

By Senator Smith

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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 sites, other than city halls or public  
5           libraries, as early voting sites if the early voting  
6           site is convenient, spacious, accessible, and secure;  
7           providing an effective date.

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

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11           Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
12   101.657, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13           101.657 Early voting.—

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

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