

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to early voting; amending s. 101.657,
 3 F.S.; revising authority of a supervisor of elections
 4 to designate certain locations as early voting sites;
 5 providing an effective date.

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

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 9 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
 10 101.657, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

11 101.657 Early voting.—

12 (1) (a) As a convenience to the voter, the supervisor of
 13 elections shall allow an elector to vote early in the main or
 14 branch office of the supervisor. The supervisor shall mark,
 15 code, indicate on, or otherwise track the voter's precinct for
 16 each early voted ballot. In order for a branch office to be used
 17 for early voting, it shall be a permanent facility of the
 18 supervisor and shall have been designated and used as such for
 19 at least 1 year before ~~prior to~~ the election. The supervisor may
 20 also designate any suitable location ~~city hall, permanent public~~
 21 ~~library facility, fairground, civic center, courthouse, county~~
 22 ~~commission building, stadium, convention center, government-~~
 23 ~~owned senior center, or government-owned community center~~ as an
 24 early voting site ~~sites~~; however, if so designated, the sites
 25 must be geographically located so as to provide all voters in
 26 the county an equal opportunity to cast a ballot, insofar as is

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27 ~~practicable. In addition, a supervisor may designate one early~~
28 ~~voting site per election in an area of the county that does not~~
29 ~~have any of the eligible early voting locations. Such additional~~
30 ~~early voting site must be geographically located so as to~~
31 ~~provide all voters in that area with an equal opportunity to~~
32 ~~cast a ballot, insofar as is practicable.~~ Each county shall, at
33 a minimum, operate the same total number of early voting sites
34 for a general election which the county operated for the 2012
35 general election. The results or tabulation of votes cast during
36 early voting may not be made before the close of the polls on
37 election day. Results shall be reported by precinct.

38 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.