

HB 1765 -- Election Vote Centers

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This bill allows election authorities to establish vote centers so that a voter in the town, city, or other district may vote without being registered in a particular precinct. A vote center cannot be used for general elections unless it has been used for a previous election held on or after January 1, 2007, in the relevant town, city, or other district. If an election authority chooses to have vote centers, counties with a population of 25,000 or more registered voters must establish one vote center for every 10,000 registered voters. This requirement may be waived by the Secretary of State at the request of the governing body of the county.

Election authorities at all vote centers will have access to votes cast at every other vote center in the relevant district, and the Secretary of State must certify that the vote centers are organized to prevent election fraud and the unauthorized disclosure of information. Election authorities must consult the chair of every major political party and a member of any minor political party when deciding on the number and location of vote centers.