



## 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 which is budgeted in the adopted 2017 operating budget. 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 April 2017 Spring Election.

### **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, the availability of absentee voting at multiple locations for the Spring Primary set a new in-person absentee voting record and increased overall voter turnout; 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 April 2017 Spring Election:

### **City Clerk's Office**

210 Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd. #103  
8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, March 14 - April 2  
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 1  
1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 2

### **Streets East**

4602 Sycamore Avenue  
7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, March 14-31

### **Central Library**

201 W. Mifflin Street  
March 14 - April 2  
9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday  
9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Fridays  
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays

1 to 4:30 p.m. Sundays

**Alicia Ashman Library**

733 N. High Point Road

March 14 - April 1

9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays

**Goodman South Madison Library**

2222 S. Park Street

March 14 - April 1

10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays

**Hawthorne Library**

2707 E. Washington Avenue

March 14 - April 1

10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays

**Lakeview Library**

2845 N. Sherman Avenue

March 14 - April 1

10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays

**Meadowridge Library**

5726 Raymond Road

March 14 - April 1

10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays

**Monroe Street Library**

1705 Monroe Street

March 14 - April 1

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

10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays

Noon to 5:30 p.m. Thursdays

9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays

**Pinney Library**

204 Cottage Grove Road

March 14 - April 2

9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays

1 to 4:30 p.m. Sundays

**Sequoia Library**

4340 Tokay Blvd.

March 14 - April 2

9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays

1 to 4:30 p.m. Sundays

**Edgewood College - Wingra Commons**

Predolin Commons, 1000 Edgewood College Drive

March 28-30

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**UW-Madison - Student Activity Center**

333 East Campus Mall

March 27-31

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday

**UW-Madison - Union South**

1308 W. Dayton Street

Info Lounge on 2nd floor

March 27-31

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday