

Title 33 STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Subtitle 17 EARLY VOTING

33.17.02 Early Voting Center

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.02 Selecting Early Voting Centers.

A. Considerations for Early Voting Centers. A local board shall consider the following factors when determining the location of an early voting center:

(1) (text unchanged)

(2) Proximity of the early voting center to dense concentrations of voters such that:

(a) If a county [has] is required by Regulation .01 of this chapter to have one or two early voting centers, 50 percent of the registered voters in the county live within 10 miles of one of the proposed early voting center; or

(b) If a county [has] is required by Regulation .01 of this chapter to have three or more early voting centers, 80 percent of the registered voters live within 5 miles of one of the early voting centers;

(3) - (7) (text unchanged)

B. - D. (text unchanged)

E. Additional Information. For each proposed early voting center, a local board shall submit with the form required in §[A] C of this [regulation] Regulation:

(1) (text unchanged)

(2) The State of Maryland's Accessibility Survey form[; and]

(3) Digital photographs of the outside of and entrance to the proposed early voting center[.]; and

(4) *The security plan required by Regulation .04 of this chapter.*

F. Inability to Identify Proposed Early Voting Center. If the proposed early voting center does not meet all of the criteria listed on the form required in §[A] C of this [regulation] Regulation, a local board shall provide on the form:

(1) (text unchanged)

(2) A description of the factors that mitigate the fact that the proposed early voting center does not meet all of the criteria listed on the form required in §[A] C of this [regulation] Regulation.

G. (text unchanged)

H. Approval of Early Voting Centers.

(1) (text unchanged)

(2) The State Board shall:

(a) Vote on a local board's proposed early voting center within 30 days of receipt of the form required in §[A] C of this [regulation] Regulation;

(b) Give deference to a proposed early voting center for which a local board [can make the acknowledgments] considered the factors required in §A of this Regulation and the requirements [required in] of §B of this [regulation] Regulation; and

(c) (text unchanged)

(3) (text unchanged)

I. Alternate Early Voting Centers.

(1) - (2) (text unchanged)

(3) A local board shall identify:

(a) One alternate early voting center if the local board is required to establish one, *two*, or three early voting centers; or

(b) Two alternate early voting centers if the local board is required to establish [five] *four or more* early voting centers.

(4) A local board shall:

(a) At least 3 months before a primary election, complete and submit to the State Administrator the form required by §[A] C of this [regulation] Regulation for each proposed alternate early voting center; and

(b) (text unchanged)

.04 Security Plans for Early Voting Center.

A. Security Plan Required. [At least 8 weeks before early voting begins] *With the form required by Regulation .02C of this chapter*, an election director shall submit an early voting security plan for approval to the State Administrator.

B. (text unchanged)

C. Review and Acceptance of Plan.

(1) (text unchanged)

(2) Within 30 days of receipt of [a] *an* early voting security plan, the State Administrator shall review and provide feedback to a local board.

(3) A local board shall update its plan according to the feedback provided by the State Administrator.