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20A-7-505 Obtaining signatures -- Verification -- Removal of signature.

(1) A Utah voter may sign a local initiative petition if the voter is a legal voter and resides in the local jurisdiction.

(2)
- (a) The sponsors shall ensure that the individual in whose presence each signature sheet was signed:
  - (i) is at least 18 years old and meets the residency requirements of Section 20A-2-105;
  - (ii) verifies each signature sheet by completing the verification printed on the last page of each initiative packet; and
  - (iii) is informed that each signer is required to read and understand the law proposed by the initiative.
- (b) An individual may not sign the verification printed on the last page of the initiative packet if the individual signed a signature sheet in the initiative packet.

(3)
- (a) A voter who has signed an initiative petition may have the voter's signature removed from the petition by submitting a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed before 5 p.m. no later than the earlier of:
  - (i) 30 days after the day on which the voter signs the signature removal statement;
  - (ii) 90 days after the day on which the local clerk posts the voter's name under Subsection 20A-7-507(2)(a);
  - (iii) 316 days after the day on which the application is filed; or
  - (iv)
    - (A) for a county initiative, April 15 immediately before the next regular general election immediately after the application is filed under Section 20A-7-502; or
    - (B) for a municipal initiative, April 15 immediately before the next municipal general election immediately after the application is filed under Section 20A-7-502.
- (b)
  - (i) The statement shall include:
    - (A) the name of the voter;
    - (B) the resident address at which the voter is registered to vote;
    - (C) the signature of the voter; and
    - (D) the date of the signature described in Subsection (3)(b)(i)(C).
  - (ii) To increase the likelihood of the voter's signature being identified and removed, the statement may include the voter's birth date or age.
- (c) A voter may not submit a statement by email or other electronic means.
- (d) In order for the signature to be removed, the county clerk must receive the statement before 5 p.m. no later than the applicable deadline described in Subsection (3)(a).
- (e) A person may only remove a signature from an initiative petition in accordance with this Subsection (3).
- (f) A county clerk shall analyze a signature, for purposes of removing a signature from an initiative petition, in accordance with Section 20A-7-506.3.

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