

With the 10-0 vote in House committee last week, a compelling case was made to require County Clerks to administer a ranked choice voting election when a city asks them to do so. Here is a link to the audio:

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Currently cities have been authorized to opt in to an election process that county clerks have essentially made impossible to implement. City taxpayers pay for voting equipment and a portion of the county clerk's budget. They should have the right to select an election process authorized by the legislature and then have access to the necessary equipment and support to administer that election.

Thank you for your consideration of HB 75.

Sincerely,

Stan Lockhart

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Cc: justinlee@utah.gov
Subject: Plain Language substitute - please review
Date: Thursday, January 30, 2020 10:05:18 AM
Attachments: SB0028S01_001.pdf
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Please see the attached substitute bill and give me your thoughts. I haven't read it, but I think it's going to include recommended changes from Justin regarding unaffiliated candidates.

I'm going mostly offline for the next 6 hours, but will try to look at this as well. We can discuss in more detail on tomorrow's call, but I'd sure like to get your thoughts before the call.

Thanks,
R.

From: Tom Vaughn <TomVaughn@le.utah.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 9:56 AM
To: Justin Lee; Hatch,Ricky
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Substitute for your review

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Senator Thatcher asked me to send the attached substitute to you for review.

SB0028S01_001 - SB0028S01 (Protected) version 1 - Ballot and Voter Information Amendments - Thatcher, D.

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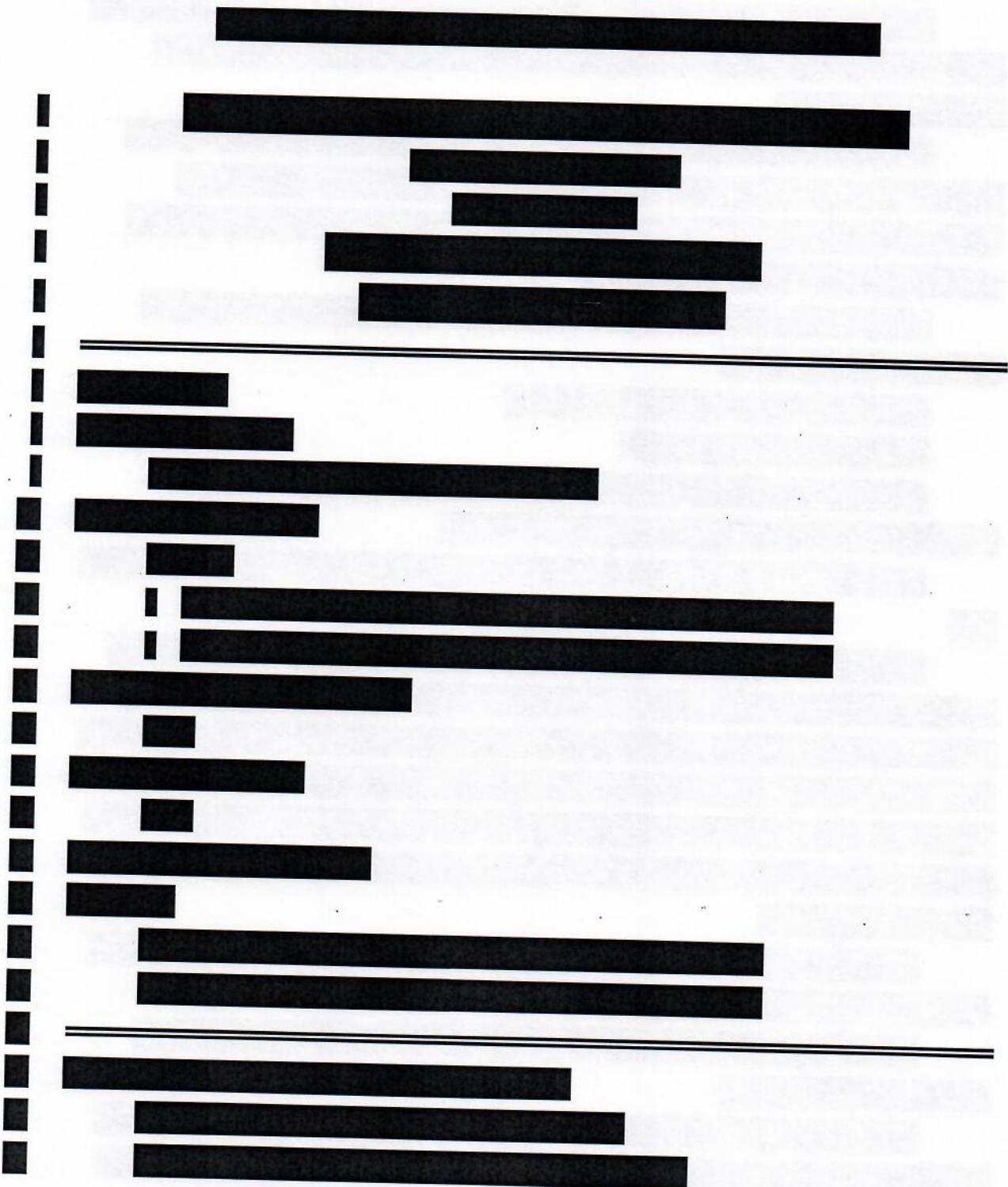


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Subject:
Attachments: Election bills of interest going to committee Monday and Tuesday mornings SREV0222.ag.pdf; HPOL0223.ag.pdf

FYI –

A few bills are going before Committees on Monday and Tuesday mornings.

Monday 8 AM: Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee: Senator McCay's SB205 - "Fix SB54" bill. The clerks' position on this isneutral and we don't intend to testify to the bill, although we'll have someone available to answer questions if needed.

Tuesday 9 AM: House Political Subdivisions Committee: Rep. Robertson's HB174 "add approval voting to RCV pilot program" bill. The clerks' position on this isneutral, as it is a municipal bill, and counties don't have jurisdiction over how municipalities choose to run their elections. This is also why our group was neutral on the 2019 bill that first established the RCV pilot program. I'll testify on the bill, underscoring the city's authority on running their own elections.

Also, Senator Harper's SB92 will be heard. We mildly support this bill, because it creates a study group regarding online voting. The rest of the bill doesn't impact clerks.

Agendas are attached – it might be interesting to watch the debate of these bills. To watch online, go to www.le.utah.gov and click on "Calendars" at the bottom. Then click on the committee calendar event (it will be in green as the meeting starts). You can livestream it.

Thanks,
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Ricky Hatch, CPA, CPO



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AGENDA

TO: Members of the Senate Revenue and Taxation Standing Committee
FROM: Sen. Daniel McCay, Chair
RE: Electronic Committee Meeting

DATE: Monday, February 22, 2021
TIME: 8:00 AM
ANCHOR 210 Senate Building
LOCATION:

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- Call to order and approval of minutes
- The following bills are scheduled for consideration:

1. **SB0205** Election Process Amendments (*D. McCay*)
(trv/ls1)
2. **SB0155** 988 Mental Health Crisis Assistance (*D. Thatcher*)
(trv/ls1)
3. **SB0197** Trust Deed Amendments (*C. Wilson*)
(pg/ay)
4. **HB0244S02** First Class County Highway Road Funds Amendments (*J. Dunnigan*)
(kpg/ay)
5. **HB0291S01** Residential Picketing Prohibition (*R. Wilcox*)
(jr/jfl)
6. **HB0242** Ticket Reseller Amendments (*V. L. Snow*)
(pg/ay)

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Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore
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Please be aware that the public portions of this meeting will be broadcast on the Internet and that a recording of the public meeting, along with any materials presented or distributed to the committee, will be posted on the Legislature's website.

Michelle Blue

From: Hatch,Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2016 2:12 PM
To: vsug@utah.gov
Cc: Arie Van De Graaff (arie@uacnet.org); justinlee@utah.gov; mjthomas@utah.gov
Subject: Elections Security Op-Ed-please submit to your local paper before the weekend
Attachments: Op Ed on Elections Security Oct 2016.docx

Importance: High

Attached is the final version of the op-ed. I heard back from 18 counties, with no vetoes, so we'll go ahead and submit.

Because your local paper would be more likely to print something submitted by you, **please look at the list of news organizations below to see if your name is listed. If so, please submit the op-ed to that paper.** For the contact info at the bottom of the op-ed, replace my name with yours, or add yours, so the paper can verify with you.

If your local paper is not listed, please contact them and then let me know.

I'll contact the TV & radio news stations next week, to hopefully better time any op-ed pieces with any TV pieces.

Thanks!

R.

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Millard Chronicle Progress	Millard	http://www.millardccp.com/home/contact/1-shellie-dutson	http://www.millardccp.com
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You may have recently seen harrowing headlines like "Russians Hack Elections System," "Rigged Elections?" and "Is Our Democracy at Risk?" Your Utah elections officials would like to offer our own headline: "Rigged Elections? Not On Our Watch."

Utah's election officials are like momma bears, fiercely protective of the security and integrity of our elections systems. Here's how these systems work, and why they're safe.

Almost 75 percent of Utah's votes are cast by mail. The Legislature and county clerks have implemented strict controls to ensure each ballot is safe, secure, and secret. Every single voter's signature is verified by a trained elections worker. Envelopes have unique barcodes used to give credit for voting, preventing someone from voting twice. Ballots are stored under lock and key, and at least two elections workers are present whenever ballots are handled or processed. Reconciliations are used throughout the process to ensure no ballot is lost, and no new ballots are introduced. Citizens are always welcome to watch and scrutinize this process. Observers always leave confident that the process is well controlled.

You might think, *these sound like good controls, but what about the system that totals the votes, and the transmission of election results? Are they safe?*

Absolutely! Each county's central counting server is located in a physically secure environment, and is not connected to the Internet or any other network. Ever. It compiles votes from the scanned paper ballots and from the touchscreen voting machines, tabulates the totals, and prints the results. This printed document is the official election record, and is kept by the county clerk.

Clerks transmit results to the Lieutenant Governor's office via secure electronic methods. After validation by the state, clerks immediately compare the results to the county's official record to ensure the transmission was accurate.

What about the voting machines at polling places? Can they be hacked remotely?

Nope. The voting machines at polling places are not networked, nor are they ever connected to the Internet. They don't have modems, network cards, or Wi-Fi. Hacking would require separate physical access to each machine. Clerks store these machines in secure locations, with multiple pre-numbered security seals to detect tampering. Poll workers check the seals and reconcile totals throughout the day to ensure the number of votes cast equals the number of voters who have checked in.

Each machine has a paper printout that shows the voter how their vote is being recorded. That paper trail allows us to compare the digital vote record with the physical record without compromising the voter's secret ballot. Every county audits a sample of machines. In 11 years, there has never been a discrepancy between what was recorded electronically and what was recorded on paper.

Your local election official is fiercely protective of your vote. Still not convinced? Come take a look! We'd love to walk you through the entire process. You'll walk away, as hundreds already have, confident that your vote is indeed safe, secret, and secure, even from Russian hackers!

Submitted by: Utah's 29 County Clerks and the Lieutenant Governor's Office

Michelle Blue

From: Hatch,Ricky <r hatch@co.weber.ut.us>
Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 11:20 AM
To: Justin Lee; vsugleg@utah.gov
Subject: RE: [CAUTION]Re: Latest Draft - 3rd Substitute for SB114, Election Law Amendments - Bramble, C.

Thanks Justin!
Weber likes Door #1.
R.
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Carpe Diem

From: Justin Lee [mailto:justinlee@utah.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 11:08 AM
To: vsugleg@utah.gov
Subject: [CAUTION]Re: Latest Draft - 3rd Substitute for SB114, Election Law Amendments - Bramble, C.

Good morning,

Looking at this current draft there are still concerns about the compressed time for either a recount or an election contest.

Under the current draft a recount can be requested no later than 1 day after either the canvass for the primary or runoff election. An election challenge must be filed no later than 7 days after the canvass.

For one example we can look at the 2018 calendar when a runoff election would be held on August 21. Each county would canvass no later than August 28. A recount would have to be filed for a single-county race by August 29. Any challenge would have to be filed by September 4, two and a half weeks prior to ballots needing to be sent to UOCAVA voters on September 21. At that point the schedule is in the court's hands. The schedule would be similar for a multi-county race, but 2 days later.

This schedule obviously leaves very little time if a recount is requested or even less time if an election challenge is filed in court. One option is to do nothing and hope for the best. However, there are a few ways we could buy a little more time:

1. Shorten the time frame to challenge an election. Instead of saying 7 days after the canvass we could say 1 day after the canvass. This would get us an extra week. We could have this apply only to the primary and to runoff voting but leave it alone for a general election.
2. Move the runoff back to the second week of August, instead of the third week where it is in the current draft, and re-introduce instant runoff voting for military and overseas voters.
3. Require canvass to be less than 7 days after the runoff election. This would obviously compress the time each county would have to count ballots. In addition we could also change the deadline for ballots to be received. Instead of saying they must be postmarked before election day we could follow the Colorado statute and say they must be received by 8:00 p.m. on the day of the runoff election and ignore any postmarks.

We know that none of these are ideal, but we are trying to find any time we can to make a difficult situation as feasible as possible.

Please let us know your thoughts as soon as possible.

Thanks,

Justin Lee
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Office of the Lieutenant Governor

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Subject: Need guidance and input on our "plain language" legislation

Hi everyone,
I need your advice to figure out how to deal with our plain language bill.

Background: The Gov Ops committee approved this as a committee bill in Interim. For various reasons (most of which were my fault), the language of the bill actually makes the ballots and inserts longer. In short - most of the bill needs to be dropped or rewritten for it to accomplish what we want it to accomplish. Originally, I had planned to scrap the entire bill, except for the last page that consolidates judge retention questions, and even that page looks may get some pushback from the state courts.

Under normal circumstances, I'd recommend we scrap the entire bill and regroup for next year, but I was contacted over the weekend by Rep. Steve Chritiansen of West Jordan (replaced Ken Ivory). We met tonight and he wants to make the initiatives/referenda more readable for the voters. His intent language is in the email chain below, but in short, his intent would make the ballots much longer than they are now. We agreed that it's in everyone's best interest for us to try to come up with language that satisfies everyone, if at all possible.

So what do we do now? Here are some options:

1. scrap our committee bill until next year and fight his bill.
2. try to incorporate his intent into our committee bill in a manner that works for us and him.
3. Try to fix our committee bill and work with him separately on his bill.
4. Tweak our committee bill to focus solely on judge retention.
5. Other ideas - I'm sure there are plenty of options

Other thoughts:

- I don't see a feasible way that we can accomplish both his and our goals. He wants the additional language right on the ballot, not in an insert. He did agree that perhaps shortening the original ballot language to a very short ballot title, then adding the argument bullet points for/against might be possible, but even that is quite long.
- He said that he'll run his own bill if we can't figure out a way to get this in our bill. Not threatening, but this is his top priority bill.
- He thinks the additional cost and potential voter confusion of a 2-card ballot is worth it if it means the voters better understand these difficult-to-understand initiatives and referenda.
- The independent commission opinion on whether a certain initiative could be implemented or not might resonate with the legislature after medical cannabis and medicaid expansion had to be changed, and the legislature got heat for doing what needed to be done.

On Jan 6, 2020, at 6:45 PM, Steve Christiansen <schristiansen@le.utah.gov> wrote:

Tom and Marc, I met tonight with Ricky Hatch to see if it makes sense to combine our ballot improvement efforts into one bill. We've tentatively agreed that it does, if at all possible, but he'll be reaching out to his fellow county clerks/auditors to confirm their support. He'll have an answer to me by Friday. At that point we'll know if we'll be working with you, Tom, to revise the existing bill to incorporate my proposed content as well as some potential changes they are also considering (likely), or to revise the existing bill with only the changes Ricky has contemplated AND create a new bill (unlikely). Just wanted you to be aware of the outcome of our conversation. By the end of the week you'll have direction from us as to how to proceed.

Marc, as we discussed by phone, the following are the drafting instructions I've provided for my proposed bill:

For ballot initiatives/referenda/constitutional amendments: Require on the ballot 2-3 explanatory bullet points for and 2-3 against for all initiatives/referenda/constitutional amendments to improve transparency and to help voters understand the implications of voting for or against the proposed initiative. Also, establish an independent commission that will study each proposed ballot initiative that has received adequate, qualified signatures and issue a statement that will be included on the ballot briefly stating whether the ballot, as written, can be implemented or if it will require legislative involvement if passed.

Steve

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Cc:
Subject: Need talking points re: private voter records

Hi everyone,

The legislature is considering altering the law that we got passed a couple of years ago regarding the ability for voters to mark their records as private. The political parties, understandably, are concerned about how they will be able to verify party membership at the caucus meetings next year. My concern is that if we aren't involved in finding a solution, they'll simply try to repeal the law, or make it more difficult to make a record private. Either way puts us in defensive mode.

They'll discuss the matter tomorrow morning at the Gov Ops Interim Committee Hearing. Senator Anderegg seems to be a key voice in the matter. Fortunately, he seems to understand the importance of having the ability to request that a record be made private.

Here's an article that gives a feel for what their concerns are and how they'd like to change the law: <https://www.sltrib.com/news/politics/2019/09/16/utah-voters-uses-new/>

I'd like to be able to offer them at least a couple of alternatives. Here are a couple of possibilities:

1. Encourage them to put laptops/tablets/phones at each caucus where private voters can go to vote.utah.gov and show proof that they're registered.
2. Provide registration forms to the parties to have on hand so voters can participate that night (I know we already do this – but perhaps if we're more proactive, they'll be less inclined to change the law).

Please share your ideas on possible ways we can help the parties without compromising the protections that comes from private records.

Thanks,
R.

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Subject: Need your input on HB334 - New voting equipment

Here's a bill regarding new voting equipment. Please take a close look and provide feedback.

- Establishes fairly specific procedures surrounding the scanning of ballots at the polling place (lines 145-171). Might not work with all systems?
- Requires voting equipment to be certified by either 1) the EAC, or 2) a lab that has been accredited by the EAC to test voting equipment (lines 173-207)
- Establishes a voting equipment grant program (lines 235-329), run by the LG's office, with various requirements for a county to receive funds to buy new equipment, including:
 - Requirement that ballots be paper based and the scanners to be "widely available" (lines 284-288) Can't be proprietary to elections? Does this prevent us from even looking at systems that don't have off-the-shelf solutions?
 - Fairly tight restrictions that we cannot use another system once we accept money from the grant – ever (lines 300-301).
 - Requirement of matching funds from the county
- Provides \$2.5M to fund the grant program.
- Repeals itself in 2022.

Some thoughts:

- It's nice to see some potential state funding for voting equipment!
- It's also nice to see the EAC certification requirements being relaxed a little.
- There's some concern that the language seems to favor the ClearBallot model. While I like ClearBallot, I'm a little concerned that the language might prevent us from considering voting systems that are not based on off-the-shelf hardware.

We'll certainly discuss this significant bill next week, but it would be good to get some feedback before then as well, especially from Mark/Justin.

Thanks!

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Subject: Re: Two bill updates

Thank you for the update.

Best regards

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Subject: CA Report mentioned in today's VESC meeting

Great to see everyone today. What an awesome group.

I've attached the report that I mentioned in the meeting. Here's a short summary.

As voting equipment nears the end of its useful life, many counties and states are trying to figure out how best to pay for new equipment, and for elections in general. The attached report from CAfwd: presents some excellent ideas to consider on the following topics:

- How to fund the purchasing of equipment, and at what level (county or state).
- How to fund the ongoing election administration costs, and at what level.
- How centralized/autonomous should elections be within a state? What are the advantages and disadvantages centralization/autonomy?
- How can the always-busy election officials innovate and improve? Can incentive programs help?
- How can county election officials, big and small, better collaborate and share knowledge and best practices?
- The report has national survey data and info about pilot projects across the country.

Lots of charts & graphs make perusing the report pretty easy. Have a look to see if something catches your eye.

Thank you to Caitlin Maple from CAfwd: for sharing this report!

Ricky

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Nina Morse
Looking again for unanimous support for Handy/Henderson's Voter Registration
Amendments bill
UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FROM STATE AND LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIALS HB159.pdf

Hi everyone,

Last year every county & the LG's office formally supported Rep. Handy's Voter Registration Bill. Attached is the letter that was sent to legislators. This formal statement of support carries A LOT of weight, and helped the bill pass the House. Unfortunately, it didn't make it to the Senate floor for a vote.

We'd like to do the same thing this year, but first I want to make sure everyone is on board.

- If you DO want your name & county listed on a similar letter, you don't need to do anything.
- If you DO NOT want your name & county included in the list of supporting counties, email or call me by the end of day Friday, Jan. 19. If I don't hear from you by then, I'll assume you approve.

This bill will help keep VISTA clean, reducing the number of undeliverable ballots and the number of provisional ballots. On average, 16% of our voters move EVERY YEAR. Imagine being able to process those address changes throughout the year, rather than right before, during, and after an election.

Thanks!

R.

Ricky Hatch, CPA, CPO
Weber County Clerk/Auditor

UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FROM STATE ELECTION OFFICIALS

HB 159 – AMENDMENTS TO VOTER REGISTRATION

We the County Clerks and the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Utah as Election Officials for and of the State of Utah, unanimously support the passage of HB159 – Amendments to Voter Registration.

Polling Location lines in the 2016 Presidential election were severely impacted by citizens with outdated registration records. This Bill will dramatically reduce the number of these provisional voters.

The passage of HB159 will have a substantial positive impact on voter registration; it will streamline government processes, simplify the citizen's experience and reduce ongoing costs associated with voter registration.

We join the Utah Association of Counties in urging your support of HB 159 – Amendments to Voter Registration.

Spencer Cox, Lieutenant Governor

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Subject: Looking for Fiscal impact for Rep. Christiansen's "URL" bill, HB0246
Attachments: HB0246.pdf

This bill just came out. It's the former "QR Code" bill, and has been altered to require that we put a URL at the beginning of the "Measures Submitted to Voters" section of the ballot pointing to a new VIP created for all questions. It also requires us to put, for EACH ballot question, the following text: "Go to the URL listed at the beginning of this portion of the ballot for explanatory information."

First, I'd like to see exactly how many lines this would add to a 3-column ballot. Can someone program that and let me know? I'm guessing it's 3 lines.

Then we can calculate what that would have done to the 2020 ballot (pushed a 2nd card for SLCo and Davis Co, and possibly Utah and Weber as well).

All we need is cost info at this point. The group has already voted to oppose the bill. There will be a fiscal impact to the LG's office as well.

Thanks,
R.

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Subject: FYI - Interim Legislative study items

The legislature published the list of items that will be studied and discussed during interim: <https://le.utah.gov/Documents/InterimStudyItems2021.pdf>

Here are the topics relating to Clerks and Auditors:

Government Operations Interim Committee (Sen. Thatcher, Rep. Maloy)

- Election law: Study various issues related to election law, including election methodologies, judicial elections, precincts, plain language ballots, and unopposed municipal elections.
- Delegation of state authority: Study the state's responsibility and authority to delegate state authority to local government, including forms of local government.

Judiciary Interim Committee (Sen. Weiler, Rep. Lisonbee)

- Elections systems security & integrity review: Utah is a country-wide leader on this and the committee would like a report or update on current practices.

Political Subdivisions Interim Committee (Sen. McKell, Rep. Dunnigan)

- Gradual transitions for county classifications and county forms of government.
- Separation of powers issues in county and municipal governments.

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Attached is the list of bills that we are tracking, and that we'll discuss on the Friday 10 AM. They are shown in the order in which we'll discuss them. I'm sure we won't get to all of them, but the most important/urgent ones are at the beginning.

You can click on the link to the left to see the actual bill text. I've pre-filled in the preliminary suggested position, but please know that none of the positions are set in stone – these are just suggested opinions based on feedback from just a few people.

I'll provide the conference call number and details in the morning.
Thanks,

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