

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS21791**

The Early Voting Opportunity Act seeks to provide added opportunity for citizens to vote by requiring each county to offer early voting centers and operate those centers a minimum of 5 days-a-week (8 AM to 5 PM) for the 21 days prior to the election.

Counties with a population of less than 25,000 residents must operate at least one early voting center. Counties with a population of between 25,001 and 100,000 residents must operate at least two early voting centers. And counties with a population in excess of 100,000 residents must operate at least three early voting centers.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

No impact to the state general fund. The additional cost incurred by counties will vary according to the specific requirements of the statute. Counties with less than 25,000 residents will not incur any additional costs and more populous counties will incur the cost to operate one or more additional early voting centers. The cost to run an early voting center for 15 days prior to an election (including labor, rental, and materials) is estimated to be between \$5,000 and \$7,500.

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