ELECTION CODE MODIFICATIONS
2024 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Andrew Stoddard
Senate Sponsor:
LONG TITLE
General Description:
This bill amends provisions of the Election Code relating to voting and counting votes.
Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:
requires a county clerk and a county jail to coordinate to provide the opportunity for
eligible inmates of the jail to register to vote and vote by mail;
• establishes notice requirements relating to the opportunity for an inmate to register
to vote and vote; and
<ul> <li>provides for an option, in the discretion of the county clerk and county jail, for</li> </ul>
in-person voting by jail inmates.
Money Appropriated in this Bill:
None
Other Special Clauses:
None
<b>Utah Code Sections Affected:</b>
ENACTS:
20A-3a-210, Utah Code Annotated 1953



Section 1. Section 20A-3a-210 is enacted to read:

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28	20A-3a-210. Voting from jail.
29	(1) As used in this section, "election" means:
30	(a) a regular primary election;
31	(b) a regular general election;
32	(c) a municipal primary election;
33	(d) a municipal general election;
34	(e) a presidential primary election;
35	(f) a special congressional primary election; or
36	(g) a special congressional general election.
37	(2) No sooner than 50 days before, but no later than 40 days before, the day of an
38	election, a county jail shall, in coordination with the county clerk:
39	(a) post, in one or more locations likely to be seen by the inmates of the county jail, a
40	notice that includes:
41	(i) the type of election;
42	(ii) the date of the election;
43	(iii) information on how an inmate may register to vote in the election, including
44	applicable deadlines;
45	(iv) information on how an inmate may receive and mail or otherwise send a mail-in
46	ballot, including applicable deadlines;
47	(v) a description of the residency requirements relating to the election, including a
48	statement that incarceration at the jail does not establish residency status at the location of the
49	jail; and
50	(vi) information regarding convictions and incarcerations that may prohibit an inmate
51	from voting;
52	(b) provide assistance to an inmate to register to vote, to obtain a ballot, and to mail or
53	otherwise send the ballot to the correct election office; and
54	(c) ensure that an inmate's right to a secret ballot is preserved.
55	(3) A county jail shall provide a separate written notice, described in Subsection (2)(a).
56	to each inmate at the jail who, due to a disability, a circumstance of incarceration, a medical
57	issue, or another reason, is unlikely to see the notice posted under Subsection (2)(a).
58	(4) A county clerk and a county jail may, if both parties agree, provide in-person voting

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59	at the jail for an election.
60	(5) The lieutenant governor may alter requirements relating to a polling place and the
61	security of ballots to the extent necessary to provide in-person voting under Subsection (4), if
62	the security of the ballots, and the right to a secret ballot, is preserved.
63	Section 2. Effective date.
64	This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.