

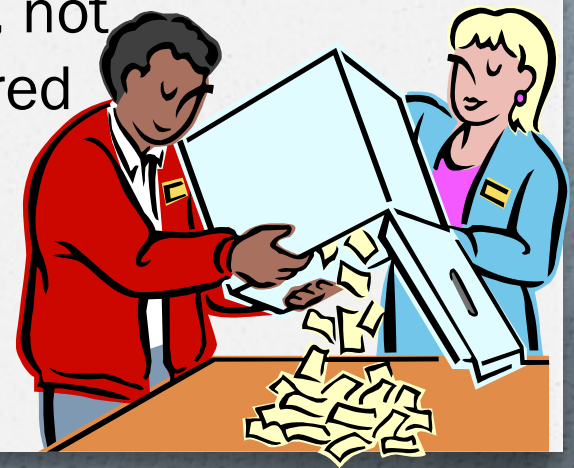
Eagle Mountain City
Municipal Election
2017

What is Vote by Mail?

- o Utah State Code § 20A-3-302, 605
- o Utah County will prepare and mail a ballot to all **registered** voters (3 weeks before the election)
- o Voters can mail the ballot back for no cost or drop it off at designated locations
- o Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than the day before Election Day
- o Ballots may also be returned on Election Day to a vote center

Possible Advantages

- Voter convenience and satisfaction
- Increased voter turnout
- No early voting
- No polling locations and limited poll workers needed
- Voters have an election period, not a day resulting in better prepared and informed voters
- No long lines at the polls



Possible Disadvantages

- Tradition
- Security
- Cost increase
- Potential voter fraud
- Lost or tampered ballots
- No poll workers to check signatures
- Mistakes on the ballot
- Voter coercion



2016 General Election Turnout

- o Minnesota: 75%
 - o Small cities all vote by mail
- o Maine: 72.8%
- o New Hampshire: 72.5%
- o Colorado: 72.1%
 - o All elections are vote by mail
- o Iowa: 69%



United States: 52.8%

Utah: 28.8% (3rd lowest)

Who is Participating in Vote by Mail in Utah?

- o 21 of 29 counties used VBM in the 2016 national election
- o Currently, 17 municipalities will contract with Utah County for VBM

Results

o Riverdale City :

- o 2009: Paid \$19,410 for 24.02% turnout
- o 2013: Paid \$12,504... for 47.85% VBM turnout
- o 2015: 44.56 %

o West Jordan City:

- o 2013: Saved \$24,000 (increased from 14% to 35%)
- o 2015: 31.6%

15 of 19 Utah cities saved money in 2013

4 of 19 Utah cities saw a slight increase in cost in 2013

Election Fraud in Utah & USA

(News 21)

o Utah

- o From 2000-2011, 51 cases of alleged election fraud in Utah
- o 0 cases of alleged VBM election fraud
- o 1.5 million reg voters
- o .000034%

o United States

- o From 2000-2011, 2,068 cases of alleged election fraud
- o 491 cases of alleged VBM election fraud
- o 146 million reg voters
- o .000014%

Consequences of Vote by Mail Fraud



- o Falsifying a vote in a federal election = up to 5 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine
- o Willfully falsifying an absentee voter affidavit = Perjury (§20A-3-310)
- o Applying for a ballot in another's name = 3rd degree felony (§20A-3-505)
- o Little evidence of election fraud in Utah or USA

Cost

- o VBM Primary Election - \$1.28 per active voter /\$14,458.88
- o VBM General Election - \$1.36 per active voter/
o \$15,362.56
- o Voter Registration – Active Only 11,296

This cost includes hardware and vendor support. The cost does not include a recount or other special contingencies.

Additional resources to learn about implementing Vote by Mail

- o <http://clerk.slco.org/elections/voteByMail.html>
- o <http://www.daviscountyutah.gov/clerk/auditor/elections/absentee.cfm>
- o <http://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/absentee-and-early-voting.aspx>