Recommended Election System Reform - 10 Dec 2024

Utah should set the example for secure, efficient and transparent elections.

- Require proof of citizenship to register to vote.
- Abandon the use of ERIC to maintain voter registration records.
- Require voter registration be updated every 5 years.
- Require that mail-in ballots be requested by the voter with proof of ID for each election.
- Require ID for in-person voting.
- In-person voting shall be by paper ballot – using the same ballot the voter would have received for mail-in voting.
- Restrict early voting to four business days prior to election day.
- Allow voters to add a secret, personal ID number, selected by the voter, to their ballot.
- Scan paper ballots with "dumb" scanners to PDF images at each precinct or at the county.
- Collect PDF images in a file by county; ordered by personal ID number.
- Tally votes with software that reads voter sections in the PDF image and indicates the sections next to the PDF image.
- Require all counties to report vote tallies 24 hours after close of polls on election day.
- Post copy of PDF image file online so tallies can be verified independently by the public – "crowd sourced" verification.
- Certification of the vote tallies shall occur only after the public has had a chance to independently verify the tallies. Differences between tallies reported the day after the election and the certification must be reasonably justified.