Utah’s 2019 Primary Elections: A Voter’s Guide | CPD Blog

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2019 is a municipal election year. That means, in most of Utah, the election is about city or town government. Primary elections are being held on Tuesday, August 13, wherever a primary is being held in the state of Utah.

By-mail ballots must be post-marked by the 12th. If a voter lives in a city that is voting by mail and missed mailing the ballot, there are usually drop boxes and/or a vote center open on Election Day.

During municipal voting years, you might see some changes to the way that elections operate. Some towns contract with the County Clerk’s office to conduct elections. In those areas, elections often operate the same as they do during years with state and federal elections. In fact, in many areas, ballots have already been mailed to registered voters.

When a town conducts their own election, you might see a return to traditional voting at a polling place. You may also find fewer accommodations. Federal laws that protect a voter’s right to vote privately and independently only apply to state and federal elections. Recently, interesting court decisions from other parts of the country have required some cities to provide appropriate voting accommodations, like voting machines. We’ll continue to keep an eye on that and how it may impact Utah voting in the future.

We have made contact with each Utah county to learn more about where voting is happening and how voters can participate. The following table summarizes what we know. We will continue to update the table as we learn more. Feel
free to contact the Disability Law Center if you have any questions about this information or your voting rights: (800) 662-9080.

Voting, County By County