

1 **ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION REVISIONS**

2 2014 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Margaret Dayton**

5 House Sponsor: Jack R. Draxler

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill amends provisions of the Election Code relating to online voter registration.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

12 ▶ allows an individual to change the individual's voter registration information online
13 if the driver license division does not have the individual's signature but the
14 lieutenant governor's office does.

15 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

16 None

17 **Other Special Clauses:**

18 None

19 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

20 AMENDS:

21 **20A-2-206**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 17

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

24 Section 1. Section **20A-2-206** is amended to read:

25 **20A-2-206. Electronic registration -- Requests for absentee ballot application.**

26 (1) The lieutenant governor may create and maintain an electronic system for voter
27 registration and requesting an absentee ballot that is publicly available on the Internet.

28 (2) An electronic system for voter registration shall require:

29 (a) that an applicant have a valid driver license or identification card, issued under Title

30 53, Chapter 3, Uniform Driver License Act, that reflects the person's current principal place of
31 residence;

32 (b) that the applicant provide the information required by Section 20A-2-104, except
33 that the applicant's signature may be obtained in the manner described in Subsections (2)(d)
34 and (4);

35 (c) that the applicant attest to the truth of the information provided; and

36 (d) that the applicant authorize the lieutenant governor's and county clerk's use of the
37 applicant's:

38 (i) driver license or identification card signature, obtained under Title 53, Chapter 3,
39 Uniform Driver License Act, for voter registration purposes[-]; or

40 (ii) signature on file in the lieutenant governor's statewide voter registration database
41 developed under Section 20A-2-109.

42 (3) Notwithstanding Section 20A-2-104, an applicant using the electronic system for
43 voter registration created under this section is not required to complete a printed registration
44 form.

45 (4) A system created and maintained under this section shall provide the notices
46 concerning a voter's presentation of identification contained in Subsection 20A-2-104(1).

47 (5) The lieutenant governor shall:

48 (a) obtain a digital copy of the applicant's driver license or identification card signature
49 from the Driver License Division[-]; or

50 (b) ensure that the applicant's signature is already on file in the lieutenant governor's
51 statewide voter registration database developed under Section 20A-2-109.

52 (6) [~~Upon receiving all information from an applicant and the Driver License Division,~~
53 ~~the]~~ The lieutenant governor shall send the information to the county clerk for the county in
54 which the applicant's principal place of residence is found for further action as required by
55 Section 20A-2-304[-] after:

56 (a) receiving all information from an applicant; and

57 (b) (i) receiving all information from the Driver License Division; or

58 (ii) ensuring that the applicant's signature is already on file in the lieutenant governor's
59 statewide voter registration database developed under Section 20A-2-109.

60 (7) The lieutenant governor may use additional security measures to ensure the
61 accuracy and integrity of an electronically submitted voter registration.

62 (8) (a) If an individual applies to register under this section during the period beginning
63 on the date after the voter registration deadline and ending on the date that is 15 calendar days
64 before the date of an election, the county clerk shall:

65 (i) accept the application for registration if the individual, on the date of the election,
66 will be legally qualified and entitled to vote in a voting precinct in the state; and

67 (ii) inform the individual that:

68 (A) the individual is registered to vote in the pending election; and

69 (B) for the pending election, the individual must vote on the day of the election and is
70 not eligible to vote using early voting under Chapter 3, Part 6, Early Voting, because the
71 individual registered too late.

72 (b) If an individual applies to register under this section during the 14 calendar days
73 before an election, the county clerk shall:

74 (i) accept the application for registration if the individual, on the date of the election,
75 will be legally qualified and entitled to vote in a voting precinct in the state; and

76 (ii) inform the individual that the individual is registered to vote but may not vote in
77 the pending election because the individual registered too late.

78 (9) (a) A registered voter may file an application for an absentee ballot in accordance
79 with Section 20A-3-304 on the electronic system for voter registration established under this
80 section.

81 (b) The lieutenant governor shall provide a means by which a registered voter shall
82 sign the application form as provided in Section 20A-3-304.