

HB 0301

2005

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to early voting; amending s. 101.657,
3 F.S.; increasing authorized locations for early voting;
4 providing an effective date.

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

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8 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
9 101.657, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

10 101.657 Early voting.--

11 (1)(a) The supervisor of elections shall allow an elector
12 to vote early in the main or branch office of the supervisor by
13 depositing the voted ballot in a voting device used by the
14 supervisor to collect or tabulate ballots. In order for a branch
15 office to be used for early voting, it shall be a full-service
16 facility of the supervisor and shall have been designated as
17 such at least 1 year prior to the election. The supervisor may
18 designate any city hall, ~~or~~ public library, public university
19 campus, or community college campus as early voting sites;
20 however, if so designated, the sites must be geographically
21 located so as to provide all voters in the county an equal
22 opportunity to cast a ballot, insofar as is practicable. The
23 results or tabulation may not be made before the close of the
24 polls on election day.

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2006.