

By Senator Thompson

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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.

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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 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  
29 ballot. The results or tabulation of votes cast during early

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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.