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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to early voting; amending s. 101.657,  
3 F.S.; authorizing the supervisor of elections to designate  
4 any public community college facility as an early voting  
5 site; providing an effective date.  
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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9 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
10 101.657, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

11 101.657 Early voting.--

12 (1)(a) As a convenience to the voter, the supervisor of  
13 elections shall allow an elector to vote early in the main or  
14 branch office of the supervisor. The supervisor shall mark, code,  
15 indicate on, or otherwise track the voter's precinct for each  
16 early voted ballot. In order for a branch office to be used for  
17 early voting, it shall be a permanent facility of the supervisor  
18 and shall have been designated and used as such for at least 1  
19 year prior to the election. The supervisor may also designate any  
20 city hall, public community college facility, or permanent public  
21 library facility as early voting sites; however, if so  
22 designated, the sites must be geographically located so as to  
23 provide all voters in the county an equal opportunity to cast a  
24 ballot, insofar as is practicable. The results or tabulation of  
25 votes cast during early voting may not be made before the close  
26 of the polls on election day. Results shall be reported by  
27 precinct.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.