

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to early voting; amending s. 101.657,  
 3           F.S.; expanding the list of available sites at which  
 4           early voting may be held; deleting a requirement that  
 5           an early voting branch site be designated and used as  
 6           such for at least 1 year before an election; providing  
 7           an effective date.

8  
 9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

10  
 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 county or municipal facilities as early voting  
 23   sites. ~~city hall or permanent public library facility as early~~  
 24   ~~voting sites;~~ However, if so designated, the sites must be  
 25   geographically located so as to provide all voters in the county  
 26   an equal opportunity to cast a ballot, insofar as is  
 27   practicable. The supervisor shall mark, code, indicate on, or  
 28   otherwise track the voter's precinct for each early voted

HB 449

2013

29 | ballot. The results or tabulation of votes cast during early  
30 | voting may not be made before the close of the polls on election  
31 | day. Results shall be reported by precinct.

32 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.