

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**STATE PLAN COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ELECTION REFORM**

**WHAT:** A statewide committee on election reform that includes county clerks, political parties and other advocates, will meet to discuss the implementation of the Help America Vote Act. Discussion topics will include the replacement of punch card voting machines, physical accessibility of polling places and the allocation of federal funds.

**WHO:** Lt. Governor Olene Walker  
State Plan Committee

**WHEN:** **Friday, March 7, 2003, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**WHERE:** Governor's Board Room, 210 State Capitol

**BACKGROUND:** In November of 2002, Lieutenant Governor Olene S. Walker, Utah's chief elections officer, convened this committee to examine election reform in response to federal mandates enacted by the Help America Vote Act. The Act, signed in October by President Bush, provides for the implementation of new voting equipment, the improvement of voter registration, education and identification, and the training of poll workers.

