

# HOUSE BILL No. 1196

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 3-11-10-26.3.

**Synopsis:** Satellite offices. Allows a county election board to adopt a resolution by the majority vote of the board's entire membership in order to establish satellite locations for early voting. (Currently, a resolution to establish satellite voting locations must be adopted unanimously by the board.)

**Effective:** July 1, 2017.

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January 10, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections and Apportionment.

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First Regular Session of the 120th General Assembly (2017)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 3-11-10-26.3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.169-2015,  
2 SECTION 123, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 26.3. (a) A county election board  
4 may adopt a resolution to authorize the circuit court clerk to establish  
5 satellite offices in the county where voters may cast absentee ballots  
6 before an absentee voter board.  
7 (b) To be adopted under this section, a resolution must be adopted  
8 by the **unanimous majority** vote of the board's entire membership.  
9 (c) A resolution adopted under this section must do the following:  
10 (1) State the locations of the satellite offices.  
11 (2) State the hours at which absentee voting may occur at the  
12 satellite offices.  
13 (d) The resolution may contain other provisions the board considers  
14 useful.  
15 (e) If a resolution is adopted under this section for a primary  
16 election, the locations of the satellite offices and the hours at which  
17 absentee voting may occur at the satellite offices established for the



1 primary election must be used for the subsequent general or municipal  
2 election.

3 (f) If a resolution is adopted under this section, the procedure for  
4 casting an absentee ballot at a satellite office must, except as provided  
5 in this section, be substantially the same as the procedure for casting an  
6 absentee ballot in the office of the circuit court clerk under section 26  
7 of this chapter.

8 (g) A voter casting an absentee ballot under this section is entitled  
9 to cast the voter's ballot in accordance with IC 3-11-9.

10 (h) A satellite office established by a circuit court clerk under this  
11 section must comply with the polling place accessibility requirements  
12 of IC 3-11-8.

13 (i) A resolution adopted under this section expires January 1 of the  
14 year immediately after the year in which the resolution is adopted.

