



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

The proposed resolution establishes in-person absentee voting locations for the August 2018 Partisan Primary elections. Hourly election aides will be hired for in-person absentee voting at a cost of \$29,574. The Clerk's 2018 Adopted Operating Budget includes funding for in-person absentee voting for four weeks leading up to all four elections in 2018. No additional City appropriation is required.

Title

Establishing absentee voting locations for the 2018 Partisan 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, absentee ballots cast in-person are less likely than ballots sent through the mail to be rejected at the polls due to missing signatures or witness addresses; and

WHEREAS, the use of the ExpressVote accessible voting device to mark absentee ballots at alternate absentee voting sites eliminates the risk of invalidating one's ballot with cross-over voting; and

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

WHEREAS, offering in-person absentee voting 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 August 2018 Partisan Primary:

1. City Clerk's Office, 210 Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard #103
2. Streets East, 4602 Sycamore Avenue
3. Central Library, 201 W. Mifflin Street
4. Alicia Ashman Library, 733 N. High Point Road
5. Goodman South Madison Library, 2222 S. Park Street
6. Hawthorne Library, 2707 E. Washington Avenue
7. Lakeview Library, 2845 N. Sherman Avenue
8. Meadowridge Library, 5726 Raymond Road
9. Monroe Street Library, 1705 Monroe Street
10. Pinney Library, 204 Cottage Grove Road
11. Sequoia Library, 4340 Tokay Boulevard
12. UW-Madison Union South, 1308 W. Dayton Street
13. UW-Madison Memorial Union, 800 Langdon Street
14. UW-Madison Student Activity Center, 333 E. Campus Mall