

MUNICIPALITY INCORPORATION AMENDMENTS

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to incorporating a municipality.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ modifies the procedures and requirements for incorporating a municipality;
- ▶ modifies the procedures and requirements to request exclusion from an area proposed for incorporation;
- ▶ establishes a procedure and requirements for requesting inclusion in an area proposed for incorporation;
- ▶ transfers many of the duties currently fulfilled by the lieutenant governor, in relation to municipal incorporation, to the county of the area proposed for incorporation;
- ▶ describes the duties of the lieutenant governor in relation to municipal incorporation;
- ▶ provides for transition to the new incorporation process for a municipality; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a coordination clause.

This bill provides revisor instructions.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

30 AMENDS:

31 **10-2-402**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 112

32 **10-2a-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 165

33 **10-2a-103**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapters 111, 157 and renumbered

34 and amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 352

35 **10-2a-104**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 352

36 **10-2a-106**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 165 and further amended

37 by Revisor Instructions, Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 165

38 **10-2a-201.5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 112

39 **10-2a-202**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 165

40 **10-2a-204**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 165

41 **10-2a-205**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 165

42 **10-2a-206**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 112

43 **10-2a-207**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapters 84, 112, 345, and 355

44 **10-2a-208**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 165

45 **10-2a-209**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 165

46 **10-2a-210**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, First Special Session, Chapter 15

47 **10-2a-213**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, First Special Session, Chapter 15

48 **10-2a-214**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, First Special Session, Chapter 15

49 **10-2a-220**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 165

50 ENACTS:

51 **10-2a-204.3**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

52 RENUMBERS AND AMENDS:

53 **10-2a-204.5**, (Renumbered from 10-2a-203, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021,

54 Chapter 112)

55 REPEALS:

56 **10-2a-101**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 352

57 **10-2a-201**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 165

58 **Utah Code Sections Affected by Revisor Instructions:**

59 **10-2a-106**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 165 and further amended
60 by Revisor Instructions, Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 165

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

62 **10-2a-207**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapters 84, 112, 345, and 355

63 **10-2a-213**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, First Special Session, Chapter 15



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

66 Section 1. Section **10-2-402** is amended to read:

67 **10-2-402. Annexation -- Limitations.**

68 (1) (a) A contiguous, unincorporated area that is contiguous to a municipality may be
69 annexed to the municipality as provided in this part.

70 (b) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(c), an unincorporated area may not be
71 annexed to a municipality unless:

72 (i) the unincorporated area is a contiguous area;

73 (ii) the unincorporated area is contiguous to the municipality;

74 (iii) annexation will not leave or create an unincorporated island or unincorporated
75 peninsula:

76 (A) except as provided in Subsection **10-2-418(3)**; or

77 (B) unless the county and municipality have otherwise agreed; and

78 (iv) for an area located in a specified county, the area is within the proposed annexing
79 municipality's expansion area.

80 (c) A municipality may annex an unincorporated area within a specified county that
81 does not meet the requirements of Subsection (1)(b), leaving or creating an unincorporated
82 island or unincorporated peninsula, if:

83 (i) the area is within the annexing municipality's expansion area;

84 (ii) the specified county in which the area is located and the annexing municipality
85 agree to the annexation;

86 (iii) the area is not within the area of another municipality's annexation policy plan,
87 unless the other municipality agrees to the annexation; and

88 (iv) the annexation is for the purpose of providing municipal services to the area.

89 (2) Except as provided in Section 10-2-418, a municipality may not annex an
90 unincorporated area unless a petition under Section 10-2-403 is filed requesting annexation.

91 (3) (a) An annexation under this part may not include part of a parcel of real property
92 and exclude part of that same parcel unless the owner of that parcel has signed the annexation
93 petition under Section 10-2-403.

94 (b) A piece of real property that has more than one parcel number is considered to be a
95 single parcel for purposes of Subsection (3)(a) if owned by the same owner.

96 (4) A municipality may not annex an unincorporated area in a specified county for the
97 sole purpose of acquiring municipal revenue or to retard the capacity of another municipality to
98 annex the same or a related area unless the municipality has the ability and intent to benefit the
99 annexed area by providing municipal services to the annexed area.

100 (5) (a) As used in this subsection, "expansion area urban development" means:

101 (i) for a specified county, urban development within a city or town's expansion area; or

102 (ii) for a county of the first class, urban development within a city or town's expansion
103 area that:

104 (A) consists of 50 or more acres;

105 (B) requires the county to change the zoning designation of the land on which the
106 urban development is located; and

107 (C) does not include commercial or industrial development that is located within a
108 mining protection area as defined in Section 17-41-101, regardless of whether the commercial
109 or industrial development is for a mining use as defined in Section 17-41-101.

110 (b) A county legislative body may not approve expansion area urban development
111 unless:

112 (i) the county notifies the city or town of the proposed development; and

113 (ii) (A) the city or town consents in writing to the development;

114 (B) within 90 days after the county's notification of the proposed development, the city
115 or town submits to the county a written objection to the county's approval of the proposed
116 development and the county responds in writing to the city or town's objection; or

117 (C) the city or town fails to respond to the county's notification of the proposed
118 development within 90 days after the day on which the county provides the notice.

119 (6) (a) As used in this Subsection (6), "airport" means an area that the Federal Aviation
120 Administration has, by a record of decision, approved for the construction or operation of a
121 Class I, II, or III commercial service airport, as designated by the Federal Aviation
122 Administration in 14 C.F.R. Part 139.

123 (b) A municipality may not annex an unincorporated area within 5,000 feet of the
124 center line of any runway of an airport operated or to be constructed and operated by another
125 municipality unless the legislative body of the other municipality adopts a resolution
126 consenting to the annexation.

127 (c) A municipality that operates or intends to construct and operate an airport and does
128 not adopt a resolution consenting to the annexation of an area described in Subsection (6)(b)
129 may not deny an annexation petition proposing the annexation of that same area to that
130 municipality.

131 (7) (a) As used in this Subsection (7), "project area" means a project area as defined in
132 Section 63H-1-102 that is in a project area plan as defined in Section 63H-1-102 adopted by
133 the Military Installation Development Authority under Title 63H, Chapter 1, Military
134 Installation Development Authority Act.

135 (b) A municipality may not annex an unincorporated area located within a project area
136 without the authority's approval.

137 (c) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (7)(c)(ii), the Military Installation
138 Development Authority may petition for annexation of the following areas to a municipality as
139 if the Military Installation Development Authority was the sole private property owner within
140 the area:

141 (A) an area within a project area;

142 (B) an area that is contiguous to a project area and within the boundaries of a military
143 installation;

144 (C) an area owned by the Military Installation Development Authority; and

145 (D) an area that is contiguous to an area owned by the Military Installation
146 Development Authority that the Military Installation Development Authority plans to add to an
147 existing project area.

148 (ii) If any portion of an area annexed under a petition for annexation filed by the
149 Military Installation Development Authority is located in a specified county:

150 (A) the annexation process shall follow the requirements for a specified county; and

151 (B) the provisions of Section 10-2-402.5 do not apply.

152 (8) A municipality may not annex an unincorporated area if:

153 (a) the area is proposed for incorporation in~~[(i)]~~ a feasibility study conducted under
154 Section 10-2a-205~~[-or-(ii)]~~ or a supplemental feasibility study conducted under Section
155 10-2a-206; and

156 (b) the ~~[lieutenant governor]~~ county clerk completes the ~~[first]~~ second public hearing
157 on the proposed incorporation under Subsection 10-2a-207(4)~~[-and]~~.

158 ~~[(c) the time period for a specified landowner, as defined in Section 10-2a-203, to~~
159 ~~request that the lieutenant governor exclude the specified landowner's property from the~~
160 ~~proposed incorporation under Subsection 10-2a-207(5)(a) has expired.]~~

161 Section 2. Section 10-2a-102 is amended to read:

162 **10-2a-102. Definitions.**

163 (1) As used in this part and Part 2, Incorporation of a Municipality:

164 (a) "Contact sponsor" means the person designated in the feasibility request as the
165 contact sponsor under Subsection 10-2a-202(2)(d).

166 (b) (i) "Contiguous" means, except as provided in Subsection (1)(b)(ii), the same as
167 that term is defined in Section 10-1-104.

168 (ii) "Contiguous" does not include a circumstance where:

169 (A) two areas of land are only connected by a strip of land between geographically

170 separate areas; and

171 (B) the distance between the geographically separate areas described in Subsection
172 (1)(b)(ii)(A) is greater than the average width of the strip of land connecting the geographically
173 separate areas.

174 [~~(a)~~] (c) "Feasibility consultant" means a person or firm:

- 175 (i) with expertise in the processes and economics of local government; and
- 176 (ii) who is independent of and not affiliated with a county or sponsor of a petition to
177 incorporate.

178 (d) "Feasibility request" means a request, described in Section [10-2a-202](#), for a
179 feasibility study for the proposed incorporation of a municipality.

180 [~~(b)~~] (e) (i) "Municipal service" means any of the following that are publicly provided:

- 181 (A) culinary water;
 - 182 (B) secondary water;
 - 183 (C) sewer service;
 - 184 (D) storm drainage or flood control;
 - 185 (E) recreational facilities or parks;
 - 186 (F) electrical power generation or distribution;
 - 187 (G) construction or maintenance of local streets and roads;
 - 188 (H) street lighting;
 - 189 (I) curb, gutter, and sidewalk maintenance;
 - 190 (J) law or code enforcement service;
 - 191 (K) fire protection service;
 - 192 (L) animal services;
 - 193 (M) planning and zoning;
 - 194 (N) building permits and inspections;
 - 195 (O) refuse collection; or
 - 196 (P) weed control.
- 197 (ii) "Municipal service" includes the physical facilities required to provide a service

198 described in Subsection [~~(1)(b)(i)~~] (1)(e)(i).

199 [~~(e)~~] (f) "Private," with respect to real property, means taxable property.

200 (2) For purposes of this part:

201 (a) the owner of real property shall be the record title owner according to the records of
202 the county recorder on the date of the filing of the feasibility request or petition for
203 incorporation; and

204 (b) the assessed fair market value of private real property shall be determined
205 according to the last assessment roll for county taxes before the filing of the feasibility request
206 or petition for incorporation.

207 (3) For purposes of each provision of this part that requires the owners of private real
208 property covering a percentage or fraction of the total private land area within an area to sign a
209 feasibility request or a petition for incorporation:

210 (a) a parcel of real property may not be included in the calculation of the required
211 percentage or fraction unless the feasibility request or petition for incorporation is signed by:

212 (i) except as provided in Subsection (3)(a)(ii), owners representing a majority
213 ownership interest in that parcel; or

214 (ii) if the parcel is owned by joint tenants or tenants by the entirety, 50% of the number
215 of owners of that parcel;

216 (b) the signature of a person signing a feasibility request or a petition for incorporation
217 in a representative capacity on behalf of an owner is invalid unless:

218 (i) the person's representative capacity and the name of the owner the person represents
219 are indicated on the feasibility request or petition for incorporation with the person's signature;
220 and

221 (ii) the person provides documentation accompanying the feasibility request or petition
222 for incorporation that substantiates the person's representative capacity; and

223 (c) subject to Subsection (3)(b), a duly appointed personal representative may sign a
224 feasibility request or a petition for incorporation on behalf of a deceased owner.

225 Section 3. Section **10-2a-103** is amended to read:

226 **10-2a-103. Incorporation of a contiguous area -- Incorporation involving more**
227 **than one county.**

228 (1) A contiguous area of a county not within a municipality may incorporate as a
229 municipality as provided in this chapter.

230 (2) If a proposed incorporation relates to an area in more than one county:

231 (a) the individual who files the feasibility request shall file the request with each
232 county containing a portion of the area proposed for incorporation; and

233 (b) the counties shall work together, in accordance with direction given by the
234 lieutenant governor, to complete the actions required by this chapter.

235 Section 4. Section **10-2a-104** is amended to read:

236 **10-2a-104. Elections governed by the Election Code.**

237 Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, each election under this chapter [~~shall be~~]
238 is governed by the provisions of Title 20A, Election Code.

239 Section 5. Section **10-2a-106** is amended to read:

240 **10-2a-106. Feasibility request filed before changes to law take effect.**

241 [~~(1) If a request for a feasibility study to incorporate a city is filed under Section~~
242 ~~10-2a-202 before May 12, 2015, the request and a subsequent feasibility study, petition, public~~
243 ~~hearing, election, and any other city incorporation action applicable to that request shall be~~
244 ~~filed with and be acted upon, held, processed, or paid for by the county legislative body or~~
245 ~~county clerk, as applicable, as designated, directed, or authorized before Laws of Utah 2015,~~
246 ~~Chapter 157, takes effect.]~~

247 [~~(2) If a petition to incorporate a town is filed before May 12, 2015, the petition and a~~
248 ~~subsequent feasibility study, petition, public hearing, election, and any other town~~
249 ~~incorporation action applicable to that petition to incorporate shall be filed with and be acted~~
250 ~~upon, held, processed, or paid for by the county legislative body or county clerk, as applicable,~~
251 ~~as designated, directed, or authorized before Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 157, takes effect.]~~

252 [~~(3)~~] (1) If an individual files a [~~request for a feasibility study for the incorporation of a~~
253 ~~city, or an application for an incorporation petition for the incorporation of a]~~ feasibility request

254 for incorporation of a city or town[;] before May 14, 2019, the process for incorporating [that]
 255 the city or town [under that request or application] is not subject to Laws of Utah 2019,
 256 Chapter 165 or this bill, and is instead subject to the municipal incorporation law in effect on
 257 the day on which the individual files the feasibility request.

258 (2) If an individual files a feasibility request for incorporation of a city or town before
 259 May 3, 2023, the process for incorporating the city or town is not subject to this bill, and is
 260 subject to the municipal incorporation law in effect on the day on which the individual files the
 261 feasibility request.

262 Section 6. Section **10-2a-201.5** is amended to read:

263 **10-2a-201.5. Qualifications for incorporation.**

264 (1) (a) An area may incorporate as a town in accordance with this part if the area:

- 265 (i) ~~[subject to Subsection (1)(c);]~~ is contiguous;
- 266 (ii) has a population of at least 100 people, but fewer than 1,000 people; and
- 267 (iii) is not already part of a municipality.

268 (b) An area may incorporate as a city in accordance with this part if the area:

- 269 (i) ~~[subject to Subsection (1)(c);]~~ is contiguous;
- 270 (ii) has a population of 1,000 people or more; and
- 271 (iii) is not already part of a municipality.

272 ~~[(c) An area is not contiguous for purposes of Subsection (1)(a)(i) or (b)(i) if:]~~

273 ~~[(i) the area includes a strip of land that connects geographically separate areas; and]~~

274 ~~[(ii) the distance between the geographically separate areas is greater than the average~~
 275 ~~width of the strip of land connecting the geographically separate areas.]~~

276 (2) (a) An area may not incorporate under this part if:

- 277 (i) the area has a population of fewer than 100 people; or
- 278 (ii) except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), the area has an average population density
- 279 of fewer than seven people per square mile.

280 (b) ~~[Subject to Subsection (1)(c), an area that does not comply with Subsection~~
 281 ~~(2)(a)(ii) may incorporate under this part if the] Subsection (2)(a)(ii) does not prohibit~~

282 incorporation of an area if:

283 (i) noncompliance with Subsection (2)(a)(ii) is necessary to connect separate areas that
284 share a demonstrable community interest[-]; and

285 (ii) the area is contiguous.

286 (3) [~~Subject to Subsection (1)(c), an~~] An area incorporating under this part may not
287 include land owned by the United States federal government unless:

288 (a) the area, including the land owned by the United States federal government, is
289 contiguous; and

290 (b) [(a)] (i) incorporating the land is necessary to connect separate areas that share a
291 demonstrable community interest; or

292 [(b)] (ii) excluding the land from the incorporating area would create an unincorporated
293 island within the proposed municipality.

294 (4) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), an area incorporating under this part
295 may not include some or all of an area proposed for annexation in an annexation petition under
296 Section 10-2-403 that:

297 (i) was filed before the filing of the request for a feasibility study, described in Section
298 10-2a-202, relating to the incorporating area; and

299 (ii) is still pending on the date the request for the feasibility study described in
300 Subsection (4)(a)(i) is filed.

301 (b) A [~~request for a feasibility study~~] feasibility request may propose for incorporation
302 an area that includes some or all of an area proposed for annexation in an annexation petition
303 described in Subsection (4)(a) if:

304 (i) the proposed annexation area that is part of the area proposed for incorporation does
305 not exceed 20% of the area proposed for incorporation;

306 (ii) the feasibility request complies with Subsections 10-2a-202(1) [~~and (2)~~] through
307 (4) with respect to excluding the proposed annexation area from the area proposed for
308 incorporation; and

309 (iii) excluding the area proposed for annexation from the area proposed for

310 incorporation would not cause the area proposed for incorporation to not be contiguous [~~under~~
311 ~~Subsection (1)(c)~~].

312 (c) Except as provided in Section 10-2a-206, the lieutenant governor shall consider
313 each feasibility request to which Subsection (4)(b) applies as not proposing the incorporation of
314 an area proposed for annexation.

315 (5) (a) An area incorporating under this part may not include part of a parcel of real
316 property and exclude part of that same parcel unless the owner of the parcel gives written
317 consent to exclude part of the parcel.

318 (b) A piece of real property that has more than one parcel number is considered to be a
319 single parcel for purposes of Subsection (5)(a) if owned by the same owner.

320 Section 7. Section 10-2a-202 is amended to read:

321 **10-2a-202. Feasibility request -- Requirements -- Limitations.**

322 (1) The process to incorporate a contiguous area of a county as a municipality is
323 initiated by an individual filing a [~~request for a feasibility study with the Office of the~~
324 ~~Lieutenant Governor that:~~] feasibility request, with the county clerk of the county where the
325 area proposed to be incorporated is located, that includes:

- 326 (a) [~~is signed by~~] the signatures of the owners of private real property that:
 - 327 (i) is located within the area proposed to be incorporated;
 - 328 (ii) covers at least 10% of the total private land area within the area; and
 - 329 (iii) is, as of January 1 of the current year, equal in assessed fair market value to at least
330 7% of the assessed fair market value of all private real property within the area; and

331 (b) [~~indicates~~] the typed or printed name and current residence address of each owner
332 signing the request[;].

333 (2) The feasibility request shall include:

334 [~~(c)~~] (a) [~~describes~~] a description of the contiguous area proposed to be incorporated as
335 a municipality;

336 [~~(d)~~] (b) [~~designates~~] a designation of up to five signers of the request as sponsors, one
337 of whom is designated as the contact sponsor, with the mailing address and telephone number

338 of each;

339 ~~[(e)]~~ (c) ~~[is accompanied by and circulated with]~~ an accurate map or plat, prepared by a
340 licensed surveyor, showing a legal description of the boundaries of the proposed municipality;

341 and

342 ~~[(f)]~~ (d) ~~[requests the lieutenant governor to]~~ a request that the lieutenant governor
343 commission a study to determine the feasibility of incorporating the area as a municipality.

344 (3) The individual described in Subsection (1) shall, on the day on which the individual
345 files the feasibility request with the county clerk, provide to the lieutenant governor:

346 (a) written notice that the individual filed the feasibility request that indicates the day
347 on which the individual filed the feasibility request; and

348 (b) a complete copy of the feasibility request.

349 ~~[(2)]~~ (4) A feasibility request ~~[for a feasibility study under this section]~~ may not
350 propose for incorporation an area that includes some or all of an area that is the subject of a
351 completed feasibility study or supplemental feasibility study whose results comply with
352 Subsection ~~[10-2a-205(6)(a)]~~ 10-2a-205(5)(a) unless:

353 (a) the proposed incorporation that is the subject of the completed feasibility study or
354 supplemental feasibility study has been defeated by the voters at an election under Section
355 10-2a-210; or

356 (b) the time described in Subsection 10-2a-208(1) for filing an incorporation petition
357 based on the completed feasibility study or supplemental feasibility study has elapsed without
358 the sponsors filing an incorporation petition under Section 10-2a-208.

359 ~~[(3)]~~ (5) Sponsors may not file a feasibility request ~~[under this section regarding]~~
360 relating to the incorporation of a town if the cumulative private real property that the sponsors
361 own exceeds 40% of the total private land area within the boundaries of the proposed town.

362 Section 8. Section **10-2a-204** is amended to read:

363 **10-2a-204. Processing a feasibility request -- Certification or rejection --**
364 **Processing priority -- Determination by the Utah Population Committee.**

365 (1) Within 45 days after the day on which an individual files a feasibility request under

366 Section 10-2a-202, the [~~lieutenant governor~~] county clerk shall:

367 (a) [~~with the assistance of other county officers of the county in which the~~
368 ~~incorporation is proposed from whom the lieutenant governor requests assistance,]~~ determine
369 whether the feasibility request complies with Section 10-2a-202; and

370 (b) notify the lieutenant governor, in writing, of the determination made under
371 Subsection (1)(a) and the grounds for the determination.

372 (2) The county clerk:

373 (a) shall keep the lieutenant governor apprised of the county clerk's progress in making
374 the determination described in Subsection (1)(a); and

375 (b) may consult with the lieutenant governor in making the determination described in
376 Subsection (1)(a).

377 [~~(b)~~] (3) Within five days after the day on which the county clerk provides the
378 notification described in Subsection (1)(b), the lieutenant governor shall:

379 (a) review the determination and the grounds for the determination to evaluate whether
380 the feasibility request complies with Section 10-2a-202; and

381 (b) (i) uphold the determination;

382 (ii) reverse the determination; or

383 (iii) require the county clerk to provide additional information that the lieutenant
384 governor identifies as necessary for the lieutenant governor to uphold or reverse the county
385 clerk's determination.

386 (4) If the office requires the county clerk to provide additional information under
387 Subsection (3)(b)(iii):

388 (a) the county clerk shall provide the additional information to the office within five
389 days after the day on which the office notifies the county clerk that the additional information
390 is required; and

391 (b) the office shall, within five days after the day on which the county clerk provides
392 the additional information, uphold or reverse the determination of the county clerk described in
393 Subsection (1)(b).

394 ~~[(i) if the lieutenant governor]~~
395 (5) If the lieutenant governor determines that the feasibility request complies with
396 Section 10-2a-202, the lieutenant governor shall:

- 397 ~~[(A)]~~ (a) certify the request;
- 398 ~~[(B)]~~ (b) transmit written notification of the certification to the contact sponsor; and
- 399 ~~[(C)]~~ (c) transmit written notification of the certification to the Utah Population
400 Committee~~;~~~~or~~.

401 ~~[(ii)]~~ (6) ~~[if the lieutenant governor]~~ If the lieutenant governor determines that the
402 feasibility request fails to comply with Section 10-2a-202, the lieutenant governor shall reject
403 the feasibility request and notify the contact sponsor in writing of the rejection and the
404 ~~[reasons]~~ grounds for the rejection.

405 ~~[(2)]~~ (7) (a) Within 20 days after the day on which the lieutenant governor transmits
406 written notification under Subsection ~~[(1)(b)(i)(C)]~~, (5)(c), the Utah Population Committee
407 shall:

408 (i) determine whether, on the date the sponsors filed the feasibility request ~~[under~~
409 Section 10-2a-202 for the proposed municipality], the proposed municipality complied with the
410 population, population density, and contiguity requirements described in Section 10-2a-201.5;
411 and

412 (ii) provide notice of the determination to the lieutenant governor and the county clerk.

413 (b) If the Utah Population Committee determines that a proposed municipality does not
414 comply with the population, population density, or contiguity requirements described in
415 Section 10-2a-201.5, the lieutenant governor shall rescind the certification described in
416 Subsection ~~[(1)(b)(i)]~~ (5)(a) and reject the ~~[application in accordance with Subsection~~
417 ~~(1)(b)(ii)]~~ feasibility request.

418 ~~[(3)]~~ (8) The lieutenant governor shall certify or reject feasibility requests ~~[under~~
419 ~~Subsection (1)]~~ in the order in which the requests are filed.

420 ~~[(4)]~~ (9) (a) ~~[(i)]~~ If the lieutenant governor ~~[rejects a request under Subsection~~
421 ~~(1)(b)(ii)]~~ determines that the feasibility request fails to comply with Section 10-2a-202, or

422 rejects the feasibility request under Subsection (7)(b), the sponsors may, subject to Section
 423 10-2a-206, amend the feasibility request to correct the deficiencies [for which the lieutenant
 424 governor rejected the request] and refile the feasibility request with the [lieutenant governor]
 425 county clerk.

426 ~~[(ii)]~~ (b) The sponsors shall submit any amended feasibility request within 90 days
 427 after the day on which the lieutenant governor ~~[rejects the request under Subsection (1)(b)(ii)]~~
 428 makes the determination or rejection described in Subsection (9)(a).

429 ~~[(iii)]~~ (c) The sponsors may reuse a signature described in Subsection
 430 ~~[10-2a-202(1)(a)]~~ 10-2a-202(2)(a) that is on a rejected feasibility request or on an amended
 431 feasibility request described in Subsection ~~[(4)(a)(i)]~~ (9)(a).

432 ~~[(b)]~~ (d) The county clerk and the lieutenant governor shall consider a feasibility
 433 request that is amended and refiled under Subsection ~~[(4)(a)]~~ (9)(a) as a newly filed feasibility
 434 request and process the feasibility request in accordance with ~~[Subsection (3)]~~ this section.

435 Section 9. Section **10-2a-204.3** is enacted to read:

436 **10-2a-204.3. Notice to property owners -- First public hearing.**

437 (1) Unless the lieutenant governor rescinds the certification under Subsection
 438 10-2a-204(7)(b), the county clerk shall:

439 (a) hold the first public hearing in relation to the proposed incorporation, at a location
 440 approved by the lieutenant governor, no later than 30 days after the day on which the county
 441 clerk receives the notice described in Subsection 10-2a-204(7)(a)(ii);

442 (b) publish notice of the hearing in accordance with Subsection 10-2a-207(7); and

443 (c) within seven calendar days after the day on which the county clerk receives the
 444 notice described in Subsection 10-2a-204(7)(a)(ii), mail written notice of the proposed
 445 incorporation and of the first public hearing described in this section to:

446 (i) each residence within, and each owner of real property located within:

447 (A) the proposed incorporation boundaries; and

448 (B) 300 feet of the proposed incorporation boundaries;

449 (ii) the contact sponsor; and

450 (iii) the lieutenant governor.

451 (2) The written notice provided by the county clerk under Subsections (1)(b) and (c)
452 shall include:

453 (a) the following statement:

454 "NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCORPORATION AND FIRST PUBLIC HEARING

455 You have received this notice because you reside or own property within an area
456 proposed for incorporation, or an area within 300 feet of an area proposed for incorporation.

457 The first public hearing in relation to the proposed incorporation will be held on [insert date,
458 time, and location]. The purpose of the first public hearing is to provide information regarding

459 the proposed incorporation, the incorporation process, including the process for deciding
460 whether to incorporate, and certain rights you may have in relation to the proposed

461 incorporation. A specified landowner, as defined in Utah Code Section [10-2a-204.5](#), may,
462 within 30 days after the day of the public hearing, request that the county clerk exclude all or

463 part of the specified landowner's land from the area proposed for incorporation. A specified
464 landowner may not request exclusion after the end of the 30-day period. Any owner of land

465 within a county where the area proposed for incorporation is located may, within 30 days after
466 the day of the public hearing, request that the county clerk include all or part of that land in the

467 area proposed for incorporation. An owner of land may not request inclusion after the end of
468 the 30-day period."; and

469 (b) a clear description of the area proposed for incorporation.

470 (3) Notwithstanding that the county conducts the first public hearing, the lieutenant
471 governor, or a designee of the lieutenant governor, shall:

472 (a) direct the proceedings at the first public hearing, with the assistance of the county
473 clerk as needed;

474 (b) provide information regarding the proposed incorporation, the incorporation
475 process, including the process for deciding whether to incorporate, and the rights citizens may
476 have in relation to the proposed incorporation;

477 (c) describe the process by which a specified landowner may request that the county

478 clerk exclude all or part of the specified landowner's land from the area proposed for
479 incorporation;

480 (d) describe the process by which an owner of land described in Subsection
481 10-2a-204.5(2)(b) may request that the county clerk include all or part of that land in the area
482 proposed for incorporation;

483 (e) describe the criteria for granting a request for exclusion or inclusion of land; and

484 (f) answer questions from individuals who attend the first public hearing.

485 (4) The contact sponsor, or an agent of the contact sponsor, and the county clerk, or an
486 employee of the county clerk designated by the county clerk, shall attend the first public
487 hearing.

488 (5) The county clerk shall:

489 (a) provide the location and equipment for the public hearing, subject to approval by
490 the lieutenant governor; and

491 (b) ensure compliance with the requirements of Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public
492 Meetings Act, in relation to the public hearing.

493 Section 10. Section **10-2a-204.5**, which is renumbered from Section 10-2a-203 is
494 renumbered and amended to read:

495 ~~[10-2a-203].~~ **10-2a-204.5. Notice to owner of property -- Exclusion or**
496 **inclusion of property from or in proposed municipality.**

497 (1) As used in this section:

498 ~~[(a) "Assessed value" with respect to property means the value at which the property~~
499 ~~would be assessed without regard to a valuation for agricultural use under Section 59-2-503.]~~

500 ~~[(b)]~~ (a) "Owner" means a person having an interest in real property, including an
501 affiliate, subsidiary, or parent company.

502 ~~[(c)]~~ (b) "Specified landowner" means a record owner of real property:

503 (i) who owns more than:

504 (A) 1% of the assessed fair market value, as of January 1 of the current year, of all
505 property within the boundaries of a proposed incorporation; or

506 (B) 10% of the total private land area within the boundaries of a proposed
507 incorporation; or

508 (ii) located in a mining protection area as defined in Section 17-41-101.

509 ~~[(2) Within seven calendar days after the day on which an individual files a request for~~
510 ~~a feasibility study under Section 10-2a-202, the lieutenant governor shall mail written notice of~~
511 ~~the proposed incorporation to each residence within, and each owner of real property located~~
512 ~~within:]~~

513 ~~[(a) the proposed incorporation boundaries; and]~~

514 ~~[(b) 300 feet of the proposed incorporation boundaries.]~~

515 ~~[(3)]~~ (2) ~~[A specified landowner may, within]~~ Within 30 calendar days after the day ~~[on~~
516 ~~which the specified landowner receives notice under Subsection (2);]~~ of the first public hearing
517 described in Section 10-2a-204.3:

518 (a) a specified landowner may request that the [lieutenant governor] county clerk
519 exclude all or part of the [property] land owned by the specified landowner from the area
520 proposed for incorporation by filing a [notice of] request for exclusion with the [Office of the
521 Lieutenant Governor] county clerk that describes the [property] land for which the specified
522 landowner requests exclusion; or

523 (b) any owner of land located within the county where the area proposed for
524 incorporation is located may file a request that all or part of that land be included in the area
525 proposed for incorporation by filing a request for inclusion with the county clerk that describes
526 the land that the landowner desires to include.

527 ~~[(4)]~~ (3) The ~~[lieutenant governor] county clerk~~ shall exclude the ~~[property] land~~
528 identified by a specified landowner under Subsection ~~[(3)]~~ (2)(a) from the proposed
529 incorporation boundaries unless the ~~[lieutenant governor] county clerk~~ finds by clear and
530 convincing evidence that:

531 (a) the exclusion will leave an unincorporated island within the proposed municipality;
532 and

533 (b) the ~~[property] land~~ receives from the county a majority of currently provided

534 municipal services.

535 (4) The county clerk shall include land identified by a landowner under Subsection
 536 (2)(b) in the area proposed for incorporation unless the county clerk finds by clear and
 537 convincing evidence that:

538 (a) the land will not be contiguous with the area of the proposed municipality, taking
 539 into account other requests for inclusion or requests for exclusion received before the deadline
 540 described in Subsection (2); or

541 (b) the inclusion will cause the area proposed for incorporation to violate a requirement
 542 for incorporation described in this part.

543 (5) The county clerk shall:

544 (a) no earlier than 30 days after, but no later than 44 days after, the day of the first
 545 public hearing described in Section 10-2a-204.3, make a determination on all timely requests
 546 for exclusion or inclusion;

547 (b) forward to the lieutenant governor for review:

548 (i) all timely requests for exclusion or inclusion;

549 (ii) the county clerk's determination on each of the requests described in Subsection
 550 (5)(b)(i); and

551 (iii) the reasons, including the supporting data, for each determination described in
 552 Subsection (5)(b)(ii); and

553 ~~[(5)] [(a)]~~ (c) ~~[Within]~~ within five days after the day on which the lieutenant governor
 554 makes a final determination on whether to include or exclude ~~[a property]~~ land under
 555 Subsection ~~[(4), the lieutenant governor]~~ (7), the county clerk shall mail or transmit written
 556 notice of whether the ~~[property]~~ land is included or excluded from the proposed incorporation
 557 boundaries to:

558 (i) for a request for exclusion, the specified landowner that requested the [property's]
 559 exclusion; [and]

560 (ii) for a request for inclusion, the owner of land that requested the inclusion; and

561 ~~[(ii)]~~ (iii) the contact sponsor.

562 ~~[(b)] (6) [If the lieutenant governor makes a determination to include a property under~~
 563 ~~Subsection (4), the lieutenant governor]~~ For a request for exclusion or inclusion that is denied,
 564 the county clerk shall include, in the written notice described in Subsection [(5)(a)] (5)(c), a
 565 detailed explanation of the [lieutenant governor's determination] reason for the denial and the
 566 facts supporting the denial.

567 (7) Within 14 days after the day on which the lieutenant governor receives the
 568 information described in Subsection (5)(b) the lieutenant governor shall:

569 (a) review each determination;

570 (b) uphold or reverse each determination; and

571 (c) forward to the county clerk:

572 (i) the lieutenant governor's final determinations; and

573 (ii) if the lieutenant governor reverses a determination of the county clerk, the reason
 574 for the reversal and the supporting facts.

575 Section 11. Section **10-2a-205** is amended to read:

576 **10-2a-205. Feasibility study -- Feasibility study consultant -- Qualifications for**
 577 **proceeding with incorporation.**

578 ~~[(1) Within 90 days after the day on which the lieutenant governor receives a request~~
 579 ~~that the lieutenant governor certifies under Subsection [10-2a-204](#)(1)(b)(i), the lieutenant~~
 580 ~~governor shall engage a feasibility consultant selected, in accordance with Subsection (2), to~~
 581 ~~conduct a feasibility study.]~~

582 (1) Unless the lieutenant governor rescinds the certification under Subsection
 583 [10-2a-204](#)(7)(b), the lieutenant governor shall, within 90 days after the day on which the
 584 lieutenant governor certifies a feasibility request under Subsection [10-2a-204](#)(5)(a), in
 585 accordance with Subsection (2), engage a feasibility consultant to conduct a feasibility study.

586 (2) ~~[(a)]~~ The lieutenant governor shall:

587 (a) select a feasibility consultant in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah
 588 Procurement Code[-];

589 ~~(b) [The lieutenant governor shall ensure that a feasibility consultant selected under~~

590 Subsection (2)(a) ensure that the feasibility consultant:

591 (i) has expertise in the processes and economics of local government; and

592 (ii) is not affiliated with ~~[(A)]~~ a sponsor of the feasibility ~~[study]~~ request ~~[to which the~~
593 ~~feasibility study relates; or (B)]~~ or the county in which the proposed municipality is located~~[-];~~

594 and

595 ~~[(3)]~~ (c) ~~[The lieutenant governor shall]~~ require the feasibility consultant to:

596 ~~[(a)]~~ (i) submit a draft of the feasibility study to each applicable person with whom the
597 feasibility consultant is required to consult under Subsection ~~[(4)(c)]~~ (3)(c) within 90 days after
598 the day on which the lieutenant governor engages the feasibility consultant to conduct the
599 study;

600 ~~[(b)]~~ (ii) allow each person to whom the consultant provides a draft under Subsection
601 ~~[(3)(a)]~~ (2)(c)(i) to review and provide comment on the draft;

602 ~~[(c)]~~ (iii) submit a completed feasibility study, including a one-page summary of the
603 results, to the following within 120 days after the day on which the lieutenant governor engages
604 the feasibility consultant to conduct the feasibility study:

605 ~~[(i)]~~ (A) the lieutenant governor;

606 ~~[(ii)]~~ (B) the county legislative body of the county in which the incorporation is
607 proposed;

608 ~~[(iii)]~~ (C) the contact sponsor; and

609 ~~[(iv)]~~ (D) each person to whom the consultant provided a draft under Subsection
610 ~~[(3)(a)]~~ (2)(c)(i); and

611 ~~[(d)]~~ (iv) attend the public hearings described in Section 10-2a-207 to present the
612 feasibility study results and respond to questions from the public.

613 ~~[(4)]~~ (3) (a) The feasibility ~~[consultant shall ensure that the feasibility study includes]~~
614 study shall include:

615 (i) an analysis of the population and population density within the area proposed for
616 incorporation and the surrounding area;

617 (ii) the current and projected five-year demographics and tax base within the

618 boundaries of the proposed municipality and surrounding area, including household size and
619 income, commercial and industrial development, and public facilities;

620 (iii) subject to Subsection [~~(4)(b)~~] (3)(b), the current and five-year projected cost of
621 providing municipal services to the proposed municipality, including administrative costs;

622 (iv) assuming the same tax categories and tax rates as currently imposed by the county
623 and all other current service providers, the present and five-year projected revenue for the
624 proposed municipality;

625 (v) an analysis of the risks and opportunities that might affect the actual costs described
626 in Subsection [~~(4)(a)(iii)~~] (3)(a)(iii) or revenues described in Subsection [~~(4)(a)(iv)~~] (3)(a)(iv)
627 of the newly incorporated municipality;

628 (vi) an analysis of new revenue sources that may be available to the newly incorporated
629 municipality that are not available before the area incorporates, including an analysis of the
630 amount of revenues the municipality might obtain from those revenue sources;

631 (vii) the projected tax burden per household of any new taxes that may be levied within
632 the proposed municipality within five years after incorporation;

633 (viii) the fiscal impact of the municipality's incorporation on unincorporated areas,
634 other municipalities, local districts, special service districts, and other governmental entities in
635 the county; and

636 (ix) if the [~~lieutenant governor~~] county clerk excludes property from, or includes
637 property in, the proposed municipality under Section [~~10-2a-203~~] 10-2a-204.5, an update to the
638 map and legal description described in Subsection [~~10-2a-202(1)(e)~~] 10-2a-202(2)(e).

639 (b) (i) [~~For purposes of Subsection (4)(a)(iii)]~~ In calculating the projected costs under
640 Subsection (3)(a)(iii), the feasibility consultant shall assume the proposed municipality will
641 provide a level and quality of municipal services that fairly and reasonably approximate the
642 level and quality of municipal services that are provided to the area of the proposed
643 municipality at the time the feasibility consultant conducts the feasibility study.

644 (ii) In [~~determining the present~~] calculating the current cost of a municipal service
645 under Subsection (3)(a)(iii), the feasibility consultant shall consider:

646 (A) the amount it would cost the proposed municipality to provide the municipal
647 service for the first five years after the municipality's incorporation; and

648 (B) the current municipal service provider's present and five-year projected cost of
649 providing the municipal service.

650 (iii) In calculating costs under Subsection ~~[(4)(a)(iii)]~~ (3)(a)(iii), the feasibility
651 consultant shall account for inflation and anticipated growth.

652 (c) In conducting the feasibility study, the feasibility consultant shall consult with the
653 following before submitting a draft of the feasibility study under Subsection ~~[(3)(a)]~~ (2)(c)(i):

654 (i) if the proposed municipality will include lands owned by the United States federal
655 government, the entity within the United States federal government that has jurisdiction over
656 the land;

657 (ii) if the proposed municipality will include lands owned by the state, the entity within
658 state government that has jurisdiction over the land;

659 (iii) each entity that provides a municipal service to a portion of the proposed
660 municipality; and

661 (iv) ~~any~~ each other special service district that provides services to a portion of the
662 proposed municipality.

663 ~~[(5)]~~ (4) If the five-year projected revenues calculated under Subsection ~~[(4)(a)(iv)]~~
664 (3)(a)(iv) exceed the five-year projected costs calculated under Subsection ~~[(4)(a)(iii)]~~
665 (3)(a)(iii) by more than 5%, the feasibility consultant shall project and report the expected
666 annual revenue surplus to the contact sponsor and the lieutenant governor.

667 ~~[(6)]~~ (5) (a) Except as provided in Subsection ~~[(6)(b)]~~ (5)(b), if the results of the
668 feasibility study, or a supplemental feasibility study described in Section 10-2a-206, show that
669 the average annual amount of revenue calculated under Subsection ~~[(4)(a)(iv)]~~ (3)(a)(iv) does
670 not exceed the average annual cost calculated under Subsection ~~[(4)(a)(iii)]~~ (3)(a)(iii) by more
671 than 5%, the process to incorporate the area that is the subject of the feasibility study or
672 supplemental feasibility study may not proceed.

673 (b) The process to incorporate an area described in Subsection ~~[(6)(a)]~~ (5)(a) may

674 proceed if a subsequent supplemental feasibility study conducted under Section 10-2a-206 for
 675 the proposed incorporation demonstrates compliance with Subsection ~~[(6)(a)]~~ (5)(a).

676 ~~[(7)]~~ (6) If the results of the feasibility study or revised feasibility study do not comply
 677 with Subsection ~~[(6)]~~ (5), and if requested by the sponsors of the request, the feasibility
 678 consultant shall, as part of the feasibility study or revised feasibility study, make
 679 recommendations regarding how the boundaries of the proposed municipality may be altered to
 680 comply with Subsection ~~[(6)]~~ (5).

681 ~~[(8)]~~ (7) The lieutenant governor shall post a copy of the feasibility study, and any
 682 supplemental feasibility study described in Section 10-2a-206, on the lieutenant governor's
 683 website and make a copy available for public review at the ~~[Office of the Lieutenant Governor]~~
 684 lieutenant governor's office.

685 Section 12. Section 10-2a-206 is amended to read:

686 **10-2a-206. Modified feasibility request -- Supplemental feasibility study.**

687 (1) (a) The sponsors of a feasibility ~~[study]~~ request may modify the request to alter the
 688 boundaries of the proposed municipality and refile the modified feasibility request with the
 689 ~~[lieutenant governor]~~ county clerk if:

690 (i) the results of the feasibility study do not comply with Subsection ~~[10-2a-205(6)(a)]~~
 691 10-2a-205(5)(a); or

692 (ii) (A) the feasibility request complies with Subsection 10-2a-201.5(4)(b);

693 (B) the annexation petition described in Subsection 10-2a-201.5(4)(b) that proposed
 694 the annexation of an area that is part of the area proposed for incorporation has been denied;
 695 and

696 (C) an incorporation petition based on the feasibility request has not been filed[;].

697 ~~[(iii) (A) the lieutenant governor completes the first public hearing described in~~
 698 ~~Subsection 10-2a-207(4); and]~~

699 ~~[(B) property is excluded from the proposed municipality in accordance with~~
 700 ~~Subsection 10-2a-207(5)(b); or]~~

701 ~~[(iv) before the time period for a specified landowner, as defined in Section 10-2a-203;~~

702 to request that the lieutenant governor exclude the specified landowner's property from the
703 proposed incorporation under Subsection ~~10-2a-207~~(5)(a) has expired, a municipal legislative
704 body:]

705 ~~[(A) approves an annexation petition proposing the annexation of an area that is part of~~
706 ~~the area proposed for incorporation under Section ~~10-2-407~~ or ~~10-2-408~~; or]~~

707 ~~[(B) adopts an ordinance approving the annexation of an area that is part of the area~~
708 ~~proposed for incorporation under Section ~~10-2-418~~.]~~

709 (b) (i) The sponsors of a feasibility [~~study~~] request may not file a modified request
710 under Subsection (1)(a)(i) more than 90 days after the day on which the feasibility consultant
711 submits the final results of the feasibility study under Subsection [~~10-2a-205(3)(c)~~]
712 ~~10-2a-205(2)(c)(iii)~~.

713 (ii) The sponsors of a feasibility request may not file a modified request under
714 Subsection (1)(a)(ii) more than 18 months after filing the original feasibility request under
715 Section ~~10-2a-202~~.

716 ~~[(iii) The sponsors of a request may not file a modified request under Subsection~~
717 ~~(1)(a)(iii) more than 90 days after the day on which the lieutenant governor mails or transmits~~
718 ~~written notice under Subsection ~~10-2a-207(4)(c)~~.]~~

719 ~~[(iv) The sponsors of a request may not file a modified request under Subsection~~
720 ~~(1)(a)(iv) more than 90 days after the day on which the municipal legislative body:]~~

721 ~~[(A) approves the annexation petition under Section ~~10-2-407~~ or ~~10-2-408~~; or]~~

722 ~~[(B) adopts the ordinance approving the annexation under Section ~~10-2-418~~.]~~

723 (c) (i) Subject to Subsection (1)(c)(ii), each modified feasibility request under
724 Subsection (1)(a) shall comply with Subsections ~~10-2a-202(1)~~ [~~and (2)~~] through (4) and
725 Subsection ~~10-2a-201.5(4)~~.

726 (ii) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(c)(i), a signature on a feasibility request filed under
727 Section ~~10-2a-202~~ may be used toward fulfilling the signature requirement of Subsection
728 [~~10-2a-202(1)(a)~~] ~~10-2a-202(2)(a)~~ for the feasibility request as modified under Subsection
729 (1)(a), unless the modified feasibility request proposes the incorporation of an area that is more

730 than 20% larger or smaller than the area described by the original feasibility request in terms
731 of:

732 (A) private land area; or

733 (B) assessed fair market value of private real property, as of January 1 of the current
734 year.

735 ~~[(2)]~~ (d) Within 20 days after the ~~[lieutenant governor's receipt of]~~ day on which the
736 county clerk receives the modified request, the ~~[lieutenant governor]~~ county clerk and the
737 lieutenant governor shall follow the same procedure ~~[under Subsection 10-2a-204(1)]~~ described
738 in Subsections 10-2a-204(1) through (6) for the modified feasibility request as for an original
739 feasibility request.

740 ~~[(3)]~~ (2) The timely filing of a modified feasibility request under Subsection (1) gives
741 the modified feasibility request the same processing priority under Subsection ~~[10-2a-204(3)]~~
742 10-2a-204(8) as the original feasibility request.

743 ~~[(4)]~~ (3) Within 10 days after the day on which the ~~[lieutenant governor]~~ county clerk
744 receives a modified feasibility request under Subsection (1)(a) that relates to a request for
745 which a feasibility study has already been completed, the lieutenant governor shall commission
746 the feasibility consultant who conducted the feasibility study to conduct a supplemental
747 feasibility study that accounts for the modified feasibility request.

748 ~~[(5)]~~ (4) The lieutenant governor shall require the feasibility consultant to:

749 (a) submit a draft of the supplemental feasibility study to each applicable person with
750 whom the feasibility consultant is required to consult under Subsection ~~[10-2a-205(4)(c)]~~
751 10-2a-205(3)(c) within 30 days after the day on which the feasibility consultant is engaged to
752 conduct the supplemental study;

753 (b) allow each person to whom the consultant provided a draft under Subsection
754 ~~[(5)(a)]~~ (4)(a) to review and provide comment on the draft; and

755 (c) submit a completed supplemental feasibility study, to the following within 45 days
756 after the day on which the feasibility consultant is engaged to conduct the feasibility study:

757 (i) the lieutenant governor;

758 (ii) the county legislative body of the county in which the incorporation is proposed;
 759 (iii) the contact sponsor; and
 760 (iv) each person to whom the consultant provided a draft under Subsection [(5)(a)]
 761 (4)(a).

762 [(6)] (5) (a) Subject to Subsection [(6)(b)] (5)(b), if the results of the supplemental
 763 feasibility study do not comply with Subsection [~~10-2a-205(6)(a)~~] 10-2a-205(5)(a), the
 764 sponsors may further modify the request in accordance with Subsection (1).

765 (b) Subsections [(2), (4), and (5)] (1)(d), (5), and (6) apply to a modified feasibility
 766 request described in Subsection [(6)(a)] (5)(a).

767 (c) The [~~lieutenant governor~~] county clerk shall consider a modified feasibility request
 768 described in Subsection [(6)(a)] (5)(a) as an original feasibility request [~~for a feasibility study~~]
 769 for purposes of determining the modified feasibility request's processing priority under
 770 Subsection [~~10-2a-204(3)~~] 10-2a-204(8).

771 Section 13. Section **10-2a-207** is amended to read:

772 **10-2a-207. Additional public hearings on feasibility study results -- Notice of**
 773 **hearings.**

774 (1) As used in this section, "specified landowner" means the same as that term is
 775 defined in Section [~~10-2a-203~~] 10-2a-204.5.

776 (2) If the results of the feasibility study or supplemental feasibility study comply with
 777 Subsection [~~10-2a-205(6)(a)~~] 10-2a-205(5)(a), the [~~lieutenant governor~~] county clerk shall,
 778 after receipt of the results of the feasibility study or supplemental feasibility study, conduct
 779 [~~two~~] additional public hearings in accordance with this section.

780 (3) (a) If an area proposed for incorporation is approved for annexation after the
 781 feasibility study or supplemental feasibility study is conducted but before the [~~lieutenant~~
 782 ~~governor~~] county clerk conducts the [~~first~~] second public hearing under Subsection (4), the
 783 [~~lieutenant governor~~] county clerk may not conduct the [~~first~~] second public hearing under
 784 Subsection (4) unless:

785 (i) the sponsors of the feasibility study file a modified feasibility request [~~for a~~

786 feasibility study] in accordance with Section ~~10-2a-206~~; and

787 (ii) the results of the supplemental feasibility study comply with Subsection
788 ~~[10-2a-205(6)(a)]~~ 10-2a-205(5)(a).

789 (b) For purposes of Subsection (3)(a), an area is approved for annexation if [a
790 ~~condition described in Subsection 10-2a-206(1)(a)(iv) occurs]~~ a municipal legislative body:

791 (i) approves an annexation petition proposing the annexation of an area that is part of
792 the area proposed for incorporation under Section 10-2-407 or 10-2-408; or

793 (ii) adopts an ordinance approving the annexation of an area that is part of the area
794 proposed for incorporation under Section 10-2-418.

795 (4) The ~~[lieutenant governor]~~ county clerk shall conduct the ~~[first]~~ second public
796 hearing:

797 (a) within 60 days after the day on which the ~~[lieutenant governor]~~ county clerk
798 receives the results under Subsection (2) or (3)(a)(ii);

799 (b) at a location approved by the lieutenant governor within or near the proposed
800 municipality; and

801 (c) to allow the feasibility consultant to present the results of the feasibility study~~]; and~~
802 ~~(d) to]~~ and inform the public about the results ~~[of the feasibility study].~~

803 ~~[(5)(a) Within 30 calendar days after the day on which the lieutenant governor~~
804 ~~completes the first public hearing under Subsection (4), a specified landowner may request that~~
805 ~~the lieutenant governor exclude all or part of the property owned by the specified landowner~~
806 ~~from the proposed incorporation by filing a notice of exclusion with the Office of the~~
807 ~~Lieutenant Governor that describes the property for which the specified landowner requests~~
808 ~~exclusion.]~~

809 ~~[(b) The lieutenant governor shall exclude the property identified by a specified~~
810 ~~landowner under Subsection (5)(a) from the proposed incorporation boundaries unless the~~
811 ~~lieutenant governor finds by clear and convincing evidence that:]~~

812 ~~[(i) the exclusion will leave an unincorporated island within the proposed municipality;~~
813 ~~and]~~

814 ~~[(ii) the property receives from the county a majority of currently provided municipal~~
815 ~~services.]~~

816 ~~[(c) (i) Within five days after the day on which the lieutenant governor determines~~
817 ~~whether to exclude property under Subsection (5)(b), the lieutenant governor shall mail or~~
818 ~~transmit written notice of whether the property is included or excluded from the proposed~~
819 ~~municipality to:]~~

820 ~~[(A) the specified landowner that requested the property's exclusion; and]~~

821 ~~[(B) the contact sponsor.]~~

822 ~~[(ii) If the lieutenant governor makes a determination to include a property under~~
823 ~~Subsection (5)(b), the lieutenant governor shall include, in the written notice described in~~
824 ~~Subsection (5)(c)(i), a detailed explanation of the lieutenant governor's determination:]~~

825 ~~[(d) (i) If the lieutenant governor excludes property from the proposed municipality~~
826 ~~under Subsection (5)(b), or if an area proposed for incorporation is approved for annexation~~
827 ~~within the time period for a specified landowner to request an exclusion under Subsection~~
828 ~~(5)(a), the lieutenant governor may not conduct the second public hearing under Subsection (6);~~
829 ~~unless:]~~

830 ~~[(A) the sponsors of the feasibility study file a modified request for a feasibility study~~
831 ~~in accordance with Section 10-2a-206; and]~~

832 ~~[(B) the results of the supplemental feasibility study comply with Subsection~~
833 ~~10-2a-205(6)(a).]~~

834 ~~[(ii) For purposes of Subsection (5)(d)(i), an area is approved for annexation if a~~
835 ~~condition described in Subsection 10-2a-206(1)(a)(iv) occurs.]~~

836 ~~[(6) The lieutenant governor shall conduct the second public hearing:]~~

837 ~~[(a) (i) within 30 days after the day on which the time period described in Subsection~~
838 ~~(5)(a) expires, if Subsection (5)(d) does not apply; or]~~

839 ~~[(ii) within 30 days after the day on which the lieutenant governor receives the results~~
840 ~~of the supplemental feasibility study described in Subsection (5)(d)(i)(B), if Subsection (5)(d)~~
841 ~~applies;]~~

842 ~~[(b) within or near the proposed municipality; and]~~
843 ~~[(c) to allow the feasibility consultant to present the results of and inform the public~~
844 ~~about:]~~
845 ~~[(i) the feasibility study presented to the public in the first public hearing under~~
846 ~~Subsection (4), if Subsection (5)(d) does not apply; or]~~
847 ~~[(ii) the supplemental feasibility study described in Subsection (5)(d)(i)(B), if~~
848 ~~Subsection (5)(d) applies.]~~
849 (5) The county clerk shall:
850 (a) conduct an additional public hearing following each occasion when, after the day of
851 the second public hearing, the county clerk receives the results of a supplemental feasibility
852 study that comply with Subsection 10-2a-205(5); and
853 (b) hold the public hearing described in Subsection (5)(a):
854 (i) within 30 days after the day on which the county clerk receives the results of the
855 supplemental feasibility study;
856 (ii) at a location approved by the lieutenant governor within or near the proposed
857 municipality;
858 (iii) to inform the public that the feasibility presented to the public at the preceding
859 public hearing does not apply; and
860 (iv) to allow the feasibility consultant to present the results of the supplemental
861 feasibility study and inform the public about the results.
862 ~~[(7)]~~ (6) At each public hearing required under this section, the [lieutenant governor]
863 county clerk shall:
864 (a) provide a map or plat of the boundary of the proposed municipality;
865 (b) provide a copy of the applicable feasibility study for public review;
866 (c) allow members of the public to express views about the proposed incorporation,
867 including views about the proposed boundaries; and
868 (d) allow the public to ask the feasibility consultant questions about the applicable
869 feasibility study.

870 ~~[(8)]~~ (7) The ~~[lieutenant governor]~~ county clerk shall publish notice of each public
871 hearing required under this section and Section 10-2a-204.3:

872 (a) (i) at least three weeks before the day of the public hearing, by posting one notice,
873 and at least one additional notice per 2,000 population of the proposed municipality, in places
874 within the proposed municipality that are most likely to give notice to the residents within, and
875 the owners of real property located within, the proposed municipality; or

876 (ii) at least three weeks before the public hearing, by mailing notice to each residence
877 within, and each owner of real property located within, the proposed municipality;

878 (b) on the Utah Public Notice Website created in Section 63A-16-601, for three weeks
879 before the day of the public hearing; and

880 (c) on the ~~[lieutenant governor's]~~ county's website for three weeks before the day of the
881 public hearing.

882 ~~[(9)]~~ (8) (a) Except as provided in Subsection ~~[(9)(b);]~~ (8)(b), for a hearing described in
883 this section, the notice described in Subsection ~~[(8)]~~ (7) shall:

884 (i) include the feasibility study summary described in Subsection ~~[10-2a-205(3)(c)]~~
885 10-2a-205(2)(c)(iii); and

886 (ii) indicate that a full copy of the feasibility study is available on the ~~[lieutenant~~
887 ~~governor's]~~ county's website and for inspection at the ~~[Office of the Lieutenant Governor; and]~~
888 county clerk's office.

889 ~~[(iii) indicate that under no circumstances may property be excluded or annexed from~~
890 ~~the proposed incorporation after the time period specified in Subsection (5)(a) has expired, if~~
891 ~~the notice is for the first public hearing under Subsection (4).]~~

892 (b) Instead of publishing the feasibility summary under Subsection ~~[(9)(a)(i); the~~
893 ~~lieutenant governor]~~ (8)(a)(i), the county clerk may publish a statement that specifies the
894 following sources where a resident within, or the owner of real property located within, the
895 proposed municipality, may view or obtain a copy of the feasibility study:

896 (i) the lieutenant governor's website;

897 (ii) the county's website;

898 ~~[(ii)]~~ (iii) the physical address of the ~~[Office of the Lieutenant Governor]~~ county clerk's
899 office; and

900 ~~[(iii)]~~ (iv) a mailing address and telephone number.

901 Section 14. Section **10-2a-208** is amended to read:

902 **10-2a-208. Petition for incorporation -- Requirements and form.**

903 (1) At any time within one year after the day on which the ~~[lieutenant governor]~~ county
904 clerk completes the public hearings ~~[described in]~~ required under Section **10-2a-207**,
905 individuals within the proposed municipality may proceed with the incorporation process by
906 circulating, and submitting to the ~~[lieutenant governor an incorporation]~~ county clerk, a petition
907 for incorporation that, to be certified under Subsection **10-2a-209(1)(b)(i)**, is required to be
908 signed by:

909 (a) 10% of all registered voters within the area proposed to be incorporated as a
910 municipality, as of the ~~[date]~~ day on which the petition for incorporation is filed;

911 (b) if the petition for incorporation proposes the incorporation of a city, and subject to
912 Subsection (4), 10% of all registered voters within 90% of the voting precincts within the area
913 proposed to be incorporated as a city, as of the ~~[date]~~ day on which the petition for
914 incorporation is filed; and

915 (c) the owners of private real property that:

916 (i) is located within the proposed municipality;

917 (ii) covers at least 10% of the total private land area within the proposed municipality;
918 and

919 (iii) ~~[is]~~ on January 1 of the current year, was equal in assessed fair market value to at
920 least 7% of the assessed fair market value of all private real property within the proposed
921 municipality.

922 (2) The ~~[petition sponsors shall ensure that the]~~ petition for incorporation shall:

923 (a) ~~[includes]~~ include the typed or printed name and current residence address of each
924 voter ~~[that]~~ who signs the petition for incorporation;

925 (b) ~~[describes]~~ describe the area proposed to be incorporated as a municipality, as

926 described in the feasibility [~~study~~] request or the modified feasibility request that complies with
927 Subsection [~~10-2a-205(6)(a)~~] 10-2a-205(5)(a);

928 (c) [~~states~~] state the proposed name for the proposed municipality;

929 (d) [~~designates~~] designate five signers of the petition for incorporation as petition
930 sponsors, one of whom is designated as the contact sponsor, with the mailing address and
931 telephone number of each;

932 (e) if the sponsors propose the incorporation of a city, [~~states~~] state that the signers of
933 the petition for incorporation appoint the sponsors, if the incorporation measure passes, to
934 represent the signers in:

935 (i) selecting the number of commission or council members the new city will have; and

936 (ii) drawing district boundaries for the election of council members, if the voters
937 decide to elect council members by district;

938 (f) [~~is~~] be accompanied by and circulated with an accurate plat or map, prepared by a
939 licensed surveyor, showing the boundaries of the proposed municipality; and

940 (g) substantially [~~complies~~] comply with and [~~is~~] be circulated in the following form:

941 PETITION FOR INCORPORATION OF (insert the proposed name of the proposed
942 municipality)

943 To the Honorable Lieutenant Governor and the [name of county legislative body]:

944 We, the undersigned registered voters within the area described in this petition for
945 incorporation, respectfully petition the lieutenant governor [~~to direct~~] and the county legislative
946 body to submit to the registered voters residing within the area described in this petition for
947 incorporation, at the next regular general election, the question of whether the area should
948 incorporate as a municipality. Each of the undersigned affirms that each has personally signed
949 this petition for incorporation and is a registered voter who resides within the described area,
950 and that the current residence address of each is correctly written after the signer's name. The
951 area proposed to be incorporated as a municipality is described as follows: [~~{~~][insert an
952 accurate description of the area proposed to be incorporated~~}~~].

953 (3) (a) [~~A~~] Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), a valid signature on a feasibility

954 request described in Section 10-2a-202 or a modified feasibility request described in Section
 955 10-2a-206 may ~~[not]~~ be used toward fulfilling the signature requirement described in
 956 Subsection (1)~~[-(a)]~~ if the feasibility request notified the signer in conspicuous language that
 957 the signature, unless withdrawn, would also be used for a petition for incorporation under this
 958 section~~[-and]~~.

959 (b) ~~[unless]~~ A signature described in Subsection (3)(a) may not be used toward
 960 fulfilling the signature requirement described in Subsection (1) if the signer files with the
 961 ~~[lieutenant governor]~~ county clerk a written withdrawal of the signature before the petition for
 962 incorporation is filed with the county clerk under this section ~~[with the lieutenant governor]~~.

963 (4) (a) A signature does not qualify under Subsection (1)(b) if the signature is gathered
 964 from a voting precinct that:

965 (i) except in a proposed municipality that will be a city of the fifth class, is not located
 966 entirely within the boundaries of a proposed city; or

967 (ii) includes less than 50 registered voters.

968 (b) A voting precinct that is not located entirely within the boundaries of the proposed
 969 city does not qualify as a voting precinct under Subsection (1)(b).

970 Section 15. Section 10-2a-209 is amended to read:

971 **10-2a-209. Processing of petition by county clerk -- Certification or rejection --**
 972 **Petition modification.**

973 (1) Within 45 days after the day on which ~~[an incorporation]~~ a petition for
 974 incorporation is filed under Section 10-2a-208, the ~~[lieutenant governor]~~ county clerk shall:

975 (a) ~~[with the assistance of other county officers of the county in which the~~
 976 ~~incorporation is proposed, and from whom the lieutenant governor requests assistance,]~~
 977 determine whether the petition for incorporation complies with Section 10-2a-208; and

978 (b) (i) if the ~~[lieutenant governor]~~ county clerk determines that the petition for
 979 incorporation complies with Section 10-2a-208, certify the petition for incorporation and notify
 980 in writing the contact sponsor of the certification; or

981 (ii) if the ~~[lieutenant governor]~~ county clerk determines that the petition for for

982 incorporation fails to comply with Section 10-2a-208, reject the petition for incorporation and
983 notify the contact sponsor in writing of the rejection and the reasons for the rejection.

984 (2) (a) If the [~~lieutenant governor~~] county clerk rejects a petition for incorporation
985 under Subsection (1)(b)(ii), the [~~petition~~] sponsors of the petition for incorporation may correct
986 the deficiencies for which the petition for incorporation was rejected and refile the petition for
987 incorporation with the [~~lieutenant governor~~] county clerk.

988 (b) Notwithstanding the deadline described in Subsection 10-2a-208(1), the [~~petition~~]
989 sponsors of the petition for incorporation may file a modified petition for incorporation under
990 Subsection (2)(a) no later than 30 days after the day on which the [~~lieutenant governor~~] county
991 clerk notifies the contact sponsor of rejection under Subsection (1)(b)(ii).

992 (c) A valid signature on [~~an incorporation~~] a petition for incorporation described in
993 Section 10-2a-208 may be used toward fulfilling the signature requirement described in
994 Subsection 10-2a-208(1) for a petition for incorporation that is modified under Subsection
995 (2)(a).

996 (3) (a) Within 20 days after the day on which the [~~lieutenant governor~~] county clerk
997 receives a modified petition for incorporation under Subsection (2)(a), the [~~lieutenant~~
998 ~~governor~~] county clerk shall review the modified petition for incorporation in accordance with
999 Subsection (1).

1000 (b) The sponsors of [~~an incorporation~~] a petition for incorporation may not modify the
1001 petition for incorporation more than once.

1002 Section 16. Section 10-2a-210 is amended to read:

1003 **10-2a-210. Incorporation election -- Notice of election -- Voter information**
1004 **pamphlet.**

1005 (1) (a) If the [~~lieutenant governor~~] county clerk certifies a petition for incorporation
1006 under Subsection 10-2a-209(1)(b), the lieutenant governor shall schedule an incorporation
1007 election for the proposed municipality described in the petition for incorporation to be held on
1008 the date of the next regular general election described in Section 20A-1-201, or the next
1009 municipal general election described in Section 20A-1-202, that is at least 65 days after the day

1010 on which the [~~lieutenant governor~~] county clerk certifies the petition for incorporation.

1011 (b) (i) The lieutenant governor shall direct the county legislative body of the county in
1012 which the proposed municipality is located to hold the election on the date that the lieutenant
1013 governor schedules under Subsection (1)(a).

1014 (ii) The county legislative body shall hold the election as directed by the lieutenant
1015 governor under Subsection (1)(b)(i).

1016 (2) The county clerk shall provide notice of the election:

1017 (a) (i) by publishing notice in a newspaper of general circulation within the area
1018 proposed to be incorporated at least once a week for three successive weeks before the election;

1019 (ii) at least three weeks before the day of the election, by posting one notice, and at
1020 least one additional notice per 2,000 population of the area proposed to be incorporated, in
1021 places within the area proposed to be incorporated that are most likely to give notice to the
1022 voters within the area proposed to be incorporated, subject to a maximum of 10 notices; or

1023 (iii) at least three weeks before the day of the election, by mailing notice to each
1024 registered voter in the area proposed to be incorporated;

1025 (b) by posting notice on the Utah Public Notice Website, created in Section
1026 [63A-16-601](#), for three weeks before the day of the election;

1027 (c) if the proposed municipality has a website, by posting notice on the proposed
1028 municipality's website for three weeks before the day of the election; and

1029 (d) by posting notice on the county's website for three weeks before the day of the
1030 election.

1031 (3) (a) The notice [~~required by~~] described in Subsection (2) shall [~~contain~~] include:

1032 (i) a statement of the contents of the petition for incorporation;

1033 (ii) a description of the area proposed to be incorporated as a municipality;

1034 (iii) a statement of the date and time of the election and the location of polling places;

1035 and

1036 (iv) except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), the feasibility study summary described in
1037 Subsection [~~10-2a-205(3)(c)~~] [10-2a-205\(2\)\(c\)\(iii\)](#) and a statement that a full copy of the study

1038 is available on the [~~lieutenant governor's~~] county's website and for inspection at the [~~Office of~~
1039 ~~the Lieutenant Governor~~] county offices.

1040 (b) Instead of including the feasibility summary under Subsection (3)(a)(iv), the notice
1041 may include a statement that specifies the following sources where a registered voter in the area
1042 proposed to be incorporated may view or obtain a copy of the feasibility study:

1043 (i) the [~~lieutenant governor's~~] county's website;

1044 (ii) the physical address of the [~~Office of the Lieutenant Governor~~] county clerk office;

1045 and

1046 (iii) a mailing address and telephone number.

1047 (4) (a) In addition to the notice [~~required under~~] described in Subsection (2), the county
1048 clerk shall publish and distribute, before the incorporation election is held, a voter information
1049 pamphlet:

1050 (i) in accordance with the procedures and requirements of Section [20A-7-402](#);

1051 (ii) in consultation with the lieutenant governor; and

1052 (iii) in a manner that the county clerk determines is adequate, subject to Subsections

1053 (4)(a)(i) and (ii).

1054 (b) The voter information pamphlet described in Subsection (4)(a):

1055 (i) shall inform the public of the proposed incorporation; and

1056 (ii) may include written statements, printed in the same font style and point size, from
1057 proponents and opponents of the proposed incorporation.

1058 (5) An individual may not vote in an incorporation election under this section unless
1059 the individual is a registered voter who resides, as defined in Section [20A-1-102](#), within the
1060 boundaries of the proposed municipality.

1061 (6) If a majority of those who vote in an incorporation election held under this section
1062 cast votes in favor of incorporation, the area shall incorporate.

1063 Section 17. Section **10-2a-213** is amended to read:

1064 **10-2a-213. Determination of number of council members -- Determination of**
1065 **election districts -- Hearings and notice.**

1066 (1) If the incorporation proposal passes, the [~~petition~~] sponsors of the petition for
1067 incorporation shall, within 60 days after the day on which the county conducts the canvass of
1068 the election under Section 10-2a-212:

1069 (a) for the incorporation of a city:

1070 (i) if the voters at the incorporation election choose the council-mayor form of
1071 government, determine the number of council members that will constitute the city council of
1072 the city; and

1073 (ii) if the voters at the incorporation election vote to elect council members by district,
1074 determine the number of council members to be elected by district and draw the boundaries of
1075 those districts, which shall be substantially equal in population; and

1076 (b) for the incorporation of any municipality:

1077 (i) determine the initial terms of the mayor and members of the municipal council so
1078 that:

1079 (A) the mayor and approximately half the members of the municipal council are
1080 elected to serve an initial term, of no less than one year, that allows the mayor's and members'
1081 successors to serve a full four-year term that coincides with the schedule established in
1082 Subsection 10-3-205(1); and

1083 (B) the remaining members of the municipal council are elected to serve an initial
1084 term, of no less than one year, that allows the members' successors to serve a full four-year
1085 term that coincides with the schedule established in Subsection 10-3-205(2); and

1086 (ii) submit in writing to the county legislative body the results of the determinations
1087 made by the sponsors under Subsections (1)(a) and (b)(i).

1088 (2) A newly incorporated town shall operate under the five-member council form of
1089 government as defined in Section 10-3b-102.

1090 (3) Before making a determination under Subsection (1)(a) or (b)(i), the [~~petition~~]
1091 sponsors of the petition for incorporation shall, under the direction of the county clerk, hold a
1092 public hearing within the future municipality on the applicable issues described in Subsections
1093 (1)(a) and (b)(i).

1094 (4) ~~[The petition sponsors shall provide notice]~~ Notice of the public hearing described
1095 in Subsection (3) shall be provided as follows:

1096 (a) the sponsors of the petition for incorporation shall:

1097 (i) at least two weeks before the day of the public hearing, ~~[by posting]~~ post one notice,
1098 and at least one additional notice per 2,000 population of the future municipality, in places
1099 within the future municipality that are most likely to give notice to the residents within, and the
1100 owners of real property located within, the future municipality, subject to a maximum of 10
1101 notices; or

1102 (ii) at least two weeks before the day of the public hearing, ~~[by mailing]~~ mail notice to
1103 each residence within, and each owner of real property located within, the future municipality;

1104 (b) ~~[by posting]~~ the county clerk shall post notice on the Utah Public Notice Website,
1105 created in Section [63A-16-601](#), for two weeks before the day of the public hearing;

1106 (c) if the future municipality has a website, ~~[by posting]~~ the sponsors of the petition for
1107 incorporation shall post notice on the future municipality's website for two weeks before the
1108 day of the public hearing; and

1109 (d) ~~[by posting notice]~~ the county clerk shall post notice on the county's website for
1110 two weeks before the day of the public hearing.

1111 Section 18. Section **10-2a-214** is amended to read:

1112 **10-2a-214. Notice of number of commission or council members to be elected and**
1113 **of district boundaries -- Declaration of candidacy for municipal office.**

1114 (1) Within 20 days after the day on which a county legislative body receives the
1115 ~~[petition sponsors' determination under]~~ determination described in Subsection
1116 [10-2a-213\(1\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#), the county clerk shall provide a notice, in accordance with Subsection (2),
1117 containing:

1118 (a) the number of municipal council members to be elected for the new municipality;

1119 (b) except as provided in Subsection (3), if some or all of the municipal council
1120 members are to be elected by district, a description of the boundaries of those districts;

1121 (c) information about the deadline for an individual to file a declaration of candidacy to

1122 become a candidate for mayor or municipal council; and
1123 (d) information about the length of the initial term of each of the municipal officers.
1124 (2) The county clerk shall provide the notice described in Subsection (1):
1125 (a) (i) by posting one notice, and at least one additional notice per 2,000 population of
1126 the future municipality, in places within the future municipality that are most likely to give
1127 notice to the residents in the future municipality, subject to a maximum of 10 notices; or
1128 (ii) by mailing notice to each residence in the future municipality;
1129 (b) by posting notice on the Utah Public Notice Website, created in Section
1130 63A-16-601, for two weeks;
1131 (c) if the future municipality has a website, by posting notice on the future
1132 municipality's website for two weeks; and
1133 (d) by posting notice on the county's website for two weeks.
1134 (3) Instead of including a description of the district boundaries under Subsection (1)(b),
1135 the notice may include a statement that specifies the following sources where a resident of the
1136 future municipality may view or obtain a copy of the district boundaries:
1137 (a) the county website;
1138 (b) the physical address of the county [~~offices~~] clerk's office; and
1139 (c) a mailing address and telephone number.
1140 (4) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-9-203(3)(a), each individual seeking to become a
1141 candidate for mayor or municipal council of a municipality incorporating under this part shall
1142 file a declaration of candidacy with the clerk of the county in which the future municipality is
1143 located and in accordance with:
1144 (a) for an incorporation held on the date of a regular general election, the deadlines for
1145 filing a declaration of candidacy under Section 20A-9-202; or
1146 (b) for an incorporation held on the date of a municipal general election, the deadlines
1147 for filing a declaration of candidacy under Section 20A-9-203.
1148 Section 19. Section 10-2a-220 is amended to read:
1149 **10-2a-220. Costs of incorporation -- Fees established by lieutenant governor.**

1150 (1) (a) There is created an expendable special revenue fund known as the "Municipal
1151 Incorporation Expendable Special Revenue Fund."

1152 (b) The fund shall consist of:

1153 (i) appropriations from the Legislature; and

1154 (ii) fees the [~~Office of the Lieutenant Governor~~] lieutenant governor collects and remits
1155 to the fund under this section.

1156 (c) The [~~Office of the Lieutenant Governor~~] lieutenant governor shall deposit all
1157 money collected under this section into the fund.

1158 (2) (a) The lieutenant governor shall establish a fee in accordance with Section
1159 63J-1-504 for a cost incurred by the lieutenant governor or the county for an incorporation
1160 proceeding, including:

1161 (i) a request certification;

1162 (ii) a feasibility study;

1163 (iii) a petition certification;

1164 (iv) publication of notices;

1165 (v) public hearings;

1166 (vi) all other incorporation activities occurring after the elections; and

1167 (vii) any other cost incurred by the lieutenant governor or county in relation to an
1168 incorporation proceeding.

1169 (b) A cost under Subsection (2)(a) does not include a cost incurred by a county for
1170 holding an election under Section 10-2a-210.

1171 (3) The lieutenant governor shall pay for a cost described in Subsection (2)(a) using
1172 funds from the Municipal Incorporation Expendable Special Revenue Fund.

1173 (4) (a) An area that incorporates as a municipality shall pay:

1174 (i) to the lieutenant governor each fee established under Subsection (2) for each cost
1175 described in Subsection (2)(a) incurred by the lieutenant governor or the county; and

1176 (ii) the county for a cost described in Subsection (2)(b).

1177 (b) The lieutenant governor shall execute a payback agreement with each new

1178 municipality for the new municipality to pay the fees described in Subsection (4)(a) over a
1179 period that, except as provided in Subsection (4)(c), may not exceed five years.

1180 (c) If necessary, the lieutenant governor may extend a fee payment deadline beyond the
1181 deadline described in Subsection (4)(b) by amending the payback agreement described in
1182 Subsection (4)(b).

1183 (d) The lieutenant governor shall deposit each fee the lieutenant governor collects
1184 under Subsection (4)(a)(i) into the Municipal Incorporation Expendable Special Revenue Fund.

1185 (5) If the lieutenant governor expends funds from the Municipal Incorporation
1186 Expendable Special Revenue Fund that are not repaid to the lieutenant governor under
1187 Subsection (4)(a)(i) because an area did not incorporate as a municipality, the Legislature shall
1188 appropriate money to the fund in an amount equal to the funds that are not repaid.

1189 Section 20. **Repealer.**

1190 This bill repeals:

1191 Section **10-2a-101**, Title.

1192 Section **10-2a-201**, Title.

1193 Section 21. **Revisor instructions.**

1194 The Legislature intends that the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, in
1195 preparing the Utah Code database for publication, replace the references in Subsections
1196 10-2a-106(1) and (2) in this bill from "this bill" to the citation to the bill in the Laws of Utah.

1197 Section 22. **Coordinating S.B. 37 with S.B. 43 -- Substantive and technical**
1198 **amendments.**

1199 If this S.B. 37 and S.B. 43, Public Notice Requirements, both pass and become law, it is
1200 the intent of the Legislature that the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall
1201 prepare the Utah Code database for publication by:

1202 (1) amending Subsection 10-2a-207(8) as follows:

1203 "[(8)] (7) The [lieutenant governor] county clerk shall publish notice of each public
1204 hearing required under this section[;], and Section 10-2a-204.3, for the proposed municipality,
1205 as a class B notice under Section 63G-28-102, for at least three weeks before the day of the

1206 public hearing.

1207 ~~[(a) (i) at least three weeks before the day of the public hearing, by posting one notice,~~
1208 ~~and at least one additional notice per 2,000 population of the proposed municipality, in places~~
1209 ~~within the proposed municipality that are most likely to give notice to the residents within, and~~
1210 ~~the owners of real property located within, the proposed municipality; or]~~

1211 ~~[(ii) at least three weeks before the public hearing, by mailing notice to each residence~~
1212 ~~within, and each owner of real property located within, the proposed municipality;]~~

1213 ~~[(b) on the Utah Public Notice Website created in Section [63A-16-601](#), for three weeks~~
1214 ~~before the day of the public hearing; and]~~

1215 ~~[(c) on the lieutenant governor's website for three weeks before the day of the public~~
1216 ~~hearing.]" ; and~~

1217 (2) amending Subsection [10-2a-213\(4\)](#) as follows:

1218 "(4) [The petition sponsors shall provide notice] Notice of the public hearing described
1219 in Subsection (3) shall be provided as follows:

1220 ~~[(a) (i) at least two weeks before the day of the public hearing, by posting one notice,~~
1221 ~~and at least one additional notice per 2,000 population of the future municipality, in places~~
1222 ~~within the future municipality that are most likely to give notice to the residents within, and the~~
1223 ~~owners of real property located within, the future municipality, subject to a maximum of 10~~
1224 ~~notices; or]~~

1225 ~~[(ii) at least two weeks before the day of the public hearing, by mailing notice to each~~
1226 ~~residence within, and each owner of real property located within, the future municipality;]~~

1227 ~~[(b) by posting notice on the Utah Public Notice Website, created in Section~~
1228 ~~[63A-16-601](#), for two weeks before the day of the public hearing;]~~

1229 (a) the county clerk shall provide notice for the future municipality, as a class B notice
1230 under Section [63G-28-102](#), for at least two weeks before the day of the public hearing; and

1231 ~~[(c)]~~ (b) if the future municipality has a website, [by posting] the sponsors of the
1232 petition for incorporation shall post notice on the future municipality's website for at least two
1233 weeks before the day of the public hearing[; and].

1234 [~~(d) by posting notice on the county's website for two weeks before the day of the~~
1235 ~~public hearing.]".~~