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| 1 | WORDING ON ELECTION BALLOTS |
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| 2 | 2012 GENERAL SESSION |
| 3 | STATE OF UTAH |
| 4 | Chief Sponsor: Evan J. Vickers |
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| 7 | LONG TITLE |
| 8 | General Description: |
| 9 | This bill amends Title 20A, Chapter 6, Ballot Form, regarding the voting instructions |
| 10 | on a ballot. |
| 11 | Highlighted Provisions: |
| 12 | This bill: |
| 13 | amends the voting instructions on a ballot for an office to which more than one |
| 14 | person will be elected; and |
| 15 | makes technical changes. |
| 16 | Money Appropriated in this Bill: |
| 17 | None |
| 18 | Other Special Clauses: |
| 19 | None |
| 20 | Utah Code Sections Affected: |
| 21 | AMENDS: |
| 22 | 20A-6-301 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 292 |
| 23 | 20A-6-401 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 292 |
| 24 | 20A-6-401.1 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 292 |
| 25 | 20A-6-402 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 292 |
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| 27 | Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah: |
| 28 | Section 1. Section 20A-6-301 is amended to read: |

20A-6-301. Paper ballots -- Regular general election.

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| 30 | (1) Each election officer shall ensure that: |
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| 31 | (a) all paper ballots furnished for use at the regular general election contain no captions |
| 32 | or other endorsements except as provided in this section; |
| 33 | (b) (i) the paper ballot contains a ballot stub at least one inch wide, placed across the |
| 34 | top of the ballot, and divided from the rest of ballot by a perforated line; |
| 35 | (ii) the ballot number and the words "Poll Worker's Initial" are printed on the |
| 36 | stub; and |
| 37 | (iii) ballot stubs are numbered consecutively; |
| 38 | (c) immediately below the perforated ballot stub, the following endorsements are |
| 39 | printed in 18 point bold type: |
| 40 | (i) "Official Ballot for County, Utah"; |
| 41 | (ii) the date of the election; and |
| 42 | (iii) a facsimile of the signature of the county clerk and the words "county clerk"; |
| 43 | (d) each ticket is placed in a separate column on the ballot in the order specified under |
| 44 | Section 20A-6-305 with the party emblem, followed by the party name, at the head of the |
| 45 | column; |
| 46 | (e) the party name or title is printed in capital letters not less than one-fourth of an inch |
| 47 | high; |
| 48 | (f) a circle one-half inch in diameter is printed immediately below the party name or |
| 49 | title, and the top of the circle is placed not less than two inches below the perforated line; |
| 50 | (g) unaffiliated candidates and candidates not affiliated with a registered political party |
| 51 | are listed in one column in the order specified under Section 20A-6-305, without a party circle, |
| 52 | with the following instructions printed at the head of the column: "All candidates not affiliated |
| 53 | with a political party are listed below. They are to be considered with all offices and |
| 54 | candidates listed to the left. Only one vote is allowed for each office."; |
| 55 | (h) the columns containing the lists of candidates, including the party name and device, |
| 56 | are separated by heavy parallel lines; |
| 57 | (i) the offices to be filled are plainly printed immediately above the names of the |

candidates for those offices;

(j) the names of candidates are printed in capital letters, not less than one-eighth nor more than one-fourth of an inch high in heavy-faced type not smaller than 10 point, between lines or rules three-eighths of an inch apart;

- (k) a square with sides measuring not less than one-fourth of an inch in length is printed immediately adjacent to the name of each candidate;
- (l) for the offices of president and vice president and governor and lieutenant governor, one square with sides measuring not less than one-fourth of an inch in length is printed on the same side as but opposite a double bracket enclosing the names of the two candidates;
- (m) immediately adjacent to the unaffiliated ticket on the ballot, the ballot contains a write-in column long enough to contain as many written names of candidates as there are persons to be elected with:
- (i) for each office on the ballot, the office to be filled plainly printed immediately above:
- (A) a blank, horizontal line to enable the entry of a valid write-in candidate and a square with sides measuring not less than one-fourth of an inch in length printed immediately adjacent to the blank horizontal line; or
- (B) for the offices of president and vice president and governor and lieutenant governor, two blank horizontal lines, one placed above the other, to enable the entry of two valid write-in candidates, and one square with sides measuring not less than one-fourth of an inch in length printed on the same side as but opposite a double bracket enclosing the two blank horizontal lines; and
- (ii) the words "Write-In Voting Column" printed at the head of the column without a one-half inch circle;
- (n) when required, the ballot includes a nonpartisan ticket placed immediately adjacent to the write-in ticket with the word "NONPARTISAN" in reverse type in an 18 point solid rule running vertically the full length of the nonpartisan ballot copy; and
 - (o) constitutional amendments or other questions submitted to the vote of the people,

| 86 | are printed on the ballot after the list of candidates. |
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| 87 | (2) Each election officer shall ensure that: |
| 88 | (a) each person nominated by any political party or group of petitioners is placed on the |
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| 90 | (i) under the party name and emblem, if any; or |
| 91 | (ii) under the title of the party or group as designated by them in their certificates of |
| 92 | nomination or petition, or, if none is designated, then under some suitable title; |
| 93 | (b) the names of all unaffiliated candidates that qualify as required in Title 20A, |
| 94 | Chapter 9, Part 5, Candidates not Affiliated with a Party, are placed on the ballot; |
| 95 | (c) the names of the candidates for president and vice president are used on the ballot |
| 96 | instead of the names of the presidential electors; and |
| 97 | (d) the ballots contain no other names. |
| 98 | (3) When the ballot contains a nonpartisan section, the election officer shall ensure |
| 99 | that: |
| 100 | (a) the designation of the office to be filled in the election and the number of |
| 101 | candidates to be elected are printed in type not smaller than eight point; |
| 102 | (b) the words designating the office are printed flush with the left-hand margin; |
| 103 | (c) the words, "Vote for one" or "Vote for [two or more] up to (the number of |
| 104 | candidates for which the voter may vote)" extend to the extreme right of the column; |
| 105 | (d) the nonpartisan candidates are grouped according to the office for which they are |
| 106 | candidates; |
| 107 | (e) the names in each group are placed in the order specified under Section 20A-6-305 |
| 108 | with the surnames last; and |
| 109 | (f) each group is preceded by the designation of the office for which the candidates |
| 110 | seek election, and the words, "Vote for one" or "Vote for [two or more] up to (the |
| 111 | number of candidates for which the voter may vote)," according to the number to be elected. |
| 112 | (4) Each election officer shall ensure that: |
| 113 | (a) proposed amendments to the Utah Constitution are listed on the ballot in |

| 114 | accordance with Section 20A-6-107; |
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| 115 | (b) ballot propositions submitted to the voters are listed on the ballot in accordance |
| 116 | with Section 20A-6-107; and |
| 117 | (c) bond propositions that have qualified for the ballot are listed on the ballot under the |
| 118 | title assigned to each bond proposition under Section 11-14-206. |
| 119 | Section 2. Section 20A-6-401 is amended to read: |
| 120 | 20A-6-401. Ballots for municipal primary elections. |
| 121 | (1) Each election officer shall ensure that: |
| 122 | (a) (i) the ballot contains a perforated ballot stub at least one inch wide, placed across |
| 123 | the top of the ballot; |
| 124 | (ii) the ballot number and the words "Poll Worker's Initial" are printed on the |
| 125 | stub; and |
| 126 | (iii) ballot stubs are numbered consecutively; |
| 127 | (b) immediately below the perforated ballot stub, the following endorsements are |
| 128 | printed in 18 point bold type: |
| 129 | (i) "Official Primary Ballot for (City or Town), Utah"; |
| 130 | (ii) the date of the election; and |
| 131 | (iii) a facsimile of the signature of the election officer and the election officer's title in |
| 132 | eight point type; |
| 133 | (c) immediately below the election officer's title, two one-point parallel horizontal |
| 134 | rules separate endorsements from the rest of the ballot; |
| 135 | (d) immediately below the horizontal rules, an "Instructions to Voters" section is |
| 136 | printed in 10 point bold type that states: "To vote for a candidate, place a cross (X) in the |
| 137 | square following the name(s) of the person(s) you favor as the candidate(s) for each respective |
| 138 | office." followed by two one-point parallel rules; |
| 139 | (e) after the rules, the designation of the office for which the candidates seek |
| 140 | nomination is printed flush with the left-hand margin and the words[:], "Vote for one" or "Vote |
| 141 | for [two or more] up to (the number of candidates for which the voter may vote)" are |

| 142 | printed to extend to the extreme right of the column in 10-point bold type, followed by a |
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| 143 | hair-line rule; |
| 144 | (f) after the hair-line rule, the names of the candidates are printed in heavy face type |
| 145 | between lines or rules three-eighths inch apart, in the order specified under Section 20A-6-305 |
| 146 | with surnames last and grouped according to the office that they seek; |
| 147 | (g) a square with sides not less than one-fourth inch long is printed immediately |
| 148 | adjacent to the names of the candidates; and |
| 149 | (h) the candidate groups are separated from each other by one light and one heavy line |
| 150 | or rule. |
| 151 | (2) A municipal primary ballot may not contain any space for write-in votes. |
| 152 | Section 3. Section 20A-6-401.1 is amended to read: |
| 153 | 20A-6-401.1. Ballots for partisan municipal primary elections. |
| 154 | (1) If a municipality is using paper ballots, each election officer shall ensure that: |
| 155 | (a) all paper ballots furnished for use at the regular primary election: |
| 156 | (i) are perforated to separate the candidates of one political party from those of the |
| 157 | other political parties so that the voter may separate the part of the ballot containing the names |
| 158 | of the political party of the voter's choice from the rest of the ballot; |
| 159 | (ii) have sides that are perforated so that the outside sections of the ballot, when |
| 160 | detached, are similar in appearance to the inside sections of the ballot when detached; and |
| 161 | (iii) contain no captions or other endorsements except as provided in this section; |
| 162 | (b) the names of all candidates from each party are listed on the same ballot in one or |
| 163 | more columns under their party name and emblem; |
| 164 | (c) the political parties are printed on the ballot in the order specified under Section |
| 165 | 20A-6-305; |
| 166 | (d) (i) the ballot contains a ballot stub that is at least one inch wide, placed across the |
| 167 | top of the ballot; |
| 168 | (ii) the ballot number and the words "Poll Worker's Initials" are printed on the |
| 169 | stub; and |

| 170 | (iii) ballot stubs are numbered consecutively; |
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| 171 | (e) immediately below the perforated ballot stub, the following endorsements are |
| 172 | printed in 18-point bold type: |
| 173 | (i) "Official Primary Ballot for County, Utah"; |
| 174 | (ii) the date of the election; and |
| 175 | (iii) a facsimile of the signature of the county clerk and the words "county clerk"; |
| 176 | (f) after the facsimile signature, the political party emblem and the name of the |
| 177 | political party are printed; |
| 178 | (g) after the party name and emblem, the ballot contains the following printed in not |
| 179 | smaller than 10-point bold face, double leaded type: "Instructions to Voters: To vote for a |
| 180 | candidate, place a cross (X) in the square immediately adjacent to the name of the person for |
| 181 | whom you wish to vote and in no other place. Do not vote for any candidate listed under more |
| 182 | than one party or group designation.", followed by two one-point parallel horizontal rules; |
| 183 | (h) after the rules, the designation of the office for which the candidates seek |
| 184 | nomination is printed flush with the left-hand margin and the words[:], "Vote for one" or "Vote |
| 185 | for [two or more] up to (the number of candidates for which the voter may vote)" are |
| 186 | printed to extend to the extreme right of the column in 10-point bold type, followed by a |
| 187 | hair-line rule; |
| 188 | (i) after the hair-line rule, the names of the candidates are printed in heavy face type |
| 189 | between lines or rules three-eighths inch apart, in the order specified under Section 20A-6-305 |
| 190 | with surnames last and grouped according to the office that they seek; |
| 191 | (j) a square with sides not less than one-fourth inch long is printed immediately |
| 192 | adjacent to the names of the candidates; |
| 193 | (k) the candidate groups are separated from each other by one light and one heavy line |
| 194 | or rule; and |
| 195 | (1) the nonpartisan candidates are listed as follows: |
| 196 | (i) immediately below the listing of the party candidates, the word "NONPARTISAN" |
| 197 | is printed in reverse type in an 18 point solid rule that extends the full width of the type copy of |

| 198 | the party | v listing | above: | and |
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(ii) below "NONPARTISAN," the office, the number of candidates to vote for, the candidate's name, the voting square, and any other necessary information is printed in the same style and manner as for party candidates.

- (2) (a) If a municipality is using ballot sheets or electronic ballots, the election officer may require that:
- (i) the ballot, or ballot label in the case of a punch card ballot, for a regular primary election consist of several groups of pages or display screens, so that a separate group can be used to list the names of candidates seeking nomination of each qualified political party, with additional groups used to list candidates for other nonpartisan offices;
- (ii) the separate groups of pages or display screens are identified by color or other suitable means; and
- (iii) the ballot or ballot label contain instructions that direct the voter how to vote the ballot.
- (b) If a municipality is using ballot sheets or electronic ballots, each election officer shall:
 - (i) for municipalities using punch card ballots, ensure that the ballot label provides a means for the voter to designate the political party in whose primary the voter is voting; and
 - (ii) determine the order for printing the names of the political parties on the ballot label in accordance with Section 20A-6-305.
- Section 4. Section **20A-6-402** is amended to read:
- 219 **20A-6-402.** Ballots for municipal general elections.
- 220 (1) When using a paper ballot at municipal general elections, each election officer shall ensure that:
- 222 (a) the names of the two candidates who received the highest number of votes for 223 mayor in the municipal primary are placed upon the ballot;
- 224 (b) if no municipal primary election was held, the names of the candidates who filed 225 declarations of candidacy for municipal offices are placed upon the ballot;

| 226 | (c) for other offices: |
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| 227 | (i) twice the number of candidates as there are positions to be filled are certified as |
| 228 | eligible for election in the municipal general election from those candidates who received the |
| 229 | greater number of votes in the primary election; and |
| 230 | (ii) the names of those candidates are placed upon the municipal general election |
| 231 | ballot; |
| 232 | (d) the names of the candidates are placed on the ballot in the order specified under |
| 233 | Section 20A-6-305; |
| 234 | (e) a write-in area is placed upon the ballot that contains, for each office: |
| 235 | (i) a blank, horizontal line to enable the entry of a valid write-in candidate; and |
| 236 | (ii) a square or other conforming area that is adjacent to or opposite the blank |
| 237 | horizontal line to enable the voter to indicate the voter's vote; |
| 238 | (f) ballot propositions that have qualified for the ballot, including propositions |
| 239 | submitted to the voters by the municipality, municipal initiatives, and municipal referenda, are |
| 240 | listed on the ballot in accordance with Section 20A-6-107; and |
| 241 | (g) bond propositions that have qualified for the ballot are listed on the ballot under the |
| 242 | title assigned to each bond proposition under Section 11-14-206. |
| 243 | (2) When using a punch card ballot at municipal general elections, each election officer |
| 244 | shall ensure that: |
| 245 | (a) (i) the ballot contains a perforated ballot stub at least one inch wide, placed across |
| 246 | the top of the ballot; |
| 247 | (ii) the ballot number and the words "Poll Worker's Initial" are printed on the |
| 248 | stub; and |
| 249 | (iii) ballot stubs are numbered consecutively; |
| 250 | (b) immediately below the perforated ballot stub, the following endorsements are |
| 251 | printed in 18 point bold type: |
| 252 | (i) "Official Ballot for (City or Town), Utah"; |
| 253 | (ii) the date of the election; and |

254 (iii) a facsimile of the signature of the election officer and the election officer's title in 255 eight-point type; 256 (c) immediately below the election officer's title, two one-point parallel horizontal 257 rules separate endorsements from the rest of the ballot; 258 (d) immediately below the horizontal rules, an "Instructions to Voters" section is 259 printed in 10-point bold type that states: "To vote for a candidate, place a cross (X) in the 260 square following the name(s) of the person(s) you favor as the candidate(s) for each respective 261 office." followed by two one-point parallel rules: 262 (e) after the rules, the designation of the office for which the candidates seek election is printed flush with the left-hand margin and the words[:], "Vote for one" or "Vote for [two or 263 264 more up to (the number of candidates for which the voter may vote)" are printed to 265 extend to the extreme right of the column in 10-point bold type, followed by a hair-line rule; 266 (f) after the hair-line rule, the names of the candidates are printed in heavy face type between lines or rules three-eighths inch apart, in the order specified under Section 20A-6-305 267 268 with surnames last and grouped according to the office that they seek; 269 (g) a square with sides not less than one-fourth inch long is printed immediately 270 adjacent to the names of the candidates; 271 (h) following the name of the last candidate for each office, the ballot contains: 272 (i) a write-in space for each elective office where the voter may enter the name of a 273 valid write-in candidate; and 274 (ii) a square printed immediately adjacent to the write-in space or line where the voter 275 may vote for the valid write-in candidate; and 276 (i) the candidate groups are separated from each other by one light and one heavy line 277 or rule. 278 (3) When using a ballot sheet other than a punch card ballot at municipal general 279 elections, each election officer shall ensure that: 280 (a) (i) the ballot contains a perforated ballot stub placed across the top of the ballot; (ii) the ballot number and the words "Poll Worker's Initial" are printed on the 281

| 282 | stub; and |
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| 283 | (iii) ballot stubs are numbered consecutively; |
| 284 | (b) immediately below the perforated ballot stub, the following endorsements are |
| 285 | printed: |
| 286 | (i) "Official Ballot for (City or Town), Utah"; |
| 287 | (ii) the date of the election; and |
| 288 | (iii) a facsimile of the signature of the election officer and the election officer's title; |
| 289 | (c) immediately below the election officer's title, a distinct border or line separates |
| 290 | endorsements from the rest of the ballot; |
| 291 | (d) immediately below the border or line, an "Instructions to Voters" section is printed |
| 292 | that states: "To vote for a candidate, select the name(s) of the person(s) you favor as the |
| 293 | candidate(s) for each respective office." followed by another border or line; |
| 294 | (e) after the border or line, the designation of the office for which the candidates seek |
| 295 | election is printed and the words[:], "Vote for one" or "Vote for [two or more] up to (the |
| 296 | number of candidates for which the voter may vote)" are printed, followed by a line or border; |
| 297 | (f) after the line or border, the names of the candidates are printed in the order |
| 298 | specified under Section 20A-6-305 with surnames last and grouped according to the office that |
| 299 | they seek; |
| 300 | (g) an oval is printed adjacent to the names of the candidates; |
| 301 | (h) following the name of the last candidate for each office, the ballot contains: |
| 302 | (i) a write-in space or blank line for each elective office where the voter may enter the |
| 303 | name of a valid write-in candidate; and |
| 304 | (ii) an oval is printed adjacent to the write-in space or line where the voter may vote for |
| 305 | the valid write-in candidate; and |
| 306 | (i) the candidate groups are separated from each other by a line or border. |
| 307 | (4) When using an electronic ballot at municipal general elections, each election officer |
| 308 | shall ensure that: |
| 309 | (a) the following endorsements are displayed on the first screen of the ballot: |

| 310 | (i) "Official Ballot for (City or Town), Utah"; |
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| 311 | (ii) the date of the election; and |
| 312 | (iii) a facsimile of the signature of the election officer and the election officer's title; |
| 313 | (b) immediately below the election officer's title, a distinct border or line separates the |
| 314 | endorsements from the rest of the ballot; |
| 315 | (c) immediately below the border or line, an "Instructions to Voters" section is |
| 316 | displayed that states: "To vote for a candidate, select the name(s) of the person(s) you favor as |
| 317 | the candidate(s) for each respective office." followed by another border or line; |
| 318 | (d) after the border or line, the designation of the office for which the candidates seek |
| 319 | election is displayed, and the words[:], "Vote for one" or "Vote for [two or more] up to |
| 320 | (the number of candidates for which the voter may vote)" are displayed, followed by a line or |
| 321 | border; |
| 322 | (e) after the line or border, the names of the candidates are displayed in the order |
| 323 | specified under Section 20A-6-305 with surnames last and grouped according to the office that |
| 324 | they seek; |
| 325 | (f) a voting square or position is located adjacent to the name of each candidate; |
| 326 | (g) following the name of the last candidate for each office, the ballot contains a |
| 327 | write-in space where the voter may enter the name of and vote for a valid write-in candidate for |
| 328 | the office; and |
| 329 | (h) the candidate groups are separated from each other by a line or border. |
| 330 | (5) When a municipality has chosen to nominate candidates by convention or |
| 331 | committee, the election officer shall ensure that the party name is included with the candidate's |
| 332 | name on the ballot. |