



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

The proposed resolution establishes in-person absentee voting locations for the May 7, 2019, Special Primary Election and the June 4, 2019, Special Election. Hourly election aides will be hired for in-person absentee voting at a cost of \$2,755. Funding is included in the Clerk's Office 2019 Adopted Operating Budget. No additional City appropriation is required.

Title

Establishing absentee voting locations for the May 7 Special Primary Election and the June 4 Special 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, 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, 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 the Madison Public Library locations 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 May 7, 2019, Special Primary Election:

1. City Clerk's Office, 210 Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard #103
2. Pinney Library, 211 Cottage Grove Road

BE IT FURTHER 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 June 4, 2019, Special Election:

1. City Clerk's Office, 210 Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard #103
2. Pinney Library, 211 Cottage Grove Road
3. Central Library, 201 W. Mifflin Street