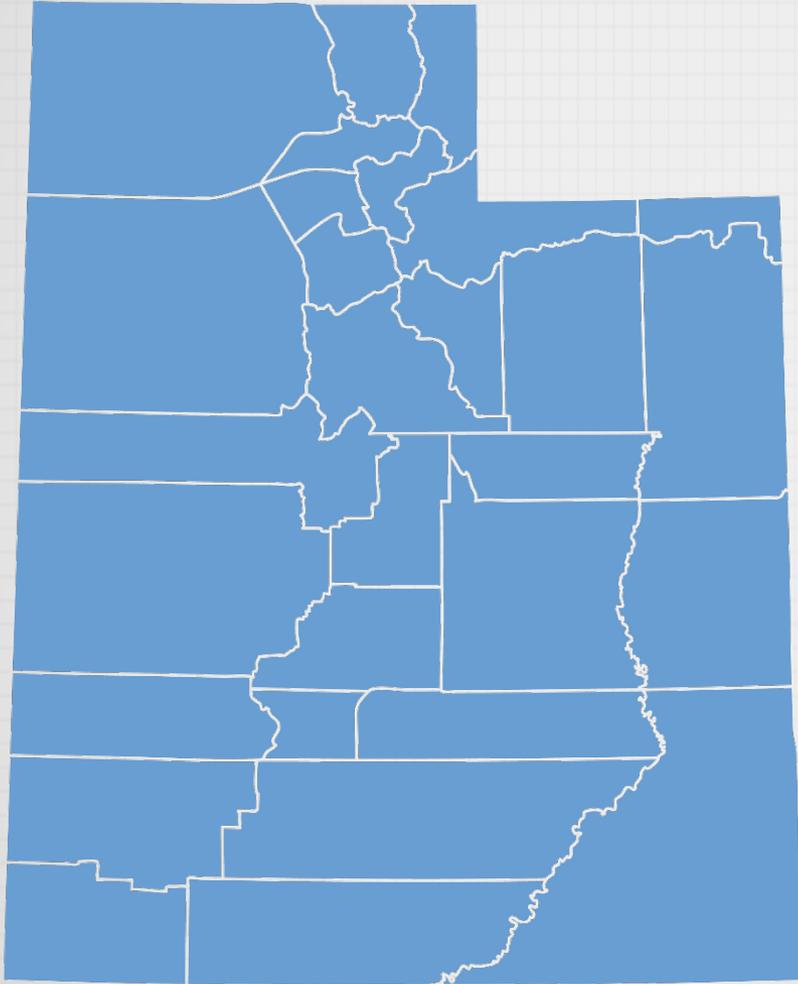


Utah Citizens' Initiative Petition
www.countmyvoteutah.org



MISSION: EVERY VOTE SHOULD COUNT



**ALL UTAH VOTERS SHOULD
HAVE A VOICE**

Count My Vote is a non-partisan,
broad-based effort to **IMPROVE**
participation in Utah elections.

INITIATIVE: UTAH VOTERS DECIDE



“We were happy with the dual track compromise. Only after years of threats and efforts to repeal our compromise are we taking this to the voters.”

- Former Utah Governor Mike Leavitt

INITIATIVE: DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTIONS

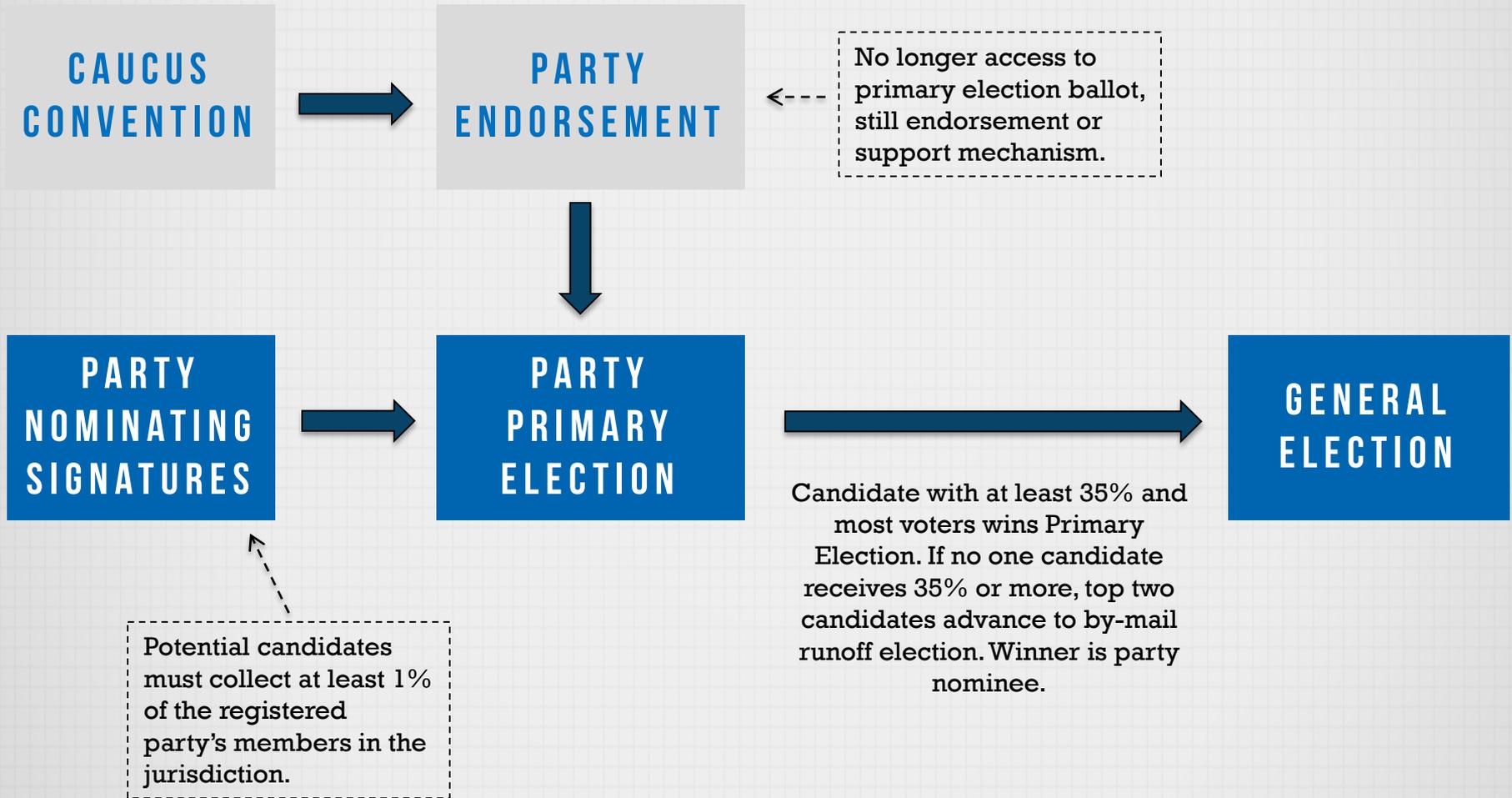


- ⊙ Facilitate greater participation.
- ⊙ Improve candidates' access to the primary election ballot.
- ⊙ Preserve the power of political party members to select their nominees.
- ⊙ Give ALL party voters a voice.
- ⊙ Reduce the potential for fraud and election irregularities.
- ⊙ Remove systemic obstacles to participation.

“The time has come to include all voters in picking candidates, not just an elite few.”

Deseret News Editorial Board

INITIATIVE: DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION PROCESS



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The Count My Vote Citizens' Initiative Petition would implement a **direct primary election**, **not an open or “blanket primary” election.**

The direct primary election would only impact Utah's **partisan primary elections.**

Utah political parties would remain **free to choose to hold open or closed** primary elections.

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- ⊙ Count My Vote initiative would implement a direct primary election by changing the way candidates gain access to a primary election ballot.
- ⊙ A candidate would seek nomination for office by collecting signatures from registered Utah voters who are affiliated with the candidate's same political party and who reside in the jurisdiction they're running to represent.
- ⊙ Acquiring the required number of valid signatures would place the candidate on their party's primary election ballot as a candidate for that party.

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- ⊙ Intent of the 1% threshold is to limit non-serious candidates from placement on a primary election ballot while not placing too high of a barrier to nomination on any serious candidate.
- ⊙ This is a level threshold that uses the same percentage for all Utah political parties.
- ⊙ Party voters would be able to nominate multiple party candidates seeking nomination for the same office.
- ⊙ For example, to be nominated for Utah statewide office or the U.S. Senate, a Republican Party candidate would need 6,514 signatures; a Democratic Party candidate would need 1,595 signatures.

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Only registered party voters may sign to nominate a candidate seeking their party's nomination.

Sample signature requirements:

District/Area	Registered Voters	Republican	#	Democratic	#
Statewide	1,388,526	651,357	6,514	159,516	1,595
4th Congressional	345,803	143,830	1,438	46,422	464
Senate 16 (Utah)	39,697	21,466	215	2,740	27
Senate 2 (Salt Lake)	51,206	9,656	97	14,441	144
House 74 (Washington)	22,621	12,974	130	2,260	23
House 33 (Salt Lake)	12,076	3,346	33	2,474	25
Utah County	257,596	143,731	1,437	15,153	152

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- ⊙ Count My Vote's direct primary election would **not eliminate or prohibit the caucus-convention system.**
- ⊙ Political parties could utilize the caucus-convention system to endorse a candidate and conduct other important party business.

INITIATIVE: FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

- ⦿ “The Governor’s Office of Management and Budget estimates the law proposed by this initiative would result in a total fiscal expense of **up to** \$3.35 million every two years, including costs for runoff elections (up to \$2.9 million), additional primary elections (up to \$40,000), and signature verification and miscellaneous costs (approximately \$50,000). Candidate and voter behavior may change these estimates.”
- ⦿ “In addition, the cost of posting information regarding the proposed initiative in Utah’s statewide newspapers and for printing the additional pages in the voter information pamphlet is estimated at \$30,000 in one-time funds.”

[View the Fiscal Impact Statement at www.elections.utah.gov](http://www.elections.utah.gov)

*Review Count My Vote's Direct Primary Election Act language and learn more at:
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