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The Committee on Rules (Smith) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 39 and 40  
insert:

Section 2. Paragraphs (a) and (d) of subsection (1) of  
section 101.657, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

101.657 Early voting.—

(1) (a) As a convenience to the voter, the supervisor of  
elections shall allow an elector to vote early in the main or  
branch office of the supervisor and may allow such early voting  
in any city hall, public library facility, courthouse, place of  
worship, civic center, convention center, community center,  
county government center, conference center, community college



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14 facility, university or college facility, fairgrounds, or any  
15 facility designated by the supervisor as meeting the  
16 requirements of this section. The supervisor shall mark, code,  
17 indicate on, or otherwise track the voter's precinct for each  
18 early voted ballot. ~~In order for a branch office to be used for~~  
19 ~~early voting, it shall be a permanent facility of the supervisor~~  
20 ~~and shall have been designated and used as such for at least 1~~  
21 ~~year prior to the election.~~ The supervisor may also designate  
22 any city hall or permanent public library facility as early  
23 voting sites; however, if so designated, the sites must be  
24 geographically located so as to provide all voters in the county  
25 an equal opportunity to cast a ballot, insofar as is  
26 practicable. Each county shall operate the same total number of  
27 early voting sites that it used for the 2008 general election,  
28 or one early voting site plus one additional early voting site  
29 for every complete set of 65,000 registered voters in the county  
30 as of July 1 of each general election year, whichever is  
31 greater. The results or tabulation of votes cast during early  
32 voting may not be made before the close of the polls on election  
33 day. Results shall be reported by precinct.

34 (d) Early voting shall begin on the 15th ~~10th~~ day before an  
35 election ~~that contains state or federal races~~ and end on the 2nd  
36 ~~3rd~~ day before the election. For purposes of a special election  
37 held pursuant to s. 100.101, early voting shall begin on the 8th  
38 day before the election and end on the 2nd day before the  
39 election. Early voting, ~~and~~ shall be provided for 12 ~~no less~~  
40 ~~than 6~~ hours per weekday and 12 hours in the aggregate each  
41 weekend ~~no more than 12 hours per day~~ at each site during the  
42 applicable periods ~~period~~. Early voting sites shall open no



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43 earlier than 7 a.m. and close no later than 7 p.m. on each  
44 applicable day. The supervisor of elections may provide early  
45 voting for elections that are not held in conjunction with a  
46 state or federal election. However, the supervisor has the  
47 discretion to determine the hours of operation of early voting  
48 sites in those elections.

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50 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

51 And the title is amended as follows:

52 Delete line 6

53 and insert:

54 legal residence; amending s. 101.657, F.S.;

55 designating certain facilities as locations for early

56 voting; providing criteria for the number of early

57 voting sites; revising the dates and times when early

58 voting is to be held; amending s. 106.025, F.S.;

59 requiring