

# SENATE BILL No. 58

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 3-11-18.1.

**Synopsis:** Vote centers. Requires that a vote center county must establish at least one vote center in each municipality located in the county.

**Effective:** July 1, 2021.

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January 4, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections.

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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 3-11-18.1-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.278-2019,
- 2 SECTION 115, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 4. The plan required by section 3
- 4 of this chapter must include at least the following:
- 5 (1) The total number of vote centers to be established.
- 6 (2) The location of each vote center. **A vote center must be**
- 7 **established in each municipality located in the county.**
- 8 (3) The effective date of the order.
- 9 (4) The following information according to the computerized list
- 10 (as defined in IC 3-7-26.3-2) as of the date of the order:
- 11 (A) The total number of voters within the county.
- 12 (B) The number of active voters within the county.
- 13 (C) The number of inactive voters within the county.
- 14 (5) For each vote center designated under subdivision (2), the
- 15 number of precinct election boards that will be appointed to
- 16 administer an election at the vote center.
- 17 (6) For each precinct election board designated under subdivision



- 1 (5), the number and name of each precinct the precinct election  
2 board will administer consistent with section 13 of this chapter for  
3 an election that is not being held in each precinct of the county.  
4 (7) For each vote center designated under subdivision (2), the  
5 number and title of the precinct election officers who will be  
6 appointed to serve at the vote center.  
7 (8) For each vote center designated under subdivision (2):  
8 (A) the number and type of ballot variations that will be  
9 provided at the vote center; and  
10 (B) whether these ballots will be:  
11 (i) delivered to the vote center before the opening of the  
12 polls; or  
13 (ii) printed on demand for a voter's use.  
14 (9) A detailed description of any hardware, firmware, or software  
15 used:  
16 (A) to create an electronic poll list for each precinct whose  
17 polls are to be located at a vote center; or  
18 (B) to manage data in an electronic poll book through a secure  
19 electronic connection between the county election board and  
20 the precinct election officials administering a vote center.  
21 (10) A description of the equipment and procedures to be used to  
22 ensure that information concerning a voter entered into any  
23 electronic poll book used by precinct election officers at a vote  
24 center is immediately accessible to:  
25 (A) the county election board; and  
26 (B) the electronic poll books used by precinct election officers  
27 at all other vote centers in the county.  
28 (11) This subdivision applies to a county in which ballot cards are  
29 used at a vote center. For each vote center designated under  
30 subdivision (2), whether each ballot card printed will have the  
31 printed initials of the poll clerks captured through the electronic  
32 signature pad or tablet at the time the poll clerks log into the  
33 electronic poll book system printed on the back of the ballot card  
34 immediately before the ballot card is delivered to a voter.  
35 (12) The security and contingency plans to be implemented by the  
36 county to do all of the following:  
37 (A) Prevent a disruption of the vote center process.  
38 (B) Ensure that the election is properly conducted if a  
39 disruption occurs.  
40 (C) Prevent access to an electronic poll book without the  
41 coordinated action of two (2) precinct election officers who are  
42 not members of the same political party.



1 (13) A certification that the vote center complies with the  
 2 accessibility requirements applicable to polling places under  
 3 IC 3-11-8.

4 (14) A sketch depicting the planned layout of the vote center,  
 5 indicating the location of:

6 (A) equipment; and

7 (B) precinct election officers;

8 within the vote center.

9 (15) The total number and locations of satellite offices to be  
 10 established under IC 3-11-10-26.3 at vote center locations  
 11 designated under subdivision (2) to allow voters to cast absentee  
 12 ballots in accordance with IC 3-11. However, a plan must provide  
 13 for at least one (1) vote center to be established as a satellite  
 14 office under IC 3-11-10-26.3 on the two (2) Saturdays  
 15 immediately preceding an election day.

16 (16) The method and timing of providing voter data to persons  
 17 who are entitled to receive the data under this title. Data shall be  
 18 provided to all persons entitled to the data without unreasonable  
 19 delay.

20 (17) In a county in which a majority of votes are cast on optical  
 21 scan ballot cards, any additional procedures to provide for  
 22 efficient and secure voting at each vote center, including ballot on  
 23 demand printing.

24 SECTION 2. IC 3-11-18.1-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.201-2017,  
 25 SECTION 32, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 26 JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 6. (a) Except as provided in subsection ~~(b)~~, **(c)**,  
 27 when the total number of active voters in the county equals at least  
 28 twenty-five thousand (25,000), the following apply:

29 (1) The plan must provide for at least one (1) vote center for each  
 30 ten thousand (10,000) active voters.

31 (2) In addition to the vote centers designated in subdivision (1),  
 32 the plan must provide for a vote center for any fraction of ten  
 33 thousand (10,000) active voters.

34 **(b) The number of vote centers established under this section  
 35 are in addition to the number of vote centers required to be  
 36 established under section 4(2) of this chapter.**

37 ~~(b)~~ **(c)** When a county conducts a special election described in  
 38 IC 3-10-8-1 that is conducted in only part of a county and not on the  
 39 same date as a primary, general, or municipal election held in the  
 40 county, the following apply:

41 (1) The plan must provide for at least one (1) vote center.

42 (2) If the election district for the special election contains at least



1 ten thousand (10,000) active voters, the following apply:  
2 (A) The plan must provide for at least one (1) vote center for  
3 each ten thousand (10,000) active voters in the election  
4 district.  
5 (B) In addition to the vote centers required in clause (A), the  
6 plan must provide for a ~~voter~~ **vote** center for any fraction of  
7 ten thousand (10,000) active voters in the election district.

