

1 **ASSESSORS IN RURAL COUNTIES**

2 2017 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Michael E. Noel**

5 Senate Sponsor: _____

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill repeals a requirement that a county assessor in a rural county be a
10 state-licensed or state-certified appraiser.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This bill:

- 13 ▶ repeals a requirement that a county assessor in a rural county be a state-licensed or
- 14 state-certified appraiser; and
- 15 ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

16 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

17 None

18 **Other Special Clauses:**

19 None

20 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

21 AMENDS:

22 **17-17-2**, as repealed and reenacted by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 285

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

25 Section 1. Section **17-17-2** is amended to read:

26 **17-17-2. Assessor to be state qualified -- Vacancy -- Filling vacancy.**

27 (1) As used in this section:



28 (a) "State-certified appraiser" means a state-certified general appraiser or state-certified
29 residential appraiser as those terms are defined in Section 61-2g-102.

30 (b) "State-licensed appraiser" means the same as that term is defined in Section
31 61-2g-102.

32 (2) An individual elected to the office of county assessor shall:

33 (a) meet the requirements described in Section 17-16-1; and

34 ~~[(b) (i) except as provided in Subsection (2)(b)(ii), if elected on or after November 1,~~
35 ~~1993, become a state-licensed or state-certified appraiser no later than 36 months after the day~~
36 ~~on which the individual's term of office begins; or]~~

37 ~~[(ii) if elected on or after January 1, 2010;]~~

38 (b) in a county of the first, second, or third class, be a state-licensed or state-certified
39 appraiser before filing a declaration of candidacy for the office of county assessor.

40 (3) The county assessor's office is vacant if:

41 (a) an assessor fails to meet the requirements described in Subsection (2); or

42 (b) no individual who meets the requirements described in Subsection (2) timely files a
43 declaration of candidacy for the office of county assessor.

44 (4) (a) If a vacancy described in Subsection (3) occurs, the county legislative body shall
45 fill the vacancy in accordance with Sections 17-53-104 and 20A-1-508.

46 (b) ~~[The]~~ For a vacancy in a county of the first, second, or third class, the county
47 legislative body shall ensure that the individual who the county legislative body selects to fill
48 the vacancy ~~[shall be]~~ is a state-licensed or state-certified appraiser before the individual
49 assumes the office of county assessor.

50 (5) If the county legislative body cannot find an individual who meets the requirements
51 described in Subsection (2) to fill a vacancy described in Subsection (3), the county legislative
52 body may contract with a state-licensed or state-certified appraiser from outside the county to
53 fill the remainder of the county assessor's term of office.