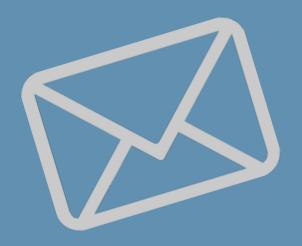
Election Law Updates

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BY-MAIL ELECTIONS & ABSENTEE BALLOTS





Going by mail?

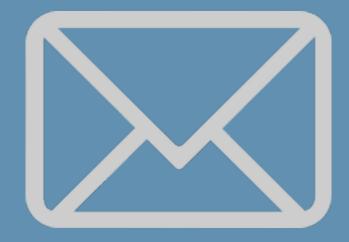
You must notify the Lieutenant Governor's office by May 1st.

(Notify your county clerk too.)



Ballot return envelopes must have a space for voters to write their:

- Phone number
- Email



If you reject a mail/absentee ballot...

Before Election Day **After Election Day On Election Day** Contact the voter via Contact the voter Contact the voter text or email within 1 within 7 days. within 7 days after the day of rejection. canvass. -OR-Contact the voter via phone or mail within 2 days of rejection.

Signature issue on a ballot?

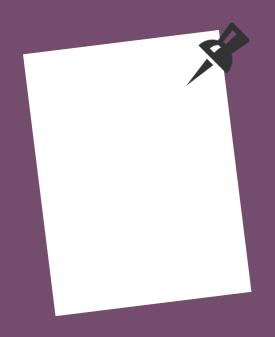
- Contact the voter.
- Voter can correct the issue by submitting an affidavit. (See 20A-3-302[5]).
- Count the ballot if affidavit is received before canvass.

Ballot Signature Audits

- Lieutenant Governor's
 Office will audit signature
 verification.
- Audit procedures to be determined this year.



ELECTION NOTICES





References to vote.utah.gov & municipal election website for polling location updates

Phone number for polling location info

Notice for declaration period has moved.

Feb 1 ----- May 1

(instead of publishing in a newspaper)



Candidate Declarations

(June 1 – June 7)

Post candidate's name, office, & campaign contact on your website within

3 DAYS

POLLING LOCATIONS

Early voting can be extended.



Add or Change Polling Locations

(even if you've already posted the notice)

The fine print:

- Notify the Lieutenant Governor's Office (elections@utah.gov) & county clerk.
- Post changes on your website.
- Post notice at new and old locations.

BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

Do you have a ballot proposition?

Solicit a **CON** statement at least **90** days before election:

- Newsletter or utility bill;
- Utah Public Notice Website;
- Home page of website;
- Email all residents (if you have their email)





Do you have a bond?

Include the cost of the property tax on the bond notice.

Initiatives Referenda

- "Other legislative action of a local legislative body"
- Provide petition materials within 5 days
- Allows sponsors to provide a description of the law on a referendum application
- Sponsors have more time to collect signatures (45 days to application, not after law was passed)

"This initiative petition seeks to increase the current [insert name of tax] rate by ___%, resulting in a ___ % percent increase in the current tax rate."

CAMPAIGN FINANCE 278 761,98 38 6 275,44 40 817,95 929 206,82 62 16 056,25 136 059,72 482 236,69 95 53 520,83 ,01 2 242,36 1 607 455,97 7 897,80 3,67 6 641,78 474,49 0,52 000 · 05 97 1.15

Candidates can't aggregate funds



Public emails can't be used to solicit campaign \$\$\$

(this includes public school emails)

New report: 7 DAYS before Primary Election





Are elected officials living outside town?

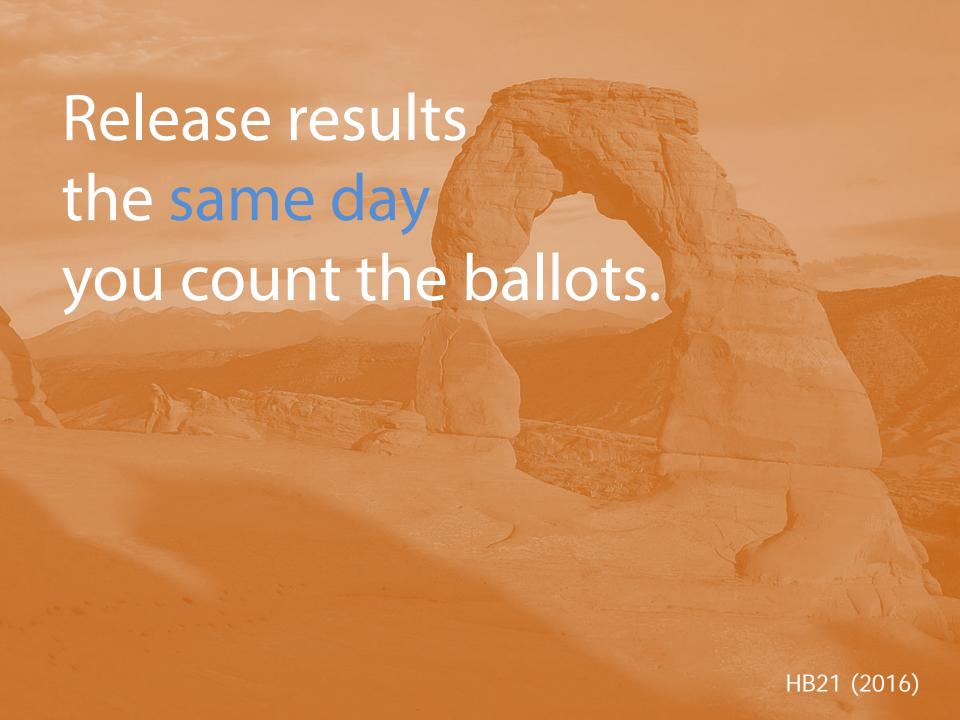


(but still have a residence there)

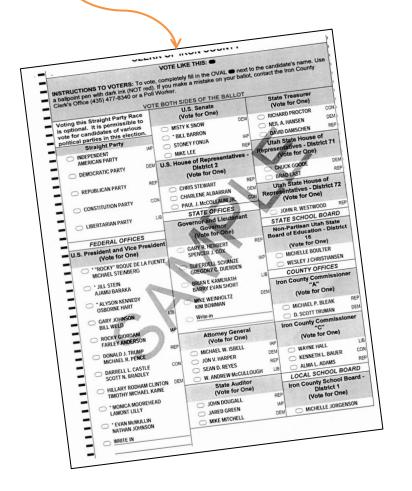
 Official is removed from office if gone for a continuous 60 days.

-OR-

 Official can obtain consent from city council to be absent for up to 1 year.



Technical Changes to Ballots



 Establishes official ballot order

Clarifies write-in spaces

Candidates must DECLARE CANDIDACY before convention

Questions?



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