

AMENDMENT PROPOSED TO

Committee Substitute

HOUSE BILL NO. 297

BY Johnson

Amend by inserting the following new language after
line 723 and renumbering the succeeding
sections:

SECTION 4¹⁸ Sections ~~4~~¹⁰ through ~~5~~²² of this act shall be known
and may be cited as the "Early Voting Act."

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AMEND TITLE (to conform) (as follows):

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32 SECTION 2.¹⁹ (1) A qualified elector may vote early not more
33 than twenty-one (21) days nor less than five (5) days before the
34 date of an election in the office of the registrar or at a
35 location designated by the registrar of the county in which the
36 elector is registered to vote during the times established for
37 early voting in this section.

38 (2) If only one (1) person has qualified for each office on
39 the ballot, early voting shall not be conducted.

40 (3) Early voting shall be conducted at the office of the
41 registrar during the following times:

42 (a) Weekdays from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., except
43 that the office of the registrar shall remain open until 7:00 p.m.
44 the last two (2) days of the early voting period; and

45 (b) One (1) Saturday during the early voting period
46 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

47 (4) Notice of the early voting hours shall be given by the
48 election commissioners not less than twenty-five (25) days before
49 the day of election by publication in a newspaper of general
50 circulation in the county. If a state holiday occurs on any day
51 in which early voting is allowed, the election commissioners may
52 authorize the closing of the office of the registrar or the
53 designated location on the holiday by including a notice of the
54 closure in the notice published pursuant to this subsection.

55 SECTION 3.²⁰ (1) A person who desires to vote early shall
56 appear at the office of the registrar or the location authorized

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57 by the registrar for early voting. After signing the appropriate
58 receipt book, the elector shall vote at the location in the same
59 manner as he or she would at his or her voting precinct on the day
60 of the election. Except as may be otherwise provided by Sections
61 ~~18~~ through ~~32~~ of this act, the election laws that govern procedures
62 for a person who appears to vote on the day of election shall
63 apply when a person appears to vote during the early voting
64 period.

65 (2) All votes cast at an early voting location shall be
66 final.

67 (3) The votes cast during early voting shall be announced
68 simultaneously with the vote cast on election day.

69 SECTION 21 Each candidate or his or her representatives
70 shall have the right to be present at the office of the registrar
71 or designated location when it is open for early voting and to
72 challenge the qualifications of any person offering to vote in the
73 same manner as provided by law at the polling place on election
74 day.

75 SECTION 22 The Secretary of State shall promulgate rules and
76 regulations necessary to effectuate early voting.

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