

1 **NAME CHANGE PROCESS FOR DIXIE STATE**

2 **UNIVERSITY**

3 2021 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Kelly B. Miles**

6 Senate Sponsor: Michael K. McKell

7

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This bill requires a process for the Dixie State University Board of Trustees, in
11 consultation with the Utah Board of Higher Education, to select and recommend a new
12 name for the institution to the Legislature.

13 **Highlighted Provisions:**

14 This bill:

15 ▶ requires a process for the Dixie State University Board of Trustees, in consultation
16 with the Utah Board of Higher Education, to select and recommend a new name for
17 the institution to the Legislature;

18 ▶ requires the Education Interim Committee to prepare and consider legislation
19 incorporating the new name for the institution in the Utah Code to the Legislature;

20 and

21 ▶ makes technical changes.

22 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

23 None

24 **Other Special Clauses:**

25 None

26 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

27 AMENDS:



28 **53B-2-111**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 10

29

30 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

31 Section 1. Section **53B-2-111** is amended to read:

32 **53B-2-111. Dixie State University -- Institutional name change.**

33 (1) (a) Dixie State College of Utah shall be known as Dixie State University.

34 ~~[(2)]~~ (b) Dixie State University is a continuation of Dixie State College of Utah and
35 shall:

36 ~~[(a)]~~ (i) possess all rights, titles, privileges, powers, immunities, franchises,
37 endowments, property, and claims of Dixie State College of Utah; and

38 ~~[(b)]~~ (ii) fulfill and perform all obligations of Dixie State College of Utah, including
39 obligations relating to outstanding bonds and notes.

40 (2) (a) As used in this Subsection (2):

41 (i) "Board of trustees" means the board of trustees of Dixie State University.

42 (ii) "Institution" means Dixie State University.

43 (b) The board of trustees shall, in consultation with the board:

44 (i) develop a process to select a new name for the institution that involves the
45 opportunity for input and collaboration with the public, including:

46 (A) residents of southwestern Utah;

47 (B) institutional partners; and

48 (C) university faculty, staff, students, and alumni;

49 (ii) through the process described in Subsection (2)(b)(i), select a new name for the
50 institution that:

51 (A) does not include the term "Dixie"; and

52 (B) reflects the institution's mission and significance to the surrounding region and
53 state; and

54 (iii) present a new name for the institution to the board.

55 (c) The board shall vote to:

56 (i) approve to recommend to the Legislature the new name presented under Subsection
57 (2)(a)(iii); or

58 (ii) request that the board of trustees consider a different new name.

58a ~~→~~ (d) **Notwithstanding this Subsection (2), to honor the local traditional significance**
58b **of the name of the institution, the institution may refer to the main campus as the "Dixie**
58c **Campus". ←**

59 (3) (a) The board and the board of trustees shall recommend to the Legislature a new
60 name for the institution resulting from the process described in Subsection (2) to the Education
61 Interim Committee no later than November 1, 2021.

62 (b) During the first interim meeting after receiving the new name for the institution
63 under Subsection (3)(a) and no later than the November interim meeting, the Education Interim
64 Committee shall prepare and consider legislation for introduction in the next general or special
65 legislative session to incorporate the new name for the institution into the Utah Code.