

EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACES

2007 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Mark W. Walker

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions in the Election Code relating to early voting polling places.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▸ requires that, for first and second class counties:

• at least one early voting polling place is located within each complete or partial Utah State Senate district in the county; and

• within each of the above districts, at least one early voting polling place is open on each day that early voting is offered; and

▸ makes technical changes.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

20A-3-603, as enacted by Chapter 264, Laws of Utah 2006

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:



28 Section 1. Section 20A-3-603 is amended to read:

29 **20A-3-603. Early voting polling places.**

30 (1) The election officer shall designate one or more polling places for early voting,
31 provided that:

32 (a) (i) for counties of the first and second class:

33 (A) at least one polling place is located within each Utah State Senate district that is
34 located wholly or partially within the county; and

35 (B) at least one polling place located within each district is open on each day that polls
36 are open during the early voting period;

37 (ii) for all other counties, at least one polling place is open on each day [of] that polls
38 are open during the early voting period;

39 (b) each polling place meets the requirements for polling places under Chapter 5,
40 Election Administration;

41 (c) at least 10% of the voting devices at a polling place are accessible for individuals
42 with disabilities in accordance with Public Law 107-252, the Help America Vote Act of 2002;
43 and

44 (d) each polling place is located in a government building or office, unless no
45 government building or office is available.

46 (2) (a) In the event the election officer determines that the number of early voting
47 polling places is insufficient due to the number of registered voters who are voting, the election
48 officer may designate additional polling places during the early voting period.

49 (b) If an additional early voting polling place is designated, the election officer shall, as
50 soon as is reasonably possible, give notice of the dates, times, and location of the additional
51 polling place by:

52 (i) publishing the notice in one issue of a newspaper of general circulation in the
53 county; and

54 (ii) posting the notice at the additional polling place.

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State Impact

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Some counties will incur additional expenses in creating additional early voting polling places. An example would be Salt Lake County which would be required to have six additional locations estimated to cost \$87,400 which include personnel, equipment, cost of locations and supplies .
