

HB 867 -- Election Procedures and Penalties

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Beginning January 1, 2008, this bill allows voters to cast advance ballots starting on the third Wednesday before any election. Voters may always cast advance ballots at the central voting location; and voting will be allowed on weekdays from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. and on Saturdays until 12:00 p.m.

For federal elections, the election authorities must provide up to six satellite voting sites, with one satellite site established for every 50,000 voters. For other elections, the use of satellite sites is discretionary. Election authorities must provide information about the location of these satellite sites on their web site and at their offices and may publicize the location through other means. These satellite sites will be subject to the supervision of election judges with at least one judge from each major political party at each site.

Any voter casting more than one type of ballot during the same election will be guilty of an offense. The disclosure of voting lists containing the names of those using either advance ballots or absentee ballots to unauthorized persons will also be an offense. Persons voting by advance ballot will receive the same protections as those voting by absentee ballot.