



December 5, 2014

Dear SCC Members,

I'm informing you that the Utah Republican Party may not be able to comply with the requirements of SB 54 by the date prescribed in the legislation. In order to comply with SB 54 for the 2016 election cycle, the Republican Party will have to make significant changes to its constitution and bylaws.

Making these changes to our governing documents is a Herculean task for the following reasons, amongst others. First, the Utah Republican Party delegates only have the authority to meet once a year to consider changes to its constitution. In 2015, that convention will be held in early summer and 4,000 delegates will meet to consider changes. Our governing rules allow all delegates the opportunity to submit amendments and have them be considered. With 4,000 delegates having the opportunity to submit amendments regarding any changes required by SB 54, one can only imagine how long that process may take.

Second, because SB 54 affects candidates nominated by county parties as well, all 29 county Republican Parties will have to meet and adopt changes to their governing documents and the changes they make will be based on our modified constitution and bylaws. County conventions are always held before the state convention; therefore, their required changes will have to occur after our state convention. As you can see, this adds another layer of complexity to the process, with several thousands of more delegates and central committee members to vote, add amendments, and update their respective constitutions and bylaws.

As a result of these roadblocks, I feel it necessary to inform you of this realistic prospect of the Utah Republican Party not being able to comply with the requirements of SB 54 for the 2016 election cycle. Practically speaking, we face the possibility of Republican elected officials having to qualify for the ballot as unaffiliated candidates.

In closing, while we will make every effort to ensure that our candidates get on the ballot, that will primarily depend on future actions by the legislature and/or the courts, but it is necessary for me to inform you at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James M. Evans".

James M. Evans
Chairman
Utah Republican Party