

1                   **NAME CHANGE PROCESS FOR DIXIE STATE**  
2                                   **UNIVERSITY**

3                                   2021 GENERAL SESSION

4                                   STATE OF UTAH

5                                   **Chief Sponsor: Kelly B. Miles**

6                                   Senate Sponsor: Don L. Ipson

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10           This bill requires a process for the Dixie State University Board of Trustees, in  
11 consultation with the Utah Board of Higher Education, to select and recommend a name  
12 for the institution and, if the boards choose, forward the name to the Legislature.

13 **Highlighted Provisions:**

14           This bill:

15           ▶ requires a process for the Dixie State University Board of Trustees (board of  
16 trustees), in consultation with the Utah Board of Higher Education, to recommend a  
17 name for the institution and, if the boards choose, forward the name to the  
18 Legislature;

19           ▶ requires the board of trustees to create a Heritage Committee to preserve the  
20 heritage, culture, and history of the region and the institution; and

21           ▶ makes technical changes.

22 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

23           This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2022:

- 24           ▶ To Dixie State University - Education and General as a one-time appropriation:  
25           • from General Fund, One-time, \$500,000.

26 **Other Special Clauses:**

27           This bill provides a coordination clause.

28 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

29 AMENDS:

30 **53B-2-111**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 10

31 ENACTS:

32 **53B-16-502**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

33 **Utah Code Sections Affected by Coordination Clause:**

34 **53B-16-502**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

37 Section 1. Section **53B-2-111** is amended to read:

38 **53B-2-111. Dixie State University -- Institutional name change.**

39 (1) As used in this Section:

40 (a) "Board of trustees" means the board of trustees of Dixie State University.

41 (b) "Institution" means Dixie State University.

42 ~~[(+)]~~ (2) (a) Dixie State College of Utah shall be known as Dixie State University.

43 ~~[(2)]~~ (b) Dixie State University is a continuation of Dixie State College of Utah and  
44 shall:

45 ~~[(a)]~~ (i) possess all rights, titles, privileges, powers, immunities, franchises,  
46 endowments, property, and claims of Dixie State College of Utah; and

47 ~~[(b)]~~ (ii) fulfill and perform all obligations of Dixie State College of Utah, including  
48 obligations relating to outstanding bonds and notes.

49 (3) The board of trustees in consultation with the Utah Board of Higher Education  
50 shall:

51 (a) create a committee to recommend a name for the institution; and

52 (b) ensure that the committee:

53 (i) represents students, university personnel, community members, and industry leaders  
54 in the committee's membership;

55 (ii) provides opportunity for input from and collaboration with the public, including:

- 56 (A) residents of southwestern Utah;
- 57 (B) institutional partners; and
- 58 (C) university faculty, staff, students, and alumni;
- 59 (iii) reviews options for the institution's name; and
- 60 (iv) makes recommendations regarding the institution's name to the board of trustees.

61 (4) (a) The board of trustees shall:

- 62 (i) review the committee's recommendation described in Subsection (3)(b); and
- 63 (ii) choose whether to forward a name for the institution to the Utah Board of Higher
- 64 Education.

65 (b) Should the board of trustees choose to forward a name for the institution to the  
66 Utah Board of Higher Education under Subsection (4)(a), the board of trustees shall ensure that  
67 the name:

- 68 (i) reflects the institution's mission and significance to the surrounding region and
- 69 state; and
- 70 (ii) enables the institution to compete and be recognized nationally.

71 (c) Should the board of trustees recommend a name for the institution under  
72 Subsection (4)(a), the Utah Board of Higher Education shall vote on whether to approve and  
73 recommend the name to the Legislature.

74 (5) Should the Utah Board of Higher Education and the board of trustees recommend a  
75 name for the institution to the Legislature through the process described in Subsections (3) and  
76 (4), the Utah Board of Higher Education and the board of trustees shall recommend the name  
77 for the institution to the Legislative Management Committee no later than November 1, 2021.

78 Section 2. Section **53B-16-502** is enacted to read:

79 **53B-16-502. Heritage Committee.**

80 Should the Dixie State University board of trustees and the Utah Board of Higher  
81 Education forward a name to the Legislature that does not include the term "Dixie" under  
82 Section [53B-2-111](#), the board of trustees shall establish a Heritage Committee to identify and

83 implement strategies to preserve the heritage, culture, and history of the region on the campus  
84 of the institution, including the regional significance of the term "Dixie."

85 **Section 3. Appropriation.**

86 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
87 2021, and ending June 30, 2022. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for  
88 fiscal year 2022. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures  
89 Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts  
90 indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

91 ITEM 1

92 To Dixie State University - Education and General

93 From General Fund, One-time 500,000

94 Schedule of Programs:

95 Education and General 500,000

96 The Legislature intends that appropriations provided under this section be used for the  
97 Heritage Committee described in Section [53B-16-502](#).

98 **Section 4. Coordinating H.B. 278 with H.B. 279 -- Technical amendment.**

99 If this H.B. 278 and H.B. 279, Higher Education for Incarcerated Youth, both pass and  
100 become law, it is the intent of the Legislature that the Office of Legislative Research and  
101 General Counsel renumber Section [53B-16-502](#) in this bill to Section [53B-30-401](#) in preparing  
102 the Utah Code database for publication.