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3 By Representative Allen
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1 needed in each precinct, and the electronic voting machines
2 may be installed at one designated voting place or there may
3 be more than one voting place designated and such number of
4 electronic voting machines installed at each place as needed
5 to provide for the voters authorized to vote at each place. No
6 electronic voting machine, or voting machine of any kind,
7 shall be installed or operated except as designated for
8 installation and operation during an election within the
9 interior of an enclosed building designated as a voting place,
10 pursuant to this section. No election officer or poll worker
11 shall take a ballot into or out of any voting place, except in
12 the performance of his or her authorized or official duties
13 that include only the pre-election and post-election
14 transporting of ballots to and from voting places as part of
15 established election procedures. The county governing body
16 shall file with the judge of probate of the county and with
17 the board of registrars, along with a copy of its order fixing
18 the boundaries of a precinct, the names of voting places
19 ~~designated for voting,~~ indicating in those precincts in which
20 the voters have been alphabetically divided into groups and
21 the voting places and electronic voting machines at which each
22 alphabetical group shall vote, and shall ~~also~~ post the list of
23 voting places at the county courthouse.

24 " (b) The judge of probate, within five days after
25 the county governing body of any county files with him or her
26 the boundaries of the election precincts and the names of the
27 voting places therein, shall give notice of the same by

1 ~~publishing the same in some~~ publication in a newspaper of
2 general circulation published in the county and shall have the
3 same posted by the sheriff at the courthouse and at two public
4 places in the election district of the precinct. The notice
5 shall describe the election precincts by their numbers and
6 shall specify the place therein where elections are to be
7 held.

8 "(c) Where election precincts have been subdivided
9 into voting districts ~~hereunder~~, no voter in any election held
10 thereafter shall vote at any place other than the voting
11 district in which the voter at the time is registered as a
12 qualified elector. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any county,
13 by local law, may establish voting centers by combining voters
14 from two or more precincts in order to create a voting center
15 in order to facilitate, or reduce costs, for elections.

16 "(d) Except as ~~may be~~ provided further by local
17 election laws or by the electronic vote counting ~~statutes~~
18 laws, whenever ~~places of voting~~ places are once designated and
19 established as required by this ~~chapter~~ section, the voting
20 places for precincts shall not be changed within three months
21 before an election is to be held. When the boundaries of
22 election precincts are changed, the county governing body
23 shall forthwith designate and establish at least one voting
24 place for every 2,400 voters in each election precinct so
25 created. ~~Places of voting~~ Voting places shall be the same for
26 all elections, whether primary, general, or special, or
27 federal, state, district, or county.

1 "(e) The courthouse is the voting place ~~of holding~~
2 ~~elections~~ in the precinct in which it is situated unless
3 another place for that purpose is designated by the county
4 governing body. Elections must be held at ~~such~~ places in the
5 other precincts as may be designated ~~hereafter~~ by the county
6 governing body."

7 Section 2. This act shall become effective
8 immediately following its passage and approval by the
9 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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