



## 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