

HB 1648 -- Voter Centers

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This bill allows the board of election commissioners in St. Louis and Kansas City to establish voter centers on election days where a voter may cast a ballot for any federal, statewide, or municipal office without going to his or her precinct voting location. Voter centers cannot be authorized for any local, district, or political subdivision election except for a municipal election. Only in-person voting will be allowed at the centers and they will not accept absentee ballots if the ballots are cast before election day. The decision to use voter centers, the number and location of voter centers, and the allocation of existing election staff to voter centers are at the discretion of the board.

The Secretary of State must offer assistance to any board that establishes voter centers by establishing nonmandatory criteria that facilitate the operation of the voter centers and may include a recommendation on the use of existing election staff at these centers.