

By Senator Clary

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to elections; amending s.  
100.011, F.S.; providing for opening and  
closing of the polls simultaneously in the  
state's eastern and central time zones;  
providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 100.011, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:

100.011 Opening and closing of polls, all elections;  
expenses.--

(1) The polls shall be open at the voting places at  
7:30 a.m. eastern time and 6:30 a.m. central time ~~7:00 a.m.~~,  
on the day of the election, and shall be kept open until 7:30  
p.m. eastern time and 6:30 p.m. central time ~~7:00 p.m.~~, of the  
same day, and the time shall be regulated by the customary  
time in standard use in the county seat of the locality. The  
inspectors shall make public proclamation of the opening and  
closing of the polls. During the election and canvass of the  
votes, the ballot box shall not be concealed.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Provides for opening polls at 7:30 a.m. eastern time and  
6:30 a.m. central time and for closing polls at 7:30 p.m.  
eastern time and 6:30 p.m. central time.