



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

The cost of hiring one Chief Inspector to administer absentee voting at each site outside of the City Clerk's Office will be up to \$26,000. This expenditure will reduce overtime costs in the City Clerk's Office. Data from the November 2016 election indicates that establishing absentee voting locations throughout the City of Madison also reduces the costs associated with mailing absentee ballots. No additional appropriation required.

Title

Establishing absentee voting locations for the February 2017 Spring Primary.

Body

WHEREAS, voting is both a right and the vital core of a healthy democracy; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Madison City Clerk's Office is that each eligible voter will be able to cast a ballot and have that ballot counted; and

WHEREAS, City of Madison residents welcomed the opportunity to vote absentee at accessible locations in the fall of 2016, tripling the city's previous record for the number of absentee votes cast in-person; and

WHEREAS, absentee ballots cast in-person are less likely that ballots sent through the mail to be rejected at the polls due to missing signatures or witness addresses; and

WHEREAS, it is inequitable to limit in-person absentee voting to Madison residents who are able to obtain transportation downtown; and

WHEREAS, offering extended in-person absentee voting hours at multiple sites throughout the City may further racial equity for residents who have not historically been involved in the voting process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Madison chooses to make in-person absentee voting more accessible and equitable by establishing the following in-person absentee voting locations for the February 2017 Spring Primary:

City Clerk's Office

210 Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd. #103
8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, February 1-17
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, February 18
1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, February 19

Streets East

4602 Sycamore Avenue
7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, February 1-17

Central Library

201 W. Mifflin Street
9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, February 1-16
9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Fridays, February 3, 10, and 17
9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturdays, February 4, 11, and 18
1 to 4:30 p.m. Sundays, February 5, 12, and 19

Alicia Ashman Library

733 N. High Point Road

9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, February 1-17

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays, February 4, 11, and 18

Goodman South Madison Library

2222 S. Park Street

10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, February 1-17

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays, February 4, 11, and 18

Hawthorne Library

2707 E. Washington Avenue

10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, February 1-17

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays, February 4, 11, and 18

Lakeview Library

2845 N. Sherman Avenue

10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, February 1-17

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays, February 4, 11, and 18

Meadowridge Library

5726 Raymond Road

10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, February 1-17

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays, February 4, 11, and 18

Monroe Street Library

1705 Monroe Street

1 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, February 1-17

10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, February 6 and 13

Noon to 5:30 p.m. Thursdays, February 2, 9, and 16

9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays, February 4, 11, and 18

Pinney Library

204 Cottage Grove Road

9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, February 1-17

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays, February 4, 11, and 18

1 to 4:30 p.m. Sundays, February 5, 12, and 19

Sequoia Library

4340 Tokay Blvd.

9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, February 1-17

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays, February 4, 11, and 18

1 to 4:30 p.m. Sundays, February 5, 12, and 19

Edgewood College - Wingra Commons

Predolin Commons, 1000 Edgewood College Drive

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, February 14, and Wednesday, February 15

UW-Madison - Student Activity Center

333 East Campus Mall

Monday through Friday, February 13-17