

HOUSE BILL 1842

By Powell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,
relative to locations for early voting.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-6-103, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(d)

(1)

(A) For any state or federal election, the county election commission of a county with a population of one hundred thirty thousand (130,000) or more, according to the most recent federal census, shall establish at least one (1) secondary early voting polling place, in addition to the primary early voting polling place, for each state house of representatives district containing territory within the county.

(B) For any state or federal election, the county election commission of a county with a population of sixty-five thousand (65,000) or more but less than one hundred thirty thousand (130,000), according to the most recent federal census, shall establish at least one (1) secondary early voting polling place in addition to the primary early voting polling place.

(2) Early voting polling places shall be equally distributed throughout the county in which they are located.

(3) During the early voting period, each secondary early voting polling place shall be open:

(A) At least one-half (1/2) as many total days as the primary polling place; and

(B) At least one-half (1/2) as many total hours as the primary polling place.

(4) As used in this subsection (d):

(A) "Primary early voting polling place" means the county election commission office or another polling place appropriately designated by the county election commission pursuant to subsection (a); and

(B) "Secondary early voting polling place" means a polling place established in accordance with subdivision (d)(1).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.