

HOUSE BILL 472

By Pitts

AN ACT relative to a study to be conducted by the state election coordinator concerning voting by certain registered voters.

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

SECTION 1.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the state election coordinator shall study the feasibility of permitting registered voters who reside outside of the precinct listed as their permanent residence at the time of an election to vote in statewide elections only. The study should consider establishing designated locations where such persons may vote to include the county election commission office, a public university campus, or at an equally desirable location. Such limited polling locations would be open only during the early voting period.

(b) Any property rights voting, based on ownership of property within the municipality, as permitted by a municipality in its charter, would not be a part of the study and voters who meet the requirements as enacted by the municipality to vote in municipal elections would continue to have the right to vote in such elections.

(c) The study shall be completed by the state election coordinator no later than February 2, 2012, and the state election coordinator shall present the results of the study, together with any recommended statutory changes, to the house and senate state and local government committees no later than February 28, 2012.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.