

# Executive Document

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## **Governor, Administration: Governor's Executive Order 2007-0004: Calling a Statewide Special Election for November 6, 2007, and Directing that the Referendum Challenging House Bill 148--Education Vouchers be Submitted to the Voters at that Special Election**

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### EXECUTIVE ORDER

Calling a statewide special election for November 6, 2007, and directing that the referendum challenging House Bill 148--Education Vouchers be submitted to the voters at that special election

WHEREAS, the Constitution of Utah reserves to the people of the State of Utah the power to require that any law passed by the legislature, except those passed by a two-thirds vote of the members elected to each house of the legislature, be submitted to the voters, as provided by statute, before the law may take effect (Article VI, Section 1);

WHEREAS, the Utah Code specifies the requirements for circulating, certifying, and qualifying referendum petitions (Title 20A, Chapter 7, Part 3);

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2007, Lieutenant Governor Gary R. Herbert declared the petition challenging House Bill 148--Education Vouchers "sufficient" with more than the statutorily required number of signatures; and,

WHEREAS, the Utah Code authorizes the governor to call statewide special elections on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (Sections 20A-1-203 and 204);

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., Governor of the State of Utah, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Utah do hereby order that:

1. A statewide special election shall be conducted, in the manner provided by law, on November 6, 2007.
2. The purpose of the statewide special election is to consider the referendum challenging House Bill 148--Education Vouchers.
3. The election officials of this state shall submit the referendum challenging House Bill 148--Education Vouchers to the voters at that statewide special election.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Utah. Done at the State Capitol Complex in Salt Lake City, Utah, this 9th day of May 2007.

(State Seal)

Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.  
Governor

Attest:

Gary R. Herbert  
Lieutenant Governor

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