence, by entering the initials "AV" as the individual's signature;

1427 I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law proposed by
1428 the initiative;

1429 I believe that each [~~individual has printed and signed the~~] individual's name [~~and~~
1430 ~~written the individual's~~], post office address, and residence is written correctly, that each signer
1431 has read [~~and understands~~] the law proposed by the initiative, and that each signer is registered
1432 to vote in Utah.

1433 _____
1434 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)

1435 [~~Each individual who signed the packet wrote the~~] The correct date of signature appears
1436 next to [~~the~~] each individual's name.

1437 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this petition to
1438 encourage that individual to sign it.

1439 _____
1440 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)".

1441 (5) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the initiative
1442 petitions are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

1443 (6) An individual's status as a resident, under Subsection (4), is determined in
1444 accordance with Section [20A-2-105](#).

1445 Section 18. Section [20A-7-504](#) is amended to read:

1446 **20A-7-504. Manual initiative process -- Circulation requirements -- Local clerk to**
1447 **provide sponsors with materials.**

1448 (1) This section applies only to the manual initiative process.

1449 (2) In order to obtain the necessary number of signatures required by this part, the
1450 sponsors or an agent of the sponsors shall, after the sponsors receive the documents described
1451 in Subsections (3) and [20A-7-401.5\(4\)\(b\)](#), circulate initiative packets that meet the form
1452 requirements of this part.

1453 (3) Within five days after the day on which a county, city, town, metro township, or

1454 court determines, in accordance with Section [20A-7-502.7](#), that a law proposed in an initiative
1455 petition is legally referable to voters, the local clerk shall provide to the sponsors:

1456 (a) a copy of the initiative petition; [~~and~~]

1457 (b) a signature sheet[-]; and

1458 (c) a copy of the proposition information pamphlet provided to the sponsors under
1459 Subsection [20A-7-401.5\(4\)\(b\)](#).

1460 (4) The sponsors of the initiative shall:

1461 (a) arrange and pay for the printing of all documents that are part of the initiative
1462 packets; and

1463 (b) ensure that the initiative packets and the documents described in Subsection (4)(a)
1464 meet the requirements of this part.

1465 (5) (a) The sponsors or an agent of the sponsors may prepare the initiative packets for
1466 circulation by creating multiple initiative packets.

1467 (b) The sponsors or an agent of the sponsors shall create initiative packets by binding a
1468 copy of the initiative petition with the text of the proposed law and no more than 50 signature
1469 sheets together at the top in a manner that the initiative packets may be conveniently opened for
1470 signing.

1471 (c) An initiative packet is not required to have a uniform number of signature sheets.

1472 (d) The sponsors or an agent of the sponsors shall include, with each initiative packet, a
1473 copy of the proposition information pamphlet provided to the sponsors under Subsection
1474 [20A-7-401.5\(4\)\(b\)](#).

1475 (6) (a) The sponsors or an agent of the sponsors shall, before gathering signatures:

1476 (i) contact the county clerk to receive a range of numbers that the sponsors may use to
1477 number initiative packets; and

1478 (ii) number each initiative packet, sequentially, within the range of numbers provided
1479 by the county clerk, starting with the lowest number in the range.

1480 (b) The sponsors or an agent of the sponsors may not:

1481 (i) number an initiative packet in a manner not directed by the county clerk; or

1482 (ii) circulate or submit an initiative packet that is not numbered in the manner directed
1483 by the county clerk.

1484 (c) The county clerk shall keep a record of the number range provided under

1485 Subsection (6)(a).

1486 Section 19. Section **20A-7-508** is amended to read:

1487 **20A-7-508. Short title and summary of initiative -- Duties of local clerk and local**
1488 **attorney.**

1489 (1) Upon receipt of an initiative petition, the local clerk shall deliver a copy of the
1490 initiative petition and the proposed law to the local attorney.

1491 (2) The local attorney shall:

1492 (a) entitle each county or municipal initiative that has qualified for the ballot

1493 "Proposition Number ___" and give it a number as assigned under Section [20A-6-107](#);

1494 (b) prepare for each initiative:

1495 (i) an impartial short title, not exceeding 25 words, that generally describes the subject
1496 of the initiative; and

1497 (ii) an impartial summary of the contents of the initiative, not exceeding 125 words;

1498 (c) file the proposed short title, summary, and the numbered initiative titles with the

1499 local clerk within 20 days after the day on which an eligible voter submits the initiative petition
1500 to the local clerk; and

1501 (d) promptly provide notice of the filing of the proposed short title and summary to:

1502 (i) the sponsors of the initiative; and

1503 (ii) the local legislative body for the jurisdiction where the initiative petition was
1504 circulated.

1505 (3) (a) The short title and summary may be distinct from the title of the proposed law.

1506 (b) In preparing a short title, the local attorney shall, to the best of the local attorney's
1507 ability, give a true and impartial description of the subject of the initiative.

1508 (c) In preparing a summary, the local attorney shall, to the best of the local attorney's
1509 ability, give a true and impartial summary of the contents of the initiative.

1510 (d) The short title and summary may not intentionally be an argument, or likely to
1511 create prejudice, for or against the initiative.

1512 (e) If the initiative proposes a tax increase, the local attorney shall include the
1513 following statement, in bold, in the summary:

1514 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax
1515 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent

1516 increase in the current tax rate."

1517 (4) (a) Within five calendar days after the date the local attorney files a proposed short
1518 title and summary under Subsection (2)(c), the local legislative body for the jurisdiction where
1519 the initiative petition was circulated and the sponsors of the initiative may file written
1520 comments in response to the proposed short title and summary with the local clerk.

1521 (b) Within five calendar days after the last date to submit written comments under
1522 Subsection (4)(a), the local attorney shall:

1523 (i) review any written comments filed in accordance with Subsection (4)(a);

1524 (ii) prepare a final short title and summary that meets the requirements of Subsection
1525 (3); and

1526 (iii) return the initiative petition and file the short title and summary with the local
1527 clerk.

1528 (c) Subject to Subsection (6), for each county or municipal initiative, the following
1529 shall be printed on the official ballot:

1530 (i) the short title; and

1531 (ii) except as provided in Subsection (4)(d):

1532 (A) the summary;

1533 (B) a copy of the proposed law; and

1534 (C) a link to a location on the election officer's website where a voter may review
1535 additional information relating to each initiative, including the information described in
1536 Subsection [20A-7-502\(2\)](#), the initial fiscal impact and legal statement described in Section
1537 [20A-7-502.5](#), as updated, and the arguments relating to the initiative that are included in the
1538 local voter information pamphlet.

1539 (d) Unless the information described in Subsection (4)(c)(ii) is printed on the official
1540 ballot, the election officer shall include with the ballot a separate ballot proposition insert that
1541 includes the short title and summary for each initiative on the ballot and a link to a location on
1542 the election officer's website where a voter may review the additional information described in
1543 Subsection (4)(c)(ii)(C).

1544 (e) Unless the information described in Subsection (4)(c)(ii) for all initiatives on the
1545 ballot, and the information described in Subsection [20A-7-608\(4\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#) for all referenda on the
1546 ballot, is printed on the ballot, the ballot shall include the following statement at the beginning

1547 of the portion of the ballot that includes ballot measures, "The ballot proposition sheet included
1548 with this ballot contains an impartial summary of each initiative and referendum on this ballot,
1549 unless the summary is printed directly on the ballot."

1550 (5) Immediately after the local attorney files a copy of the short title and summary with
1551 the local clerk, the local clerk shall [~~serve~~] send a copy of the short title and summary [~~by mail~~
1552 ~~upon~~] to the sponsors of the initiative and the local legislative body for the jurisdiction where
1553 the initiative petition was circulated.

1554 (6) (a) If the short title or summary furnished by the local attorney is unsatisfactory or
1555 does not comply with the requirements of this section, the decision of the local attorney may be
1556 appealed to the appropriate court by:

1557 (i) at least three sponsors of the initiative; or

1558 (ii) a majority of the local legislative body for the jurisdiction where the initiative
1559 petition was circulated.

1560 (b) The court:

1561 (i) shall examine the short title and summary and consider arguments; and

1562 (ii) enter an order consistent with the requirements of this section.

1563 (c) The local clerk shall include the short title and summary in the ballot or ballot
1564 proposition insert, as required by this section.

1565 Section 20. Section **20A-7-514** is amended to read:

1566 **20A-7-514. Electronic initiative process -- Form of initiative petition --**

1567 **Circulation requirements -- Signature collection.**

1568 (1) This section applies only to the electronic initiative process.

1569 (2) (a) The first screen presented on the approved device shall include the following
1570 statement:

1571 "This INITIATIVE PETITION is addressed to the Honorable ____, County Clerk/City
1572 Recorder/Town Clerk:

1573 The citizens of Utah who sign this petition respectfully demand that the following
1574 proposed law be submitted to: the legislative body for its approval or rejection at its next
1575 meeting; and the legal voters of the county/city/town, if the legislative body rejects the
1576 proposed law or takes no action on it."

1577 (b) An individual may not advance to the second screen until the individual clicks a

1578 link at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read [~~and~~
1579 ~~understand~~] the information presented on this screen."

1580 (3) (a) The second screen presented on the approved device shall include the title of
1581 proposed law, described in Subsection [20A-7-502\(2\)\(d\)\(i\)](#), followed by the entire text of the
1582 proposed law.

1583 (b) An individual may not advance to the third screen until the individual clicks a link
1584 at the bottom of the second screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read [~~and~~
1585 ~~understand~~] the entire text of the proposed law."

1586 (4) Subsequent screens shall be presented on the device in the following order, with the
1587 individual viewing the device being required, before advancing to the next screen, to click a
1588 link at the bottom of the screen with the following statement, "By clicking here, I attest that I
1589 have read [~~and understand~~] the information presented on this screen.":

1590 (a) (i) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement, "This initiative
1591 seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax percentage difference)
1592 percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent increase in the current tax
1593 rate."; or

1594 (ii) if the initiative does not propose a tax increase, the following statement, "This
1595 initiative does not propose a tax increase.";

1596 (b) the summary statement from the initial fiscal impact and legal statement issued by
1597 the budget officer in accordance with Subsection [20A-7-502.5\(2\)\(b\)](#) and the cost estimate for
1598 printing and distributing information related to the initiative petition in accordance with
1599 Subsection [20A-7-502.5\(3\)](#);

1600 (c) a statement indicating whether persons gathering signatures for the initiative
1601 petition may be paid for gathering signatures; and

1602 (d) the following statement, followed by links where the individual may click "yes" or
1603 "no":

1604 "I have personally [~~reviewed~~] read the entirety of each statement presented on this
1605 device;

1606 I am personally signing this petition;

1607 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

1608 All information I enter on this device, including my residence and post office address, is

1609 accurate.

1610 It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name
1611 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
1612 once for the same initiative petition, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows
1613 that the individual is not a registered voter.

1614 WARNING

1615 Even if your voter registration record is classified as private, your name, voter
1616 identification number, and date of signature in relation to signing this initiative petition will be
1617 made public.

1618 Do you wish to continue and sign this initiative petition?"

1619 (5) (a) If the individual clicks "no" in response to the question described in Subsection
1620 (4)(d), the next screen shall include the following statement, "Thank you for your time. Please
1621 return this device to the signature-gatherer."

1622 (b) If the individual clicks "yes" in response to the question described in Subsection
1623 (4)(d), the website, or the application that accesses the website, shall take the signature-gatherer
1624 and the individual signing the petition through the signature process described in Section
1625 [20A-21-201](#).

1626 Section 21. Section [20A-7-515](#) is amended to read:

1627 **[20A-7-515. Electronic initiative process -- Obtaining signatures -- Request to](#)**
1628 **remove signature.**

1629 (1) This section applies to the electronic initiative process.

1630 (2) A Utah voter may sign a local initiative petition if the voter is a legal voter and
1631 resides in the local jurisdiction.

1632 (3) The sponsors shall ensure that the signature-gatherer who collects a signature from
1633 an individual:

1634 (a) verifies that the individual is at least 18 years old and meets the residency
1635 requirements of Section [20A-2-105](#); and

1636 (b) is informed that each signer is required to read [~~and understand~~] the law proposed
1637 by the initiative.

1638 (4) (a) A voter who signs an initiative petition may have the voter's signature removed
1639 from the initiative petition by, in accordance with Section [20A-1-1003](#), submitting to the

1640 county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed before 5 p.m. no later
1641 than the earlier of:

1642 (i) 30 days after the day on which the voter signs the signature removal statement;

1643 (ii) 90 days after the day on which the local clerk posts the voter's name under

1644 Subsection [20A-7-516\(4\)](#);

1645 (iii) 316 days after the day on which the initiative application is filed; or

1646 (iv) (A) for a county initiative, April 15 immediately before the next regular general
1647 election immediately after the initiative application is filed under Section [20A-7-502](#); or

1648 (B) for a municipal initiative, April 15 immediately before the next municipal general
1649 election immediately after the initiative application is filed under Section [20A-7-502](#).

1650 ~~[(b) The statement described in Subsection (4)(a) shall include:]~~

1651 ~~[(i) the name of the voter;]~~

1652 ~~[(ii) the resident address at which the voter is registered to vote;]~~

1653 ~~[(iii) the signature of the voter; and]~~

1654 ~~[(iv) the date of the signature described in Subsection (4)(b)(iii).]~~

1655 ~~[(c) To increase the likelihood of the voter's signature being identified and removed;~~
1656 ~~the statement described in Subsection (4)(a) may include the voter's birth date or age.]~~

1657 ~~[(d)]~~ (b) A voter may not submit a signature removal statement described in Subsection
1658 (4)(a) by email or other electronic means, unless the lieutenant governor establishes a signature
1659 removal process that is consistent with the requirements of this section and Section
1660 [20A-21-201](#).

1661 ~~[(e)]~~ (c) A person may only remove an electronic signature from an initiative petition
1662 in accordance with this section.

1663 ~~[(f)]~~ (d) A county clerk shall analyze a holographic signature, for purposes of removing
1664 an electronic signature from an initiative petition, in accordance with Subsection
1665 [20A-1-1003\(3\)](#).

1666 Section 22. Section [20A-7-602.5](#) is amended to read:

1667 **[20A-7-602.5. Initial fiscal and legal impact statement -- Preparation of statement.](#)**

1668 (1) Within three business days after the day on which the local clerk receives a
1669 referendum application, the local clerk shall submit a copy of the referendum application to the
1670 county, city, or town's budget officer.

1671 (2) (a) The budget officer, together with legal counsel, shall prepare an unbiased, good
1672 faith initial fiscal and legal impact statement for repealing the law the referendum proposes to
1673 repeal that contains:

1674 (i) a dollar amount representing the total estimated fiscal impact of repealing the law;

1675 (ii) if repealing the law would increase or decrease taxes, a dollar amount representing
1676 the total estimated increase or decrease for each type of tax that would be impacted by the law's
1677 repeal and a dollar amount representing the total estimated increase or decrease in taxes that
1678 would result from the law's repeal;

1679 (iii) if repealing the law would result in the issuance or a change in the status of bonds,
1680 notes, or other debt instruments, a dollar amount representing the total estimated increase or
1681 decrease in public debt that would result;

1682 (iv) a listing of all sources of funding for the estimated costs that would be associated
1683 with the law's repeal, showing each source of funding and the percentage of total funding that
1684 would be provided from each source;

1685 (v) a dollar amount representing the estimated costs or savings, if any, to state and
1686 local government entities if the law were repealed;

1687 (vi) the legal impacts that would result from repealing the law, including:

1688 (A) any significant effects on a person's vested property rights;

1689 (B) any significant effects on other laws or ordinances;

1690 (C) any significant legal liability the city, county, or town may incur; and

1691 (D) any other significant legal impact as determined by the budget officer and the legal
1692 counsel; and

1693 (vii) a concise explanation, not exceeding 100 words, of the information described in
1694 this Subsection (2)(a) and of the estimated fiscal impact, if any, if the law were repealed.

1695 (b) (i) If repealing the law would have no fiscal impact, the local budget officer shall
1696 include a summary statement in the initial fiscal impact and legal statement in substantially the
1697 following form:

1698 "The (title of the local budget officer) estimates that repealing the law this referendum
1699 proposes to repeal would have no significant fiscal impact and would not result in either an
1700 increase or decrease in taxes or debt."

1701 (ii) If repealing the law is estimated to have a fiscal impact, the local budget officer

1702 shall include a summary statement in the initial fiscal and legal impact statement describing the
1703 fiscal impact.

1704 (iii) If the estimated fiscal impact of repealing the law is highly variable or is otherwise
1705 difficult to reasonably express in a summary statement, the local budget officer may include in
1706 the summary statement a brief explanation that identifies those factors impacting the variability
1707 or difficulty of the estimate.

1708 (3) Within 20 calendar days after the day on which the local clerk submits a copy of the
1709 application under Subsection (1), the budget officer shall:

1710 (a) [~~deliver~~] send a copy of the initial fiscal impact and legal statement to the local
1711 clerk's office; and

1712 (b) [~~mail~~] send a copy of the initial fiscal impact and legal statement to the first three
1713 sponsors named in the referendum application.

1714 Section 23. Section **20A-7-603** is amended to read:

1715 **20A-7-603. Manual referendum process -- Form of referendum petition and**
1716 **signature sheet.**

1717 (1) This section applies only to the manual referendum process.

1718 (2) (a) Each proposed referendum petition shall be printed in substantially the
1719 following form:

1720 "REFERENDUM PETITION To the Honorable ____, County Clerk/City
1721 Recorder/Town Clerk:

1722 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully order that (description of local law or
1723 portion of local law being challenged), passed by the ____ be referred to the voters for their
1724 approval or rejection at the regular/municipal general election to be held on
1725 _____(month\day\year);

1726 Each signer says:

1727 I have personally signed this referendum petition or, if I am an individual with a
1728 qualifying disability, I have signed this referendum petition by directing the signature gatherer
1729 to enter the initials "AV" as my signature;

1730 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the
1731 petition;

1732 I have personally [~~reviewed~~] read the entire statement included with this packet;

- 1733 I am registered to vote in Utah; and
1734 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name."
1735 (b) The sponsors of a referendum or an agent of the sponsors shall attach a copy of the
1736 law that is the subject of the referendum to each referendum petition.
1737 (3) Each referendum signature sheet shall:
1738 (a) be printed on sheets of paper 8-1/2 inches long and 11 inches wide;
1739 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line three-fourths inch from the top, with the space above
1740 that line blank for the purpose of binding;
1741 (c) include the title of the referendum printed below the horizontal line, in at least
1742 14-point type;
1743 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the referendum, and beginning .5 inch
1744 from the left side of the paper, as follows:
1745 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;
1746 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For
1747 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;
1748 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;
1749 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;
1750 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
1751 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
1752 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point type;
1753 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
1754 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
1755 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;
1756 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
1757 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
1758 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
1759 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;
1760 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
1761 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
1762 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;
1763 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;

1764 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;

1765 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
1766 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;

1767 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;

1768 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
1769 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;

1770 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and

1771 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
1772 and contain the following words, "By signing this referendum petition, you are stating that you
1773 have read [~~and understand~~] the law that this referendum petition seeks to overturn." in 12-point
1774 type;

1775 (e) the table described in Subsection (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at
1776 the bottom of the sheet or the information described in Subsection (3)(f); and

1777 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type,
1778 followed by the following statement in not less than eight-point type:

1779 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name
1780 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
1781 once for the same referendum petition, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual
1782 knows that the individual is not a registered voter.

1783 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity
1784 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be
1785 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified
1786 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."

1787 (4) The final page of each referendum packet shall contain the following printed or
1788 typed statement:

1789 "Verification of signature collector

1790 State of Utah, County of _____

1791 I, _____, of _____, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

1792 I am a resident of Utah and am at least 18 years old;

1793 All the names that appear in this packet were signed by individuals who professed to be
1794 the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed the individual's

1795 name on it in my presence or, in the case of an individual with a qualifying disability, I have
1796 signed this referendum petition on the individual's behalf, at the direction of the individual and
1797 in the individual's presence, by entering the initials "AV" as the individual's signature;

1798 I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law this petition
1799 seeks to overturn;

1800 I believe that each [~~individual has printed and signed the~~] individual's name [~~and~~
1801 ~~written the individual's~~], post office address, and residence is written correctly, that each signer
1802 has read [~~and understands~~] the law that the referendum seeks to overturn, and that each signer
1803 is registered to vote in Utah.

1804 _____
1805 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)

1806 [~~Each individual who signed the packet wrote the~~] The correct date of signature
1807 appears next to [~~the~~] each individual's name.

1808 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this referendum
1809 packet to encourage that individual to sign it.

1810 _____
1811 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)".

1812 (5) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the referendum
1813 petitions are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

1814 (6) An individual's status as a resident, under Subsection (4), is determined in
1815 accordance with Section [20A-2-105](#).

1816 Section 24. Section **20A-7-604** is amended to read:

1817 **20A-7-604. Manual referendum process -- Circulation requirements -- Local**
1818 **clerk to provide sponsors with materials.**

1819 (1) This section applies only to the manual referendum process.

1820 (2) In order to obtain the necessary number of signatures required by this part, the
1821 sponsors or an agent of the sponsors shall, after the sponsors receive the documents described
1822 in Subsections (3) and [20A-7-401.5\(4\)\(b\)](#), circulate referendum packets that meet the form
1823 requirements of this part.

1824 (3) Within five days after the day on which a county, city, town, metro township, or
1825 court determines, in accordance with Section [20A-7-602.7](#), that a proposed referendum is

1826 legally referable to voters, the local clerk shall provide the sponsors with [~~a copy of the~~
1827 ~~referendum petition and a signature sheet.~~];

1828 (a) a copy of the referendum petition;

1829 (b) a signature sheet; and

1830 (c) a copy of the proposition information pamphlet provided to the sponsors under
1831 Subsection [20A-7-401.5\(4\)\(b\)](#).

1832 (4) The sponsors of the referendum petition shall:

1833 (a) arrange and pay for the printing of all documents that are part of the referendum
1834 packets; and

1835 (b) ensure that the referendum packets and the documents described in Subsection
1836 (4)(a) meet the form requirements of this section.

1837 (5) (a) The sponsors or an agent of the sponsors may prepare the referendum packets
1838 for circulation by creating multiple referendum packets.

1839 (b) The sponsors or an agent of the sponsors shall create referendum packets by
1840 binding a copy of the referendum petition with the text of the law that is the subject of the
1841 referendum and no more than 50 signature sheets together at the top in a manner that the
1842 referendum packets may be conveniently opened for signing.

1843 (c) A referendum packet is not required to have a uniform number of signature sheets.

1844 (d) The sponsors or an agent of the sponsors shall include, with each packet, a copy of
1845 the proposition information pamphlet provided to the sponsors under Subsection
1846 [20A-7-401.5\(4\)\(b\)](#).

1847 (6) (a) The sponsors or an agent of the sponsors shall, before gathering signatures:

1848 (i) contact the county clerk to receive a range of numbers that the sponsors may use to
1849 number referendum packets;

1850 (ii) sign an agreement with the local clerk, specifying the range of numbers that the
1851 sponsor will use to number the referendum packets; and

1852 (iii) number each referendum packet, sequentially, within the range of numbers
1853 provided by the county clerk, starting with the lowest number in the range.

1854 (b) The sponsors or an agent of the sponsors may not:

1855 (i) number a referendum packet in a manner not directed by the county clerk; or

1856 (ii) circulate or submit a referendum packet that is not numbered in the manner

1857 directed by the county clerk.

1858 Section 25. Section **20A-7-608** is amended to read:

1859 **20A-7-608. Short title and summary of referendum -- Duties of local clerk and**
1860 **local attorney.**

1861 (1) Upon receipt of a referendum petition, the local clerk shall deliver a copy of the
1862 referendum petition and the law to which the referendum relates to the local attorney.

1863 (2) The local attorney shall:

1864 (a) entitle each county or municipal referendum that qualifies for the ballot
1865 "Proposition Number ___" and give the referendum a number assigned in accordance with
1866 Section [20A-6-107](#);

1867 (b) prepare for the referendum:

1868 (i) an impartial short title, not exceeding 25 words, that generally describes the subject
1869 of the law to which the referendum relates; and

1870 (ii) an impartial summary of the contents of the law to which the referendum relates,
1871 not exceeding 125 words;

1872 (c) file the proposed short title, summary, and the numbered referendum title with the
1873 local clerk within 20 days after the day on which an eligible voter submits the referendum
1874 petition to the local clerk; and

1875 (d) promptly provide notice of the filing of the proposed short title and summary to:

1876 (i) the sponsors of the petition; and

1877 (ii) the local legislative body for the jurisdiction where the referendum petition was
1878 circulated.

1879 (3) (a) The short title and summary may be distinct from the title of the law that is the
1880 subject of the referendum petition.

1881 (b) In preparing a short title, the local attorney shall, to the best of the local attorney's
1882 ability, give a true and impartial description of the subject of the referendum.

1883 (c) In preparing a summary, the local attorney shall, to the best of the local attorney's
1884 ability, give a true and impartial summary of the contents of the referendum.

1885 (d) The short title and summary may not intentionally be an argument, or likely to
1886 create prejudice, for or against the referendum.

1887 (4) (a) Within five calendar days after the day on which the local attorney files a

1888 proposed short title and summary under Subsection (2)(c), the local legislative body for the
1889 jurisdiction where the referendum petition was circulated and the sponsors of the referendum
1890 petition may file written comments in response to the proposed short title and summary with
1891 the local clerk.

1892 (b) Within five calendar days after the last date to submit written comments under
1893 Subsection (4)(a), the local attorney shall:

1894 (i) review any written comments filed in accordance with Subsection (4)(a);

1895 (ii) prepare a final short title and summary that meets the requirements of Subsection
1896 (3); and

1897 (iii) return the referendum petition and file the short title and summary with the local
1898 clerk.

1899 (c) Subject to Subsection (6), for each county or municipal referendum, the following
1900 shall be printed on the official ballot:

1901 (i) the short title; and

1902 (ii) except as provided in Subsection (4)(d):

1903 (A) the summary;

1904 (B) a copy of the ordinance, resolution, or written description of the local law; and

1905 (C) a link to a location on the election officer's website where a voter may review
1906 additional information relating to each referendum, including the information described in
1907 Subsection [20A-7-602\(2\)](#) and the arguments relating to the referendum that are included in the
1908 local voter information pamphlet.

1909 (d) Unless the information described in Subsection (4)(c)(ii) is printed on the official
1910 ballot, the election officer shall include with the ballot a separate ballot proposition insert that
1911 includes the short title and summary for each referendum on the ballot and a link to a location
1912 on the election officer's website where a voter may review the additional information described
1913 in Subsection (4)(c)(ii)(C).

1914 (e) Unless the information described in Subsection [20A-7-508\(4\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#) for all
1915 initiatives on the ballot, and the information described in Subsection (4)(c)(ii) for all referenda
1916 on the ballot, is printed on the ballot, the ballot shall include the following statement at the
1917 beginning of the portion of the ballot that includes ballot measures, "The ballot proposition
1918 sheet included with this ballot contains an impartial summary of each initiative and referendum

1919 on this ballot, unless the summary is printed directly on the ballot."

1920 (5) Immediately after the local attorney files a copy of the short title and summary with
 1921 the local clerk, the local clerk shall [~~serve~~] send a copy of the short title and summary [~~by mail~~
 1922 ~~upon~~] to the sponsors of the referendum petition and the local legislative body for the
 1923 jurisdiction where the referendum petition was circulated.

1924 (6) (a) If the short title or summary provided by the local attorney is unsatisfactory or
 1925 does not comply with the requirements of this section, the decision of the local attorney may be
 1926 appealed to the appropriate court by:

1927 (i) at least three sponsors of the referendum petition; or

1928 (ii) a majority of the local legislative body for the jurisdiction where the referendum
 1929 petition was circulated.

1930 (b) The court:

1931 (i) shall examine the short title and summary and consider the arguments; and

1932 (ii) enter an order consistent with the requirements of this section.

1933 (c) The local clerk shall include the short title and summary in the ballot or ballot
 1934 proposition insert, as required by this section.

1935 Section 26. Section **20A-7-614** is amended to read:

1936 **20A-7-614. Electronic referendum process -- Form of referendum petition --**
 1937 **Circulation requirements -- Signature collection.**

1938 (1) This section applies only to the electronic referendum process.

1939 (2) (a) The first screen presented on the approved device shall include the following
 1940 statement:

1941 "This REFERENDUM PETITION is addressed to the Honorable _____, County
 1942 Clerk/City Recorder/Town Clerk:

1943 The citizens of Utah who sign this petition respectfully order that (description of local
 1944 law or portion of local law being challenged), passed by the _____ be referred to the voters for
 1945 their approval or rejection at the regular/municipal general election to be held on
 1946 _____ (month\day\year)."

1947 (b) An individual may not advance to the second screen until the individual clicks a
 1948 link at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read [~~and~~
 1949 ~~understand~~] the information presented on this screen."

1950 (3) (a) The second screen presented on the approved device shall include the entire text
1951 of the law that is the subject of the referendum petition.

1952 (b) An individual may not advance to the third screen until the individual clicks a link
1953 at the bottom of the second screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read [~~and~~
1954 ~~understand~~] the entire text of the law that is the subject of the referendum petition."

1955 (4) (a) The third screen presented on the approved device shall include a statement
1956 indicating whether persons gathering signatures for the referendum petition may be paid for
1957 gathering signatures.

1958 (b) An individual may not advance to the fourth screen until the individual clicks a link
1959 at the bottom of the third screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read [~~and~~
1960 ~~understand~~] the information presented on this screen."

1961 (5) The fourth screen presented on the approved device shall include the following
1962 statement, followed by links where the individual may click "yes" or "no":

1963 "I have personally [~~reviewed~~] read the entirety of each statement presented on this
1964 device;

1965 I am personally signing this referendum petition;

1966 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

1967 All information I enter on this device, including my residence and post office address, is
1968 accurate.

1969 It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name
1970 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
1971 once for the same referendum petition, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual
1972 knows that the individual is not a registered voter.

1973 Do you wish to continue and sign this referendum petition?"

1974 (6) (a) If the individual clicks "no" in response to the question described in Subsection
1975 (5), the next screen shall include the following statement, "Thank you for your time. Please
1976 return this device to the signature-gatherer."

1977 (b) If the individual clicks "yes" in response to the question described in Subsection
1978 (5), the website, or the application that accesses the website, shall take the signature-gatherer
1979 and the individual signing the referendum petition through the signature process described in
1980 Section [20A-21-201](#).

1981 Section 27. Section **20A-7-615** is amended to read:

1982 **20A-7-615. Electronic referendum process -- Obtaining signatures -- Request to**
1983 **remove signature.**

1984 (1) This section applies to the electronic referendum process described in Section
1985 [20A-21-201](#).

1986 (2) A Utah voter may sign a local referendum petition if the voter is a legal voter and
1987 resides in the local jurisdiction.

1988 (3) The sponsors shall ensure that the signature-gatherer who collects a signature from
1989 an individual:

1990 (a) verifies that the individual is at least 18 years old and meets the residency
1991 requirements of Section [20A-2-105](#); and

1992 (b) is informed that each signer is required to read [~~and understand~~] the law that is the
1993 subject of the referendum petition.

1994 (4) (a) A voter who signs a referendum petition may have the voter's signature removed
1995 from the referendum petition by, in accordance with Section [20A-1-1003](#), submitting to the
1996 county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed before 5 p.m. no later
1997 than the earlier of:

1998 (i) 30 days after the day on which the voter signs the statement requesting removal; or

1999 (ii) 45 days after the day on which the local clerk posts the voter's name under
2000 Subsection [20A-7-616\(3\)](#).

2001 [~~(b) The statement described in Subsection (4)(a) shall include:~~]

2002 [~~(i) the name of the voter;~~]

2003 [~~(ii) the resident address at which the voter is registered to vote;~~]

2004 [~~(iii) the signature of the voter; and~~]

2005 [~~(iv) the date of the signature described in Subsection (4)(b)(iii).]~~]

2006 [~~(c) To increase the likelihood of the voter's signature being identified and removed,~~
2007 ~~the statement described in Subsection (4)(a) may include the voter's birth date or age.]~~

2008 [~~(d)~~] (b) A voter may not submit a signature removal statement described in Subsection
2009 (4)(a) by email or other electronic means, unless the lieutenant governor establishes a signature
2010 removal process that is consistent with the requirements of this section and Section
2011 [20A-21-201](#).

2012 [~~e~~] (c) A person may only remove an electronic signature from a referendum petition
2013 in accordance with this section.

2014 [~~f~~] (d) A county clerk shall analyze a holographic signature, for purposes of removing
2015 an electronic signature from a referendum petition, in accordance with Subsection
2016 [20A-1-1003](#)(3).

2017 Section 28. **Effective date.**

2018 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.