

Representative Jordan D. Teuscher proposes the following substitute bill:

INITIATIVE AND REFERENDA MODIFICATIONS

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jordan D. Teuscher

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions of the Election Code relating to statewide and local initiatives and referenda.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ imposes requirements on signature gatherers and provides penalties for violation of those requirements;
- ▶ modifies the form for signature sheets and the verification of signature packets;
- ▶ requires the sponsors of an initiative to:
 - send certain information via email to an individual who signs a petition if the individual provides an email address; and
 - sign a verification that the sponsor complied with the email requirement;
- ▶ removes the requirement to include a copy of the initiative or referendum in a signature packet and, instead, requires a signature gatherer to, before collecting a signature, present to the individual a printed or digital copy of the initiative or referendum and wait for the individual to read the initiative or referendum;
- ▶ requires the lieutenant governor or a local clerk to post certain information on the lieutenant governor's or clerk's website regarding an initiative or referendum; and



26 ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

27 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

28 None

29 **Other Special Clauses:**

30 None

31 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

32 AMENDS:

33 **20A-1-609**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 31

34 **20A-7-203**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Fifth Special Session, Chapter 20

35 **20A-7-204**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 291

36 **20A-7-206**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapters 166 and 349

37 **20A-7-303**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 210

38 **20A-7-304**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1995, Chapter 153

39 **20A-7-306**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 166

40 **20A-7-503**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 291

41 **20A-7-504**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 203

42 **20A-7-506**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapters 203 and 255

43 **20A-7-603**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 203

44 **20A-7-604**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 203

45 **20A-7-606**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 255

46 ENACTS:

47 **20A-7-104**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

48 **20A-7-202.7**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

49 **20A-7-304.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

50 **20A-7-502.6**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

51 **20A-7-604.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

54 Section 1. Section **20A-1-609** is amended to read:

55 **20A-1-609. Omnibus penalties.**

56 (1) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), a person who violates any provision of

57 this title is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

58 (b) Subsection (1)(a) does not apply to a provision of this title for which another
59 penalty is expressly stated.

60 (c) An individual is not guilty of a crime for, by signing a petition for an initiative or
61 referendum, falsely making the statement described in Subsection ~~20A-7-203(2)(e)(ii)(d)(xx)~~,
62 ~~20A-7-303(2)(h)(ii)(d)(xx)~~, ~~20A-7-503(2)(e)(d)(xx)~~, or ~~20A-7-603(2)(h)(d)(xx)~~.

63 (2) Except as provided by Section ~~20A-2-101.3~~ or ~~20A-2-101.5~~, an individual
64 convicted of any offense under this title may not:

65 (a) file a declaration of candidacy for any office or appear on the ballot as a candidate
66 for any office during the election cycle in which the violation occurred;

67 (b) take or hold the office to which the individual was elected; and

68 (c) receive the emoluments of the office to which the individual was elected.

69 (3) (a) Any individual convicted of any offense under this title forfeits the right to vote
70 at any election unless the right to vote is restored as provided in Section ~~20A-2-101.3~~ or
71 ~~20A-2-101.5~~.

72 (b) Any person may challenge the right to vote of a person described in Subsection
73 (3)(a) by following the procedures and requirements of Section ~~20A-3a-803~~.

74 Section 2. Section ~~20A-7-104~~ is enacted to read:

75 **20A-7-104. Signature gatherers -- Payments -- Badges -- Information --**
76 **Requirement to provide initiative or referendum for review.**

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

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

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

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

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

88 (b) the information on the badge shall be in 24-point type and include the following
89 information:

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

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

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

94 (ii) the title of the initiative or referendum; and

95 (iii) the words "Paid Signature Gatherer."

96 (5) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(b), an individual who gathers signatures under
97 this chapter shall provide a paper document to each individual who signs the petition that:

98 (a) is printed in black ink on white paper, white cardstock, or a white sticker, in at least
99 12-point type; and

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

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

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

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

108 (6) An individual who gathers signatures under this chapter:

109 (a) shall, before collecting a signature from an individual, present to the individual a
110 printed or digital copy of the initiative or referendum and wait for the individual to read the
111 initiative or referendum; and

112 (b) is not required to provide the document described in Subsection (5) if, after the
113 individual offers to provide the document, the individual who signs the petition declines to
114 accept the document.

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

116 Section 3. Section **20A-7-202.7** is enacted to read:

117 **20A-7-202.7. Posting initiative information.**

118 (1) Within one business day after the day on which the lieutenant governor receives the

119 initial fiscal impact statement under Subsection 20A-7-202.5(3)(a), the lieutenant governor
120 shall post the following information together in a conspicuous place on the lieutenant
121 governor's website:

- 122 (a) the initiative petition;
- 123 (b) the initiative;
- 124 (c) the fiscal impact statement; and
- 125 (d) information describing how an individual may remove the individual's signature
126 from the signature packet.

127 (2) The lieutenant governor shall:

- 128 (a) promptly update the information described in Subsection (1) if the information
129 changes; and
- 130 (b) maintain the information described in Subsection (1) on the lieutenant governor's
131 website until the initiative fails to qualify for the ballot or is passed or defeated at an election.

132 Section 4. Section 20A-7-203 is amended to read:

133 **20A-7-203. Form of initiative petition and signature sheets.**

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

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

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

140 Each signer says:

141 I have personally signed this petition;

142 I am registered to vote in Utah or intend to become registered to vote in Utah before the
143 certification of the petition names by the county clerk; and

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

145 NOTICE TO SIGNERS:

146 Public hearings to discuss this petition were held at: (list dates and locations of public
147 hearings.)".

148 (b) If the initiative petition proposes a tax increase, the following statement shall
149 appear, in at least 14-point, bold type, immediately following the information described in

150 Subsection (1)(a):

151 "This initiative petition seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert
152 the tax percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase)
153 percent increase in the current tax rate."

154 (c) The sponsors of an initiative shall attach a copy of the proposed law to each
155 initiative petition.

156 (2) Each signature sheet shall:

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

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

160 (c) ~~contain~~ include the title of the initiative printed below the horizontal line, in at
161 least 14-point, bold type;

162 ~~[(d) be vertically divided into columns as follows:]~~

163 ~~[(i) the edge of the first column shall appear .5 inch from the extreme left of the sheet,
164 be .25 inch wide, and be headed, together with the second column, "For Office Use Only";]~~

165 ~~[(ii) the second column shall be .25 inch wide;]~~

166 ~~[(iii) the third column shall be 2.5 inches wide, headed "Registered Voter's Printed
167 Name (must be legible to be counted)";]~~

168 ~~[(iv) the fourth column shall be 2.5 inches wide, headed "Signature of Registered
169 Voter";]~~

170 ~~[(v) the fifth column shall be .75 inch wide, headed "Date Signed";]~~

171 ~~[(vi) the sixth column shall be three inches wide, headed "Street Address, City, Zip
172 Code"; and]~~

173 ~~[(vii) the seventh column shall be .75 inch wide, headed "Birth Date or Age
174 (Optional)";]~~

175 ~~[(e) be horizontally divided into rows as follows:]~~

176 ~~[(i) the top of the first row, for the purpose of entering the information described in
177 Subsection (2)(d), shall be .5 inch high;]~~

178 ~~[(ii) the second row shall be .15 inch high and contain the following statement printed
179 or typed in not less than 12-point type:]~~

180 ~~["By signing this petition, you are stating that you have read and understand the law~~

181 proposed by this petition."; and]

182 ~~[(iii) the first and second rows shall be repeated, in order, leaving sufficient room at the~~
183 ~~bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (2)(f); and]~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

199 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words

200 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;

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

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

203 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;

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

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

206 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words

207 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;

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

209 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words

210 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;

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

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

215 (e) the table described in Subsection (2)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at
 216 the bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (2)(f); and

217 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, [~~contain~~] include in the following order:

218 (i) the words "Fiscal Impact of" followed by the title of the initiative, in at least
 219 [~~14-point~~] 12-point, bold type;

220 (ii) except as provided in Subsection (4), the initial fiscal impact estimate's summary
 221 statement issued by the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst in accordance with Subsection
 222 20A-7-202.5(2)(a), including any update in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-204.1(5), in not
 223 less than 12-point[~~, bold~~] type;

224 (iii) if the initiative petition proposes a tax increase, the following statement in
 225 12-point, bold type:

226 "This initiative petition seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert
 227 the tax percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase)
 228 percent increase in the current tax rate."; and

229 [~~(iii)~~] (iv) the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type, followed by the following
 230 statement in not less than eight-point type:

231 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name
 232 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
 233 once for the same measure, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows that the
 234 individual is not a registered voter and knows that the individual does not intend to become
 235 registered to vote before the certification of the petition names by the county clerk.[~~"(iv) the~~
 236 following statement:"]

237 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity
 238 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be
 239 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified
 240 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."[~~; and~~]

241 [~~(v) if the initiative petition proposes a tax increase, spanning the bottom of the sheet,~~
 242 ~~horizontally, in not less than 14-point, bold type, the following statement:]~~

243 ~~["This initiative petition seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert~~
244 ~~the tax percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase)~~
245 ~~percent increase in the current tax rate."]~~

246 (3) The final page of each initiative packet shall contain the following printed or typed
247 statement:

248 [¶]Verification of signature collector

249 State of Utah, County of _____

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

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

252 All the names that appear in this packet were signed by individuals who professed to be
253 the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed the individual's
254 name on it in my presence;

255 I believe that each individual has printed and signed the individual's name and written
256 the individual's post office address and residence correctly, that each signer has read and
257 understands the law proposed by the initiative, and that each signer is registered to vote in Utah
258 or intends to become registered to vote before the certification of the petition names by the
259 county clerk.

260 Each individual who signed the packet wrote the correct date of signature next to the
261 individual's name.

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

264 _____
265 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)[¶]

266 (4) If the initial fiscal impact estimate described in Subsection (2)(f), as updated in
267 accordance with Subsection 20A-7-204.1(5), exceeds 200 words, the Office of the Legislative
268 Fiscal Analyst shall prepare a shorter summary statement, for the purpose of inclusion on a
269 signature sheet, that does not exceed 200 words.

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

272 Section 5. Section 20A-7-204 is amended to read:

273 **20A-7-204. Circulation requirements -- Lieutenant governor to provide sponsors**

274 **with materials.**

275 (1) In order to obtain the necessary number of signatures required by this part, the
276 sponsors shall circulate initiative packets that meet the form requirements of this part.

277 (2) The lieutenant governor shall furnish to the sponsors:

278 (a) a copy of the initiative petition, with any change submitted under Subsection
279 [20A-7-204.1\(5\)](#); and

280 (b) one signature sheet.

281 (3) The sponsors of the petition shall:

282 (a) arrange and pay for the printing of all additional copies of the petition and signature
283 sheets; and

284 (b) ensure that the copies of the petition and signature sheets meet the form
285 requirements of this section.

286 (4) (a) The sponsors may prepare the initiative for circulation by creating multiple
287 initiative packets.

288 (b) The sponsors shall create ~~[those]~~ the packets by binding a copy of the initiative
289 petition~~[-, a copy of the proposed law,]~~ and no more than 50 signature sheets together at the top
290 ~~[in such a way]~~ so that the packets may be conveniently opened for signing.

291 (c) The sponsors need not attach a uniform number of signature sheets to each
292 initiative packet.

293 ~~[(5) (a) After the sponsors have prepared sufficient initiative packets, they shall return~~
294 ~~them to the lieutenant governor.]~~

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

296 (i) contact the lieutenant governor's office to receive a range of numbers that the
297 sponsors may use to number signature packets; and

298 (ii) number each signature packet, sequentially, within the range of numbers provided
299 by the lieutenant governor's office, starting with the lowest number in the range.

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

301 (i) number a signature packet in a manner not directed by the lieutenant governor's
302 office; or

303 (ii) circulate or submit a signature packet that is not numbered in the manner directed
304 by the lieutenant governor's office.

305 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) The lieutenant governor shall[:] keep a record of the number range provided
306 under Subsection (5)(a).

307 ~~[(i) number each of the initiative packets and return them to the sponsors within five~~
308 ~~working days; and]~~

309 ~~[(ii) keep a record of the numbers assigned to each packet.]~~

310 Section 6. Section **20A-7-206** is amended to read:

311 **20A-7-206. Submitting the initiative petition -- Certification of signatures by the**
312 **county clerks -- Transfer to lieutenant governor.**

313 (1) (a) In order to qualify an initiative petition for placement on the regular general
314 election ballot, the sponsors, or an agent of the sponsors, shall deliver a signed and verified
315 initiative packet to the county clerk of the county in which the packet was circulated before 5
316 p.m. no later than the earlier of:

317 (i) 30 days after the day on which the first individual signs the initiative packet;

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

319 (iii) the February 15 immediately before the next regular general election immediately
320 after the application is filed under Section [20A-7-202](#).

321 (b) A ~~[sponsor]~~ person may not submit an initiative packet after the deadline described
322 in Subsection (1)(a).

323 (c) Before delivering a packet to the county clerk under Subsection (1), the sponsors
324 shall send an email to each individual who provides a legible, valid email address on the form
325 described in Subsection [20A-7-203\(2\)\(d\)](#) that includes the following:

326 (i) the subject of the email shall include the following statement, "Notice Regarding
327 Your Petition Signature";

328 (ii) the body of the email shall include the following statement in 12-point type:

329 "You signed a petition for the following initiative:

330 [insert title of initiative]

331 You may remove your signature from the petition by submitting a statement to your
332 county clerk. Contact your county clerk at [insert phone number for county clerk] for
333 information on how to remove your signature and the applicable deadline for removing your
334 signature.

335 A copy of the initiative petition, the initiative, and the fiscal impact statement are

336 attached for your review."; and

337 (iii) a copy of each of the following documents, separately attached in PDF format:

338 (A) the initiative petition;

339 (B) the initiative; and

340 (C) the fiscal impact statement.

341 (d) When the sponsors submit the final signature packet to the county clerk, the

342 sponsors shall submit to the county clerk the following written verification, completed and

343 signed by each of the sponsors:

344 Verification of initiative sponsor

345 State of Utah, County of _____

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

347 I am a sponsor of the initiative petition entitled _____;

348 I sent, or caused to be sent, to each individual who provided a legible, valid email

349 address on a signature packet submitted to the county clerk in relation to the initiative petition,

350 the email described in Subsection (1)(c).

351 _____

352 (Name)

(Residence Address)

(Date)

353 (e) Signatures gathered for the initiative petition are not valid if the sponsors do not

354 comply with this Subsection (1).

355 (2) For an initiative packet received by the county clerk before December 1, the county
356 clerk shall, within 30 days after the day on which the county clerk receives the packet:

357 (a) determine whether each signer is a registered voter according to the requirements of
358 Section [20A-7-206.3](#);

359 (b) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter;

360 (c) post the name and voter identification number of each registered voter certified
361 under Subsection (2)(b) in a conspicuous location on the county's website for at least 90 days;
362 and

363 (d) deliver the verified initiative packet to the lieutenant governor.

364 (3) For an initiative packet received by the county clerk on or after December 1, the
365 county clerk shall, within 21 days after the day on which the county clerk receives the packet:

366 (a) determine whether each signer is a registered voter according to the requirements of

367 Section [20A-7-206.3](#);

368 (b) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter;

369 (c) post the name and voter identification number of each registered voter certified
370 under Subsection (2)(b) in a conspicuous location on the county's website for at least 45 days;

371 and

372 (d) deliver the verified initiative packet to the lieutenant governor.

373 (4) Within seven days after timely receipt of a statement described in Subsection
374 [20A-7-205](#)(3), the county clerk shall:

375 (a) remove the voter's name and voter identification number from the posting described
376 in Subsection (2)(c) or (3)(c); and

377 (b) (i) remove the voter's signature from the signature packet totals; and

378 (ii) inform the lieutenant governor of the removal.

379 (5) The county clerk may not certify a signature under Subsection (2) or (3):

380 (a) on an initiative packet that is not verified in accordance with Section [20A-7-205](#); or

381 (b) that does not have a date of signature next to the signature.

382 (6) In order to qualify an initiative petition for submission to the Legislature, the
383 sponsors shall deliver each signed and verified initiative packet to the county clerk of the
384 county in which the packet was circulated before 5 p.m. no later than the November 15 before
385 the next annual general session of the Legislature immediately after the application is filed
386 under Section [20A-7-202](#).

387 (7) The county clerk may not certify a signature under Subsection (8) on an initiative
388 packet that is not verified in accordance with Section [20A-7-205](#).

389 (8) No later than December 15 before the annual general session of the Legislature, the
390 county clerk shall, for an initiative described in Subsection (6):

391 (a) determine whether each signer is a registered voter according to the requirements of
392 Section [20A-7-206.3](#);

393 (b) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter; and

394 (c) deliver all of the verified initiative packets to the lieutenant governor.

395 (9) The sponsor or a sponsor's representative may not retrieve an initiative packet from
396 a county clerk after the initiative packet is submitted to the county clerk.

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

398 **20A-7-303. Form of referendum petition and signature sheets.**

399 (1) (a) Each proposed referendum petition shall be printed in substantially the
400 following form:

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

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

407 Each signer says:

408 I have personally signed this petition;

409 I am registered to vote in Utah or intend to become registered to vote in Utah before the
410 certification of the petition names by the county clerk; and

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

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

414 (2) Each signature sheet shall:

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

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

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

420 ~~[(d) contain the word "Warning" printed or typed at the top of each signature sheet~~
421 ~~under the title of the referendum;]~~

422 ~~[(e) contain, to the right of the word "Warning," the following statement printed or~~
423 ~~typed in not less than eight-point, single-leaded type:]~~

424 ~~["It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with any~~
425 ~~other name than the individual's own name, or knowingly to sign the individual's name more~~
426 ~~than once for the same measure, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual knows~~
427 ~~that the individual is not a registered voter and knows that the individual does not intend to~~
428 ~~become registered to vote before the certification of the petition names by the county clerk.";]~~

429 ~~[(f) contain horizontally ruled lines, three-eighths inch apart under the "Warning"~~
430 ~~statement required by this section; and]~~

431 ~~[(g) be vertically divided into columns as follows:]~~

432 ~~[(i) the edge of the first column shall appear .5 inch from the extreme left of the sheet,~~
433 ~~be .25 inch wide, and be headed, together with the second column, "For Office Use Only";]~~

434 ~~[(ii) the second column shall be .25 inch wide;]~~

435 ~~[(iii) the third column shall be 2.5 inches wide, headed "Registered Voter's Printed~~
436 ~~Name (must be legible to be counted)";]~~

437 ~~[(iv) the fourth column shall be 2.5 inches wide, headed "Signature of Registered~~
438 ~~Voter";]~~

439 ~~[(v) the fifth column shall be .75 inch wide, headed "Date Signed";]~~

440 ~~[(vi) the sixth column shall be three inches wide, headed "Street Address, City, Zip~~
441 ~~Code"; and]~~

442 ~~[(vii) the seventh column shall be .75 inch wide, headed "Birth Date or Age~~
443 ~~(Optional)";]~~

444 ~~[(h) be horizontally divided into rows as follows:]~~

445 ~~[(i) the top of the first row, for the purpose of entering the information described in~~
446 ~~Subsection (2)(g), shall be .5 inch high;]~~

447 ~~[(ii) the second row shall be .15 inch high and contain the following statement printed~~
448 ~~or typed in not less than 12-point type:]~~

449 ~~["By signing this petition, you are stating that you have read and understand the law this~~
450 ~~petition seeks to overturn."; and]~~

451 ~~[(iii) the first and second rows shall be repeated, in order, leaving sufficient room at the~~
452 ~~bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (2)(i); and]~~

453 ~~[(i) at the bottom of the sheet, contain the following statement: "Birth date or age~~
454 ~~information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity with voter registration~~
455 ~~records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be verified as a valid signature~~
456 ~~if you change your address before petition signatures are verified or if the information you~~
457 ~~provide does not match your voter registration records."]~~

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

- 460 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;
- 461 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For
- 462 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;
- 463 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;
- 464 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 465 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
- 466 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 467 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point type;
- 468 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 469 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 470 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;
- 471 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 472 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
- 473 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 474 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;
- 475 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 476 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 477 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;
- 478 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 479 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;
- 480 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 481 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;
- 482 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 483 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 484 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;
- 485 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and
- 486 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
- 487 and contain the following words "By signing this petition, you are stating that you have read
- 488 and understand the law that this petition seeks to overturn." in 12-point type;
- 489 (e) the table described in Subsection (2)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at
- 490 the bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (2)(f); and

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

493 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name
494 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
495 once for the same measure, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual knows that the
496 individual is not a registered voter and knows that the individual does not intend to become
497 registered to vote before the certification of the petition names by the county clerk.

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

502 (3) The final page of each referendum packet shall contain the following printed or
503 typed statement:

504 ["]Verification of signature collector

505 State of Utah, County of ____

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

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

508 All the names that appear in this packet were signed by individuals who professed to be
509 the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed the individual's
510 name on it in my presence;

511 I believe that each individual has printed and signed the individual's name and written
512 the individual's post office address and residence correctly, that each signer has read and
513 understands the law that the referendum seeks to overturn, and that each signer is registered to
514 vote in Utah or intends to become registered to vote before the certification of the petition
515 names by the county clerk.

516 Each individual who signed the packet wrote the correct date of signature next to the
517 individual's name.

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

520 _____

521 (Name)

(Residence Address)

(Date)[]

522 (4) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the referendum
523 petitions are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

524 Section 8. Section **20A-7-304** is amended to read:

525 **20A-7-304. Circulation requirements -- Lieutenant governor to provide sponsors**
526 **with materials.**

527 (1) In order to obtain the necessary number of signatures required by this part, the
528 sponsors shall circulate referendum packets that meet the form requirements of this part.

529 (2) The lieutenant governor shall furnish to the sponsors:

530 (a) a copy of the referendum petition; and

531 (b) a signature sheet.

532 (3) The sponsors of the petition shall:

533 (a) arrange and pay for the printing of all additional copies of the petition and signature
534 sheets; and

535 (b) ensure that the copies of the petition and signature sheets meet the form
536 requirements of this section.

537 (4) (a) The sponsors may prepare the referendum for circulation by creating multiple
538 referendum packets.

539 (b) The sponsors shall create [~~those~~] the packets by binding a copy of the referendum
540 petition[, a copy of the law that is the subject of the referendum,] and no more than 50
541 signature sheets together at the top [~~in such a way~~] so that the packets may be conveniently
542 opened for signing.

543 (c) The sponsors need not attach a uniform number of signature sheets to each
544 referendum packet.

545 [~~(5) (a) After the sponsors have prepared sufficient referendum packets, they shall~~
546 ~~return them to the lieutenant governor.~~]

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

548 (i) contact the lieutenant governor's office to receive a range of numbers that the
549 sponsors may use to number signature packets; and

550 (ii) number each signature packet, sequentially, within the range of numbers provided
551 by the lieutenant governor's office, starting with the lowest number in the range.

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

553 (i) number a signature packet in a manner not directed by the lieutenant governor's
554 office; or

555 (ii) circulate or submit a signature packet that is not numbered in the manner directed
556 by the lieutenant governor's office.

557 (b) The lieutenant governor shall[:] keep a record of the number range provided under
558 Subsection (5)(a).

559 [~~(i) number each of the referendum packets and return them to the sponsors within five~~
560 ~~working days; and]~~

561 [~~(ii) keep a record of the numbers assigned to each packet.]~~

562 Section 9. Section **20A-7-304.5** is enacted to read:

563 **20A-7-304.5. Posting referendum information.**

564 (1) On the day on which the lieutenant governor complies with Subsection
565 20A-7-304(2), the lieutenant governor shall post the following information together in a
566 conspicuous place on the lieutenant governor's website:

567 (a) the referendum petition;

568 (b) the referendum; and

569 (c) information describing how an individual may remove the individual's signature
570 from the signature packet.

571 (2) The lieutenant governor shall:

572 (a) promptly update the information described in Subsection (1) if the information
573 changes; and

574 (b) maintain the information described in Subsection (1) on the lieutenant governor's
575 website until the referendum fails to qualify for the ballot or is passed or defeated at an
576 election.

577 Section 10. Section **20A-7-306** is amended to read:

578 **20A-7-306. Submitting the referendum petition -- Certification of signatures by**
579 **the county clerks -- Transfer to lieutenant governor.**

580 (1) (a) The sponsors, or the agent of the sponsors, shall deliver a signed and verified
581 referendum packet to the county clerk of the county in which the packet was circulated before 5
582 p.m. no later than the earlier of:

583 (i) 14 days after the day on which the first individual signs the referendum packet; or

584 (ii) 40 days after the day on which the legislative session at which the law passed ends.

585 (b) A [sponsor] person may not submit a referendum packet after the deadline

586 described in Subsection (1)(a).

587 (2) (a) No later than 14 days after the day on which the county clerk receives a verified

588 referendum packet, the county clerk shall:

589 (i) check the name of each individual who completes the verification on the last page

590 of each referendum packet to determine whether the individual is a resident of Utah and is at

591 least 18 years old; and

592 (ii) submit the name of each individual who is not a Utah resident or who is not at least

593 18 years old to the attorney general and county attorney.

594 (b) The county clerk may not certify a signature under Subsection (3):

595 (i) on a referendum packet that is not verified in accordance with Section [20A-7-305](#);

596 or

597 (ii) that does not have a date of signature next to the signature.

598 (3) No later than 14 days after the day on which the county clerk receives a verified

599 referendum packet, the county clerk shall:

600 (a) determine whether each signer is a registered voter according to the requirements of

601 Section [20A-7-306.3](#);

602 (b) certify on the referendum petition whether each name is that of a registered voter;

603 (c) post the name and voter identification number of each registered voter certified

604 under Subsection (3)(b) in a conspicuous location on the county's website for at least 45 days;

605 and

606 (d) deliver the verified referendum packet to the lieutenant governor.

607 (4) The county clerk shall, after timely receipt of a statement requesting signature

608 removal under Subsection [20A-7-305\(3\)](#), remove the voter's name and voter identification

609 number from the posting described in Subsection (3)(c), and notify the lieutenant governor's

610 office of the removal, the earlier of:

611 (a) within two business days after the day on which the [~~the~~] county clerk timely

612 receives the statement; or

613 (b) 99 days after the day on which the legislative session at which the law passed ends.

614 (5) The sponsor or a sponsor's representative may not retrieve a referendum packet

615 from a county clerk after the referendum packet is submitted to the county clerk.

616 Section 11. Section **20A-7-502.6** is enacted to read:

617 **20A-7-502.6. Posting initiative information.**

618 (1) Within one business day after the day on which the local clerk's office receives the
619 initial fiscal impact estimate under Subsection 20A-7-502.5(4)(a), the local clerk shall post the
620 following information together in a conspicuous place on the local clerk's website:

621 (a) the initiative petition;

622 (b) the initiative;

623 (c) the fiscal impact estimate; and

624 (d) information describing how an individual may remove the individual's signature
625 from the signature packet.

626 (2) The local clerk shall:

627 (a) promptly update the information described in Subsection (1) if the information
628 changes; and

629 (b) maintain the information described in Subsection (1) on the local clerk's website
630 until the initiative fails to qualify for the ballot or is passed or defeated at an election.

631 Section 12. Section **20A-7-503** is amended to read:

632 **20A-7-503. Form of initiative petitions and signature sheets.**

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

635 "INITIATIVE PETITION To the Honorable ____, County Clerk/City Recorder/Town
636 Clerk:

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

641 Each signer says:

642 I have personally signed this petition;

643 I am registered to vote in Utah or intend to become registered to vote in Utah before the
644 certification of the petition names by the county clerk; and

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

646 (b) If the initiative petition proposes a tax increase, the following statement shall
647 appear, in at least 14-point, bold type, immediately following the information described in
648 Subsection (1)(a):

649 "This initiative petition seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert
650 the tax percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase)
651 percent increase in the current tax rate."

652 (c) The sponsors of an initiative shall attach a copy of the proposed law to each
653 initiative petition.

654 (2) Each signature sheet shall:

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

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

658 (c) ~~[contain]~~ include the title of the initiative printed below the horizontal line, in at
659 least 14-point, bold type;

660 ~~[(d) be vertically divided into columns as follows:]~~

661 ~~[(i) the first column shall appear at the extreme left of the sheet, be five-eighths inch
662 wide, be headed with "For Office Use Only", and be subdivided with a light vertical line down
663 the middle with the left subdivision entitled "Registered" and the right subdivision left
664 untitled;]~~

665 ~~[(ii) the next column shall be 2-1/2 inches wide, headed "Registered Voter's Printed
666 Name (must be legible to be counted)";]~~

667 ~~[(iii) the next column shall be 2-1/2 inches wide, headed "Signature of Registered
668 Voter";]~~

669 ~~[(iv) the next column shall be one inch wide, headed "Birth Date or Age (Optional)";
670 and]~~

671 ~~[(v) the final column shall be 4-3/8 inches wide, headed "Street Address, City, Zip
672 Code";]~~

673 ~~[(e) spanning the sheet horizontally beneath each row on which a registered voter may
674 submit the information described in Subsection (2)(d), contain the following statement printed
675 or typed in not less than eight-point type:]~~

676 ~~["By signing this petition, you are stating that you have read and understand the law~~

677 ~~proposed by this petition.";~~ and]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

700 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words

701 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;

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

703 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words

704 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;

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

706 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
707 and contain the following words "By signing this petition, you are stating that you have read

708 and understand the law proposed by this petition." in 12-point type;

709 (e) the table described in Subsection (2)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at
710 the bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (2)(f); and

711 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, ~~[contain]~~ include in the following order:

712 (i) the words "Fiscal impact of" followed by the title of the initiative, in at least
713 ~~[14-point]~~ 12-point, bold type;

714 (ii) the initial fiscal impact estimate's summary statement issued by the budget officer
715 in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-502.5(2)(b) and the cost estimate for printing and
716 distributing information related to the initiative petition in accordance with Subsection
717 20A-7-502.5(3), in not less than 12-point, bold type;

718 (iii) if the initiative petition proposes a tax increase, the following statement in
719 12-point, bold type:

720 "This initiative petition seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert
721 the tax percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase)
722 percent increase in the current tax rate."; and

723 ~~[(iii)]~~ (iv) the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type, followed by the following
724 statement in not less than eight-point type:

725 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name
726 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
727 once for the same measure, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows that the
728 individual is not a registered voter and knows that the individual does not intend to become
729 registered to vote before the certification of the petition names by the county clerk.~~["; (iv) the~~
730 ~~following statement: "]~~

731 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity
732 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be
733 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified
734 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."~~]; and]~~

735 ~~[(v) if the initiative petition proposes a tax increase, spanning the bottom of the sheet,~~
736 ~~horizontally, in not less than 14-point, bold type, the following statement:]~~

737 ~~["This initiative petition seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert~~
738 ~~the tax percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase)~~

739 ~~percent increase in the current tax rate."]~~

740 (3) The final page of each initiative packet shall contain the following printed or typed
741 statement:

742 ["]Verification of signature collector

743 State of Utah, County of ____

744 I, _____, of _____, hereby state that:

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

746 All the names that appear in this initiative packet were signed by the individuals who
747 professed to be the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed the
748 individual's name on it in my presence;

749 I believe that each individual has printed and signed the individual's name and written
750 the individual's post office address and residence correctly, and that each signer is registered to
751 vote in Utah or intends to become registered to vote before the certification of the petition
752 names by the county clerk.

753 [_____"]

754 _____

755 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)

756 (4) The forms prescribed in this section are not mandatory, and, if substantially
757 followed, the initiative petitions are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical
758 errors.

759 Section 13. Section **20A-7-504** is amended to read:

760 **20A-7-504. Circulation requirements -- Local clerk to provide sponsors with**
761 **materials.**

762 (1) In order to obtain the necessary number of signatures required by this part, the
763 sponsors shall, after the sponsors receive the documents described in Subsections (2)(a) and (b)
764 and Subsection **20A-7-401.5(4)(b)**, circulate initiative packets that meet the form requirements
765 of this part.

766 (2) Within five days after the day on which a county, city, town, metro township, or
767 court determines, in accordance with Section **20A-7-502.7**, that a law proposed in an initiative
768 petition is legally referable to voters, the local clerk shall furnish to the sponsors:

769 (a) one copy of the initiative petition; and

770 (b) one signature sheet.
771 (3) The sponsors of the petition shall:
772 (a) arrange and pay for the printing of all additional copies of the petition and signature
773 sheets; and
774 (b) ensure that the copies of the petition and signature sheets meet the form
775 requirements of this section.
776 (4) (a) The sponsors may prepare the initiative for circulation by creating multiple
777 initiative packets.
778 (b) The sponsors shall create [~~those~~] the packets by binding a copy of the initiative
779 petition[~~, a copy of the proposed law,~~] and no more than 50 signature sheets together at the top
780 [~~in such a way~~] so that the packets may be conveniently opened for signing.
781 (c) The sponsors need not attach a uniform number of signature sheets to each
782 initiative packet.
783 (d) The sponsors shall include, with each packet, a copy of the proposition information
784 pamphlet provided to the sponsors under Subsection [20A-7-401.5\(4\)\(b\)](#).
785 Section 14. Section **20A-7-506** is amended to read:
786 **20A-7-506. Submitting the initiative petition -- Certification of signatures by the**
787 **county clerks -- Transfer to local clerk.**
788 (1) (a) The sponsors, or an agent of the sponsors, shall deliver each signed and verified
789 initiative packet to the county clerk of the county in which the packet was circulated before 5
790 p.m. the earlier of:
791 (i) for county initiatives:
792 (A) 316 days after the day on which the application is filed; or
793 (B) the April 15 immediately before the next regular general election immediately after
794 the application is filed under Section [20A-7-502](#); or
795 (ii) for municipal initiatives:
796 (A) 316 days after the day on which the application is filed; or
797 (B) the April 15 immediately before the next municipal general election immediately
798 after the application is filed under Section [20A-7-502](#).
799 (b) A [~~sponsor~~] person may not submit an initiative packet after the deadline
800 established in this Subsection (1).

801 (c) Before delivering a packet to the county clerk under Subsection (1), the sponsors
802 shall send an email to each individual who provides a legible, valid email address on the form
803 described in Subsection 20A-7-503(2)(d) that includes the following:

804 (i) the subject of the email shall include the following statement, "Notice Regarding
805 Your Petition Signature";

806 (ii) the body of the email shall include the following statement in 12-point type:

807 "You signed a petition for the following initiative:

808 [insert title of initiative]

809 You may remove your signature from the petition by submitting a statement to your
810 county clerk. Contact your county clerk at [insert phone number for county clerk] for
811 information on how to remove your signature and the applicable deadline for removing your
812 signature.

813 A copy of the initiative petition, the initiative, and the fiscal impact statement are
814 attached for your review."; and

815 (iii) a copy of each of the following documents, separately attached in PDF format:

816 (A) the initiative petition;

817 (B) the initiative; and

818 (C) the fiscal impact statement.

819 (d) When the sponsors submit the final signature packet to the county clerk, the
820 sponsors shall submit to the county clerk the following written verification, completed and
821 signed by each of the sponsors:

822 Verification of initiative sponsor

823 State of Utah, County of _____

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

825 I am a sponsor of the initiative petition entitled _____;

826 I sent, or caused to be sent, to each individual who provided a legible, valid email
827 address on a signature packet submitted to the county clerk in relation to the initiative petition,
828 the email described in Subsection (1)(c).

829 _____
830 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)

831 (e) Signatures gathered for the initiative petition are not valid if the sponsors do not

832 comply with this Subsection (1).

833 (2) The county clerk may not certify a signature under Subsection (3) on an initiative
834 packet that is not verified in accordance with Section 20A-7-505.

835 (3) No later than May 15, the county clerk shall:

836 (a) determine whether or not each signer is a voter according to the requirements of
837 Section 20A-7-506.3;

838 (b) certify on the petition whether or not each name is that of a voter; and

839 (c) deliver all of the verified packets to the local clerk.

840 Section 15. Section 20A-7-603 is amended to read:

841 **20A-7-603. Form of referendum petition and signature sheets.**

842 (1) (a) Each proposed referendum petition shall be printed in substantially the
843 following form:

844 "REFERENDUM PETITION To the Honorable ____, County Clerk/City
845 Recorder/Town Clerk:

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

850 Each signer says:

851 I have personally signed this petition;

852 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the
853 petition;

854 I have personally reviewed the entire statement included with this packet;

855 I am registered to vote in Utah or intend to become registered to vote in Utah before the
856 certification of the petition names by the county clerk; and

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

858 (b) The sponsors of a referendum shall attach a copy of the law that is the subject of the
859 referendum to each referendum petition.

860 (2) Each signature sheet shall:

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

862 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line three-fourths inch from the top, with the space above

863 that line blank for the purpose of binding;

864 (c) ~~[contain]~~ include the title of the referendum printed below the horizontal line, in at
865 least 14-point type;

866 ~~[(d) contain the word "Warning" printed or typed at the top of each signature sheet~~
867 ~~under the title of the referendum;]~~

868 ~~[(e) contain, to the right of the word "Warning," the following statement printed or~~
869 ~~typed in not less than eight-point, single-leaded type:]~~

870 ~~["It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with any~~
871 ~~other name than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more~~
872 ~~than once for the same measure, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual knows~~
873 ~~that the individual is not a registered voter and knows that the individual does not intend to~~
874 ~~become registered to vote before the certification of the petition names by the county clerk.";]~~

875 ~~[(f) contain horizontally ruled lines three-eighths inch apart under the "Warning"~~
876 ~~statement required by this section;]~~

877 ~~[(g) be vertically divided into columns as follows:]~~

878 ~~[(i) the edge of the first column shall appear .5 inch from the extreme left of the sheet,~~
879 ~~be .25 inch wide, and be headed, together with the second column, "For Office Use Only";]~~

880 ~~[(ii) the second column shall be .25 inch wide;]~~

881 ~~[(iii) the third column shall be 2.5 inches wide, headed "Registered Voter's Printed~~
882 ~~Name (must be legible to be counted)";]~~

883 ~~[(iv) the fourth column shall be 2.5 inches wide, headed "Signature of Registered~~
884 ~~Voter";]~~

885 ~~[(v) the fifth column shall be .75 inch wide, headed "Date Signed";]~~

886 ~~[(vi) the sixth column shall be three inches wide, headed "Street Address, City, Zip~~
887 ~~Code"; and]~~

888 ~~[(vii) the seventh column shall be .75 inch wide, headed "Birth Date or Age~~
889 ~~(Optional)";]~~

890 ~~[(h) be horizontally divided into rows as follows:]~~

891 ~~[(i) the top of the first row, for the purpose of entering the information described in~~
892 ~~Subsection (2)(g), shall be .5 inch high;]~~

893 ~~[(ii) the second row shall be .15 inch high and contain the following statement printed~~

894 ~~or typed in not less than eight-point, single-leaded type: "By signing this petition, you are~~
895 ~~stating that you have read and understand the law this petition seeks to overturn.";~~ and]

896 ~~[(iii) the first and second rows shall be repeated, in order, leaving sufficient room at the~~
897 ~~bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (2)(i); and]~~

898 ~~[(i) at the bottom of the sheet, contain the following statement: "Birth date or age~~
899 ~~information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity with voter registration~~
900 ~~records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be verified as a valid signature~~
901 ~~if you change your address before petition signatures are verified or if the information you~~
902 ~~provide does not match your voter registration records."]~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

931 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
932 and contain the following words, "By signing this petition, you are stating that you have read
933 and understand the law that this petition seeks to overturn." in 12-point type;

934 (e) the table described in Subsection (2)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at
935 the bottom of the sheet or the information described in Subsection (2)(f); and

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

938 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name
939 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
940 once for the same measure, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual knows that the
941 individual is not a registered voter and knows that the individual does not intend to become
942 registered to vote before the certification of the petition names by the county clerk.

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

947 (3) The final page of each referendum packet shall contain the following printed or
948 typed statement:

949 "Verification of signature collector

950 State of Utah, County of _____

951 I, _____, of _____, hereby state that:

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

953 All the names that appear in this referendum packet were signed by individuals who
954 professed to be the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed the
955 individual's name on it in my presence;

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

958 I believe that each individual has printed and signed the individual's name and written
 959 the individual's post office address and residence correctly, and that each signer is registered to
 960 vote in Utah or intends to become registered to vote before the certification of the petition
 961 names by the county clerk.

962 [_____"]

964 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)

965 (4) The forms prescribed in this section are not mandatory, and, if substantially
 966 followed, the referendum petitions are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical
 967 errors.

968 Section 16. Section **20A-7-604** is amended to read:

969 **20A-7-604. Circulation requirements -- Local clerk to provide sponsors with**
 970 **materials.**

971 (1) In order to obtain the necessary number of signatures required by this part, the
 972 sponsors shall, after the sponsors receive the documents described in Subsection (2) and
 973 Subsection [20A-7-401.5\(4\)\(b\)](#), circulate referendum packets that meet the form requirements
 974 of this part.

975 (2) Within five days after the day on which a county, city, town, metro township, or
 976 court determines, in accordance with Section [20A-7-602.7](#), that a proposed referendum is
 977 legally referable to voters, the local clerk shall furnish to the sponsors a copy of the referendum
 978 petition and a signature sheet.

979 (3) The sponsors of the petition shall:

980 (a) arrange and pay for the printing of all additional copies of the petition and signature
 981 sheets; and

982 (b) ensure that the copies of the petition and signature sheets meet the form
 983 requirements of this section.

984 (4) (a) The sponsors may prepare the referendum for circulation by creating multiple
 985 referendum packets.

986 (b) The sponsors shall create ~~those~~ the packets by binding a copy of the referendum

987 petition[, a copy of the law that is the subject of the referendum,] and no more than 50
988 signature sheets together at the top [~~in such a way~~] so that the packets may be conveniently
989 opened for signing.

990 (c) The sponsors need not attach a uniform number of signature sheets to each
991 referendum packet.

992 (d) The sponsors shall include, with each packet, a copy of the proposition information
993 pamphlet provided to the sponsors under Subsection 20A-7-401.5(4)(b).

994 Section 17. Section 20A-7-604.5 is enacted to read:

995 **20A-7-604.5. Posting referendum information.**

996 (1) On the day on which the local clerk complies with Subsection 20A-7-604(2), the
997 local clerk shall post the following information together in a conspicuous place on the local
998 clerk's website:

999 (a) the referendum petition;

1000 (b) the referendum; and

1001 (c) information describing how an individual may remove the individual's signature
1002 from the signature packet.

1003 (2) The local clerk shall:

1004 (a) promptly update the information described in Subsection (1) if the information
1005 changes; and

1006 (b) maintain the information described in Subsection (1) on the local clerk's website
1007 until the referendum fails to qualify for the ballot or is passed or defeated at an election.

1008 Section 18. Section 20A-7-606 is amended to read:

1009 **20A-7-606. Submitting the referendum petition -- Certification of signatures by**
1010 **the county clerks -- Transfer to local clerk.**

1011 (1) (a) The sponsors, or an agent of the sponsors, shall deliver each signed and verified
1012 referendum packet to the county clerk of the county in which the packet was circulated before 5
1013 p.m. no later than 45 days after the day on which the sponsors receive the items described in
1014 Subsection 20A-7-604(2) from the local clerk.

1015 (b) A [~~sponsor~~] person may not submit a referendum packet after the deadline
1016 established in this Subsection (1).

1017 (2) (a) No later than 15 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a

1018 referendum packet under Subsection (1)(a), the county clerk shall:

1019 (i) check the names of all persons completing the verification on the last page of each
1020 referendum packet to determine whether those persons are Utah residents and are at least 18
1021 years old; and

1022 (ii) submit the name of each of those persons who is not a Utah resident or who is not
1023 at least 18 years old to the attorney general and county attorney.

1024 (b) The county clerk may not certify a signature under Subsection (3) on a referendum
1025 packet that is not verified in accordance with Section [20A-7-605](#).

1026 (3) No later than 30 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a referendum
1027 packet under Subsection (1)(a), the county clerk shall:

1028 (a) determine whether each signer is a registered voter according to the requirements of
1029 Section [20A-7-606.3](#);

1030 (b) certify on the referendum petition whether each name is that of a registered voter;
1031 and

1032 (c) deliver all of the verified referendum packets to the local clerk.