

**INTERNET VOTING STUDY**

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill requires a study related to Internet voting.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ requires the lieutenant governor to study and make recommendations on Internet voting;
- ▶ requires the lieutenant governor to report the study's results to the Government Operations Interim Committee; and
- ▶ adds a repeal date.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**63I-2-220**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, First Special Session, Chapter 4

ENACTS:

**20A-6-108**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

29 Section 1. Section **20A-6-108** is enacted to read:

30 **20A-6-108. Internet voting study.**

31 (1) As used in this section:

32 (a) "Blockchain technology" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
33 7-25-102.

34 (b) "Multi factor authentication" means a security system that requires more than one  
35 method of authentication from independent categories of credentials to verify the user's identity  
36 for a login or other electronic transaction.

37 (2) The lieutenant governor shall study and make recommendations on the feasibility  
38 of Internet voting.

39 (3) The lieutenant governor shall ensure that the study described in Subsection (2)  
40 includes:

41 (a) an evaluation of:

42 (i) the potential benefits and risks of Internet voting;

43 (ii) the use of a mobile voting application, including an evaluation of existing vendors;

44 (iii) the use of blockchain technology or a related technology to secure and validate  
45 Internet voting or a mobile voting application;

46 (iv) the use of multi factor authentication or similar methods to maintain voter  
47 anonymity and preserve voter privacy;

48 (v) the impact of Internet voting on voter turnout;

49 (vi) the financial costs to develop and implement an Internet voting system; and

50 (vii) the time necessary to develop and implement an Internet voting system; and

51 (b) a recommendation on whether to pursue and implement an Internet voting system.

52 (4) On or before October 31, 2021, the lieutenant governor shall report to the  
53 Government Operations Interim Committee the results of the study described in this section,  
54 including recommendations on the feasibility of Internet voting.

55 Section 2. Section **63I-2-220** is amended to read:

56 **63I-2-220. Repeal dates -- Title 20A.**

57 (1) On January 1, 2021:

58 (a) Subsection **20A-1-201.5**(1), the language that states "Except as provided in

59 Subsection (4)," is repealed.

60 (b) Subsection 20A-1-201.5(4) is repealed.

61 (c) Subsections 20A-1-204(1)(a)(i) through (iii) are repealed and replaced with the  
62 following:

63 "(i) the fourth Tuesday in June; or

64 (ii) the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November."

65 (d) In Subsections 20A-1-503(4)(c), 20A-9-202(3)(a), 20A-9-403(3)(d)(ii),  
66 20A-9-407(5) and (6)(a), and 20A-9-408(5), immediately following the reference to Subsection  
67 20A-9-202(1)(b), the language that states "(i) or (ii)" is repealed.

68 (e) Subsection 20A-9-202(1)(b) is repealed and replaced with the following:

69 "(b) Unless expressly provided otherwise in this title, for a registered political party  
70 that is not a qualified political party, the deadline for filing a declaration of candidacy for an  
71 elective office that is to be filled at the next regular general election is 5 p.m. on the first  
72 Monday after the third Saturday in April.";

73 (f) Subsection 20A-9-409(4)(c) is repealed and replaced with the following:

74 "(c) The deadline described in Subsection (4)(b) is 5 p.m. on the first Wednesday after  
75 the third Saturday in April."

76 (2) Subsection 20A-5-803(8) is repealed July 1, 2023.

77 (3) Section 20A-5-804 is repealed July 1, 2023.

78 (4) On January 1, 2026:

79 (a) In Subsection 20A-1-102(22)(a), the language that states "or Title 20A, Chapter 4,  
80 Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project" is repealed.

81 (b) In Subsections 20A-1-303(1)(a) and (b), the language that states "Except as  
82 provided in Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project," is  
83 repealed.

84 (c) In Section 20A-1-304, the language that states "Except for a race conducted by  
85 instant runoff voting under Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods  
86 Pilot Project," is repealed.

87 (d) In Subsection 20A-3-105(1)(a), the language that states "Except as provided in  
88 Subsection (5)," is repealed.

89 (e) In Subsections 20A-3-105(1)(b), (3)(b), and (4)(b), the language that states "Except

90 as provided in Subsections (5) and (6)," is repealed.

91 (f) In Subsections 20A-3-105(2)(a)(i), (3)(a), and (4)(a), the language that states  
92 "Subject to Subsection (5)," is repealed.

93 (g) Subsection 20A-3-105(5) is repealed and the remaining subsections in Section  
94 20A-3-105 are renumbered accordingly.

95 (h) In Subsection 20A-4-101(2)(c), the language that states "Except as provided in  
96 Subsection (2)(f)," is repealed.

97 (i) Subsection 20A-4-101(2)(f) is repealed.

98 (j) Subsection 20A-4-101(3) is repealed and replaced with the following:

99 "(3) To resolve questions that arise during the counting of ballots, a counting judge  
100 shall apply the standards and requirements of Section 20A-4-105."

101 (k) In Subsection 20A-4-102(1)(a), the language that states "or a rule made under  
102 Subsection 20A-4-101(2)(f)(i)" is repealed.

103 (l) Subsection 20A-4-102(1)(b) is repealed and replaced with the following:

104 "(b) To resolve questions that arise during the counting of ballots, a counting judge  
105 shall apply the standards and requirements of Section 20A-4-105."

106 (m) In Subsection 20A-4-102(6)(a), the language that states ", except as provided in  
107 Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, or a rule made  
108 under Subsection 20A-4-101(2)(f)(i)" is repealed.

109 (n) In Subsection 20A-4-105(1)(a), the language that states ", except as otherwise  
110 provided in Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project," is  
111 repealed.

112 (o) In Subsection 20A-4-105(2), the language that states "Subsection 20A-3-105(5), or  
113 Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project," is repealed.

114 (p) In Subsections 20A-4-105(3), (5), and (12), the language that states "Except as  
115 otherwise provided in Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot  
116 Project," is repealed.

117 (q) In Subsection 20A-4-106(1)(a)(ii), the language that states "or Title 20A, Chapter  
118 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project" is repealed.

119 (r) In Subsection 20A-4-304(1)(a), the language that states "except as provided in Title  
120 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project," is repealed.

- 121 (s) Subsection 20A-4-304(2)(e) is repealed and replaced with the following:  
122 "(v) from each voting precinct:  
123 (A) the number of votes for each candidate; and  
124 (B) the number of votes for and against each ballot proposition;".  
125 (t) Subsection 20A-4-401(1)(a) is repealed, the remaining subsections in Subsection (1)  
126 are renumbered accordingly, and the cross-references to those subsections are renumbered  
127 accordingly.
- 128 (u) Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, is  
129 repealed.
- 130 (v) Subsections 20A-5-400.1(1)(c) and (d), relating to contracting with a local political  
131 subdivision to conduct an election, is repealed.
- 132 (w) Subsection 20A-5-404(3)(b) is repealed and the remaining subsections in  
133 Subsection (3) are renumbered accordingly.
- 134 (x) Subsection 20A-5-404(4)(b) is repealed and the remaining subsections in  
135 Subsection (4) are renumbered accordingly.
- 136 (y) In Section 20A-5-802, relating to the certification of voting equipment:  
137 (i) delete "Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b)(ii):" from the beginning of  
138 Subsection (2); and  
139 (ii) Subsection (2)(b)(ii) is repealed, and the remaining subsections are renumbered  
140 accordingly.
- 141 (z) Section 20A-6-203.5 is repealed.
- 142 (aa) In Subsections 20A-6-402(1), (2), (3), and (4), the language that states "Except as  
143 otherwise required for a race conducted by instant runoff voting under Title 20A, Chapter 4,  
144 Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project," is repealed.
- 145 (bb) In Subsection 20A-9-203(3)(a)(i), the language that states "or Title 20A, Chapter  
146 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project" is repealed.
- 147 (cc) In Subsection 20A-9-203(3)(c)(i), the language that states "except as provided in  
148 Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project," is repealed.
- 149 (dd) In Subsection 20A-9-404(1)(a), the language that states "or Title 20A, Chapter 4,  
150 Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project" is repealed.
- 151 (ee) In Subsection 20A-9-404(2), the language that states "Except as otherwise

152 provided in Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project," is  
153 repealed.

154 (5) Section [20A-7-407](#) is repealed January 1, 2021.

155 (6) Section [20A-6-108](#), relating to an Internet voting study, is repealed November 1,  
156 2021.