

By Senator Yarborough

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to early voting sites; amending s.
3 101.657, F.S.; authorizing supervisors of elections to
4 designate additional early voting sites in certain
5 areas; 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 prior to the election. The supervisor may also
20 designate any city hall, permanent public library facility,
21 fairground, civic center, courthouse, county commission
22 building, stadium, convention center, government-owned senior
23 center, or government-owned community center as an early voting
24 site; 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, and must provide sufficient nonpermitted parking to
28 accommodate the anticipated amount of voters. In addition, a
29 supervisor may also designate ~~one~~ early voting sites in areas

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30 ~~site per election in an area~~ of the county that are not within 5
31 miles of ~~does not have~~ any of the eligible early voting
32 locations. Such additional early voting site must be
33 geographically located so as to provide all voters in that area
34 with an equal opportunity to cast a ballot, insofar as is
35 practicable, and must provide sufficient nonpermitted parking to
36 accommodate the anticipated amount of voters. Each county shall,
37 at a minimum, operate the same total number of early voting
38 sites for a general election which the county operated for the
39 2012 general election. The results or tabulation of votes cast
40 during early voting may not be made before the close of the
41 polls on election day. Results shall be reported by precinct.

42 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.