

**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY AMENDMENTS**

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Patrice M. Arent**

Senate Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill requires that the state hold a presidential primary election every four years.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ requires the Legislature to fund a presidential primary election; and
- ▶ permits a political party to participate in a presidential primary election.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

This bill appropriates:

▶ to the Office of the Governor - Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as an ongoing, nonlapsing appropriation:

- from the General Fund, \$100,000, subject to intent language stating that the appropriation be spent for a presidential primary election.

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**20A-9-810**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **20A-9-810** is enacted to read:

**20A-9-810. Presidential primary required.**

(1) A presidential primary election shall be held each year in which a presidential

30 election will be held.

31 (2) A registered political party that wishes to nominate a presidential candidate for the  
32 general election may participate in a presidential primary election conducted under this section.

33 (3) The Legislature shall appropriate sufficient funds to administer each presidential  
34 primary election conducted under this section.

35 Section 2. **Appropriation.**

36 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
37 2017, and ending June 30, 2018. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for  
38 fiscal year 2018. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures  
39 Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts  
40 indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

41 ITEM 1

42 To the Office of the Governor

43 From General Fund \$100,000

44 Schedule of Programs:

45 Office of the Lieutenant Governor \$100,000

46 (1) The Legislature intends that the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:

47 (a) use the funds appropriated under this Item (1) for the administration of a  
48 presidential primary election conducted under Section [20A-9-810](#);

49 (b) prioritize the distribution of the funds appropriated under this Item (1) for use by  
50 counties in the administration of a presidential primary election; and

51 (c) expend funds not distributed to counties under Subsection (1)(b) for the  
52 administration of a presidential primary election, including for the training of election officials  
53 and voter outreach.

54 (2) Funds appropriated under this Item (1) are nonlapsing.