

EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACES

2007 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Mark W. Walker

Senate Sponsor: Sheldon L. Killpack

LONG TITLE

General Description:

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

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires that, during regular general elections and regular primary elections, counties of the first class shall ensure that:
  - 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:

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

30           **20A-3-603. Early voting polling places.**

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

33           (a) except as provided in Subsection (3), at least one polling place is open on each day  
34 [of] that polls are open during the early voting period;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

51           (3) For each regular general election and regular primary election, counties of the first  
52 class shall ensure that:

53           (a) at least one polling place is located within each Utah State Senate district that is  
54 located wholly or partially within the county; and

55           (b) at least one polling place located within each district is open on each day that polls  
56 are open during the early voting period.