



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

In 2013 the Clerk's Office calculated the cost of postage, materials, and staff time required to issue an absentee, and found that it cost \$0.55 to issue an absentee ballot in-person, and \$4.79 to issue an absentee ballot through the mail. Establishing absentee voting locations throughout the City of Madison is likely to reduce the costs associated with mailing absentee ballots.

Title

Establishing absentee voting locations for the November 2016 General 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 state-imposed restrictions on absentee voting locations and hours have been declared unconstitutional because they intentionally discriminated on the basis of race; and

WHEREAS, municipalities may now establish multiple sites for casting an absentee ballot; and

WHEREAS, offering multiple locations and extended hours for in-person absentee voting should reduce the amount of time absentee voters need to stand in line; and

WHEREAS, absentee ballots cast in-person are less likely 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 and hours for the November 2016 General Election:

City Clerk's Office

210 Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd. #103

8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, September 26 through November 4

9 a.m. to noon Saturdays, October 1, 8, 15, and 22

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, October 29 and November 5

1 to 4 p.m. Sundays, October 30 and November 6

Streets East

4602 Sycamore Avenue

7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, September 26 through November 4

Central Library

201 W. Mifflin Street

9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, September 26 through November 3

9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Fridays, September 30 November 4

9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturdays, October 1 through October 29

1 to 4:30 p.m. Sundays, October 2 through 30

Alicia Ashman Library

733 N. High Point Road

9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, September 26 through November 4

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays, October 1 through October 29

Goodman South Madison Library

2222 S. Park Street

10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, September 26 through November 4

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays, October 1 through October 29

Hawthorne Library

2707 E. Washington Avenue

10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, September 26 through November 4

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays, October 1 through October 29

Lakeview Library

2845 N. Sherman Avenue

10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, September 26 through November 4

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays, October 1 through October 29

Meadowridge Library

5726 Raymond Road

10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, September 26 through November 4

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays, October 1 through October 29

Monroe Street Library

1705 Monroe Street

1 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, September 26 through November 4

10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, September 27 through November 1

Noon to 5:30 p.m. Thursdays, September 29 through November 3

9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays, October 1 through October 29

Pinney Library

204 Cottage Grove Road

9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, September 26 through November 4

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays, October 1 through October 29

1 to 4:30 p.m. Sundays, October 2 through October 30

Sequoia Library

4340 Tokay Blvd.

9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, September 26 through November 4

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays, October 1 through October 29

1 to 4:30 p.m. Sundays, October 2 through October 30

Edgewood College - Wingra Commons

Predolin Hall, 1000 Edgewood College Drive
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, October 31 - November 4

UW-Madison - Union South

Marquee Lounge on 2nd floor of Union South, 1308 W. Dayton Street
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, October 31 - November 4