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Senator Hill moved the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (404618) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Delete lines 1886 - 1940
5 and insert:

6 Section 38. Subsection (1) of section 101.657, Florida
7 Statutes, is amended to read:

8 101.657 Early voting.—

9 (1) (a) As a convenience to the voter, the supervisor of
10 elections shall allow an elector to vote early in the main or
11 branch office of the supervisor. The supervisor shall mark,
12 code, indicate on, or otherwise track the voter's precinct for
13 each early voted ballot. ~~In order for a branch office to be used~~



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14 ~~for early voting, it shall be a permanent facility of the~~
15 ~~supervisor and shall have been designated and used as such for~~
16 ~~at least 1 year prior to the election.~~

17 (b) The supervisor shall also designate any city hall as an
18 early voting site. The supervisor may also designate any
19 permanent public library facility or any polling place to be
20 used on election day or any other facility open to the public as
21 an early voting site. In any general election in which a
22 candidate for President of the United States appears on the
23 ballot, the supervisor of elections shall designate at least one
24 early voting site for every 40,000 registered voters within the
25 county. In any general election in which a candidate for
26 President of the United States does not appear on the ballot,
27 the supervisor shall designate at least one early voting site
28 for every 80,000 registered voters within the county. To the
29 extent practicable, the designated sites must be geographically
30 located so as to provide all voters in the county an equal
31 opportunity to cast a ballot. ~~The supervisor may also designate~~
32 ~~any city hall or permanent public library facility as early~~
33 ~~voting sites; however, if so designated, the sites must be~~
34 ~~geographically located so as to provide all voters in the county~~
35 ~~an equal opportunity to cast a ballot, insofar as is~~
36 ~~practicable. The results or tabulation of votes cast during~~
37 ~~early voting may not be made before the close of the polls on~~
38 ~~election day. Results shall be reported by precinct.~~

39 (c) ~~(b)~~ The supervisor shall designate each early voting
40 site by no later than the 30th day prior to an election and
41 shall designate an early voting area, as defined in s. 97.021,
42 at each early voting site.



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43 (d)~~(e)~~ All early voting sites in a county shall be open on
44 the same days for the same amount of time and shall allow any
45 person in line at the closing of an early voting site to vote.

46 (e)~~(d)~~ Early voting shall begin on the 15th day before an
47 election and end on the 2nd day before an election. For purposes
48 of a special election held pursuant to s. 100.101, early voting
49 shall begin on the 8th day before an election and end on the 2nd
50 day before an election. Early voting shall be provided for 8
51 hours per weekday and 8 hours in the aggregate each weekend at
52 each site during the applicable periods. Early voting sites
53 shall open no sooner than 7 a.m. and close no later than 7 p.m.
54 on each applicable day.

55 (f)~~(e)~~ Notwithstanding the requirements of s. 100.3605,
56 municipalities may provide early voting in municipal elections
57 that are not held in conjunction with county or state elections.
58 If a municipality provides early voting, it may designate as
59 many sites as necessary and shall conduct its activities in
60 accordance with the provisions of paragraphs (a)-(c). The
61 supervisor is not required to conduct early voting if it is
62 provided pursuant to this subsection.

63 (g)~~(f)~~ Notwithstanding the requirements of s. 189.405,
64 special districts may provide early voting in any district
65 election not held in conjunction with county or state elections.
66 If a special district provides early voting, it may designate as
67 many sites as necessary and shall conduct its activities in
68 accordance with the provisions of paragraphs (a)-(c). The
69 supervisor is not required to conduct early voting if it is
70 provided pursuant to this subsection.

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72 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

73 And the title is amended as follows:

74 Delete lines 4168 - 4174

75 and insert:

76 F.S.; revising and expanding early voting locations;