

1                                   **APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY ASSESSORS**

2   2016 GENERAL SESSION

3   STATE OF UTAH

4                                   **Chief Sponsor: Ann Millner**

5                                   House Sponsor: Jon E. Stanard

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9           This bill amends provisions related to the office of county assessor.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11           This bill:

- 12           ▶ authorizes a county to contract with a state-licensed or state-certified appraiser from
- 13 outside the county if no qualified individual files a declaration of candidacy for the
- 14 office of county assessor; 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 **REPEALS AND REENACTS:**

22           **17-17-2**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 289

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

25           Section 1. Section **17-17-2** is repealed and reenacted to read: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, in a county of the first, second, or third class,  
38 be a state-licensed or state-certified appraiser before filing a declaration of candidacy for the  
39 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 individual who the county legislative body selects to fill the vacancy shall be a  
47 state-licensed or state-certified appraiser before the individual assumes the office of county  
48 assessor.

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