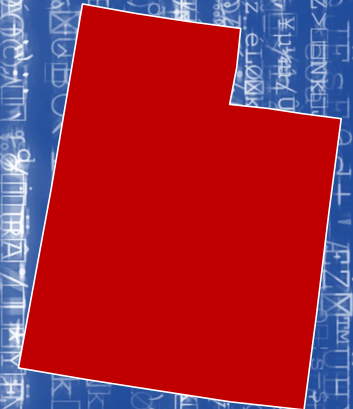




STATE STATUS



Utah





Model Legislation Alignment Scorecard



Utah

2018 2020 Now

Single Day Voting



Paper Ballots



Hand Counted Ballots



No Mail-In Voting



Registration Managed Locally



No Drop Boxes

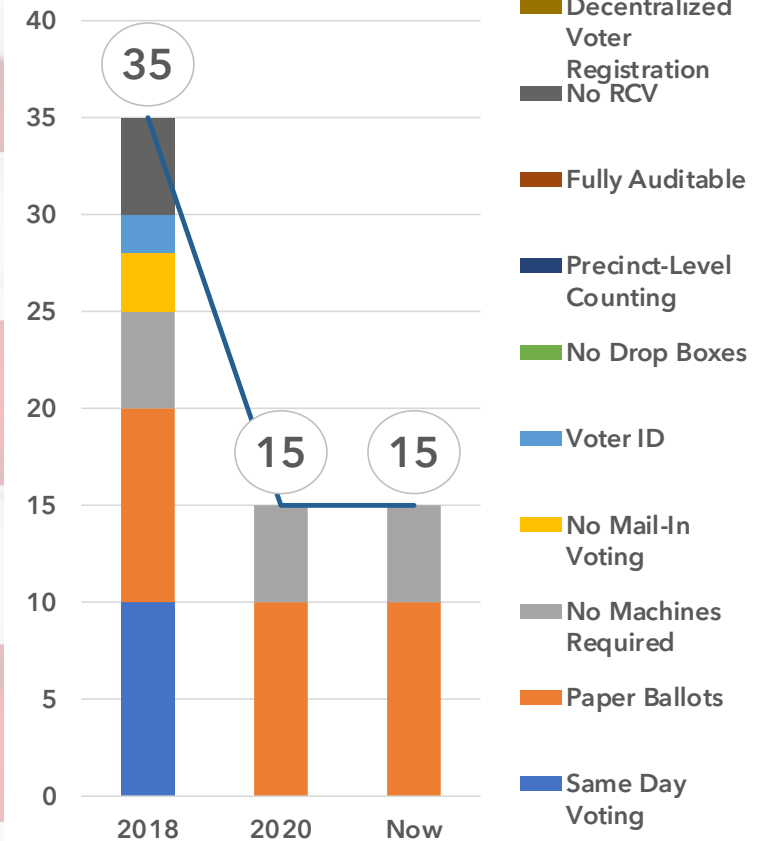
Precinct-Level Counting

Fully Auditable

No Ranked Choice Voting



Registration Managed Locally



Reason for Hope: Legislative Success



Utah

- Utah's Legislature commissioned a statewide audit, published Dec. 2022: their report documents over 80 pages of flaws in Utah elections, and finally admitted that, for over 15 years, Utah's "post-election audit lacks the ability to validate election results." The online report lists 22 recommendations (most of which have not been implemented yet, but we're hoping).
- Rep. Phil Lyman's bill for "Independent Election Evaluations" passed the Utah House in 2023 (but failed to get a hearing in Utah's Senate: HB155).
- Almost 50% of Utah voters are "private or withheld" (many without their consent), and a bill passed in 2023 finally allowed political parties & candidates some limited info to be able to campaign to these hidden voters (but they're still hidden from any public auditing): HB303.
- A bill allowing for the Legislative Auditor General to conduct some election audits, in some cases, passed in Utah in 2023 (but didn't outline any standards: HB269).



Reason for Hope: Lawsuit Success



Utah

Orten/Anderson v. Utah County et al:

- Not one county in Utah has released Cast Vote Records (CVR's) yet, and a lawsuit for public access to CVR's and other election records was dismissed in July 2022, but is in appeal. Good news from the lawsuit: Utah's Lt. Governor admitted that CVR's "can be requested by the board of canvassers," which means...
- Citizens in every county across Utah need to call for their county and city councils to pull their CVR data during canvassing. Before certifying election results, they could also call for CVR Analysis. A county commissioner in Utah County was successful in getting CVR's analyzed by a professional statistician in the November 2022 Election. This set a wonderful precedent in Utah, showing how anyone on the board of canvassers can deputize others to help them certify whether election results are accurate or not!



Reason for Hope: Hand Count Success



Utah

- Washington County is one of the few counties in America that didn't allow open public comment in 2021 commission meetings, but commissioners granted some limited comments for 2 months in 2022, plus 4 months in 2023 so far.
- Along with private meetings, citizens use public comment periods to call for hand-counts whenever they can. The hand count movement is growing: so far, over 1,000 county residents have signed a hand-count petition at: SouthernUtahnsForTransparency.com
- Citizens have also tried working with cities, and a few city officials have been more open to hand-counts than county officials. At least one city council has officially voted to hand-count their municipal election during canvassing for Fall 2023 elections.

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