

HB0745/505960/1

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 745
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “– **Number Required**”; in line 4, after “establish;” insert “clarifying the process by which one additional early voting center may be established in a county in excess of the number required to be established by law; clarifying the process by which early voting centers are designated in a county; requiring a local board of elections to take into account certain factors when determining the location of an early voting center;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, strike beginning with “the” in line 2 down through “with” in line 3 and substitute “:

(I) FIRST,”;

in line 3, strike the comma; and in line 4, after “center” insert “;**AND**

(II) THEN, THE STATE BOARD APPROVES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ADDITIONAL EARLY VOTING CENTER”.

in line 5, after “(c)” insert “**(1)**”; strike beginning with “the” in line 5 down through “with” in line 6; in line 6, strike the comma; in the same line, after “shall” insert “,**SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE STATE BOARD,**”; and after line 7, insert:

“(2) A LOCAL BOARD SHALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE FOLLOWING FACTORS WHEN DETERMINING THE LOCATION OF AN EARLY VOTING CENTER:

(Over)

(I) ACCESSIBILITY OF THE EARLY VOTING CENTER TO HISTORICALLY DISENFRANCHISED COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING CULTURAL GROUPS, ETHNIC GROUPS, AND MINORITY GROUPS;

(II) PROXIMITY OF THE EARLY VOTING CENTER TO DENSE CONCENTRATIONS OF VOTERS;

(III) ACCESSIBILITY OF THE EARLY VOTING CENTER BY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION;

(IV) ENSURING EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF EARLY VOTING CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY; AND

(V) MAXIMIZING VOTER PARTICIPATION, INCLUDING THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY CENTERS AND PUBLIC GATHERING PLACES AS LOCATIONS FOR EARLY VOTING CENTERS.”