

EARLY VOTING AMENDMENTS

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Craig Hall

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends the Election Code in relation to early voting.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ permits an election officer to extend the last day of the early voting period to the day before the election date.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

20A-3-601, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 79

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

Section 1. Section **20A-3-601** is amended to read:

20A-3-601. Early voting.

(1) (a) An individual who is registered to vote may vote before the election date in accordance with this section.

(b) An individual who is not registered to vote may register to vote and vote before the election date in accordance with this section if the individual:

29 (i) is otherwise legally entitled to vote the ballot in a jurisdiction that is approved by
30 the lieutenant governor to participate in the pilot project described in Section 20A-4-108; and

31 (ii) casts a provisional ballot in accordance with Section 20A-4-108.

32 (2) Except as provided in Section 20A-1-308 or Subsection (3), the early voting period
33 shall:

34 (a) begin on the date that is 14 days before the date of the election; and

35 (b) continue through the Friday before the election if the election date is a Tuesday.

36 (3) An election officer may extend the end of the early voting period to the day before
37 the election date if the election officer provides notice of the extension in accordance with
38 Section 20A-3-604.

39 [~~(3)~~] (4) Except as provided in Section 20A-1-308, during the early voting period, the
40 election officer:

41 (a) for a local special election, a municipal primary election, and a municipal general
42 election:

43 (i) shall conduct early voting on a minimum of four days during each week of the early
44 voting period; and

45 (ii) shall conduct early voting on the last day of the early voting period; and

46 (b) for all other elections:

47 (i) shall conduct early voting on each weekday; and

48 (ii) may elect to conduct early voting on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.

49 [~~(4)~~] (5) Except as specifically provided in this Part 6, Early Voting, or Section
50 20A-1-308, early voting shall be administered according to the requirements of this title.