

By Senator Altman

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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
4 designate any public university, college, or community
5 college facility as an early voting site; requiring
6 that the supervisor for each county establish early
7 voting hours; providing a minimum and a maximum daily
8 duration for such early voting hours; providing an
9 effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (d) of subsection (1) of
14 section 101.657, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

15 101.657 Early voting.—

16 (1) (a) As a convenience to the voter, the supervisor of
17 elections shall allow an elector to vote early in the main or
18 branch office of the supervisor. The supervisor shall mark,
19 code, indicate on, or otherwise track the voter's precinct for
20 each early voted ballot. In order for a branch office to be used
21 for early voting, it shall be a permanent facility of the
22 supervisor and shall have been designated and used as such for
23 at least 1 year prior to the election. The supervisor may also
24 designate any city hall; public university, college, or
25 community college facility; or permanent public library facility
26 as early voting sites; however, if so designated, the sites must
27 be geographically located so as to provide all voters in the
28 county an equal opportunity to cast a ballot, insofar as is
29 practicable. The results or tabulation of votes cast during

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30 early voting may not be made before the close of the polls on
31 election day. Results shall be reported by precinct.

32 (d) Early voting shall begin on the 15th day before an
33 election and end on the 2nd day before an election. For purposes
34 of a special election held pursuant to s. 100.101, early voting
35 shall begin on the 8th day before an election and end on the 2nd
36 day before an election. Early voting hours shall be established
37 by the supervisor of elections for each county. However, early
38 voting shall be provided for a period of not less than 8 hours
39 and not more than 12 hours per day ~~per weekday and 8 hours in~~
40 ~~the aggregate each weekend~~ at each site during the applicable
41 periods. Early voting sites shall open no sooner than 7 a.m. and
42 close no later than 7 p.m. on each applicable day.

43 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.