

What is a Vote Center?

A location which, on Election Day, provides ballots to any and all qualified voters for that election.

Who establishes Vote Centers?

The commissioner of elections (County Auditor).

Why use Vote Centers?

Voter convenience is the main reason.

Can Vote Centers be used for any elections?

No. The use of Vote Centers is prohibited for Primary and General elections as well as vacancy elections for federal or state legislative offices.

When might Vote Centers be used?

Vote Centers may be a good option for the regularly scheduled elections for schools and cities. Special elections for school districts, cities or the county may also be appropriate. The use of Vote Centers is particularly suited to referenda elections (e.g., a bond election) or an election for a single vacancy.

When would a Vote Center not make sense?

Any election with numerous ballot rotations and/or ballot styles as the likelihood of receiving the incorrect ballot is too great.

Doesn't the use of Vote Centers just confuse voters?

Every election requires the legal publication of polling locations in the County's official newspapers. When Vote Centers are used, the legal publication includes additional information about Vote Centers. Information about the Vote Centers is also posted at all precincts on Election Day.

It is highly recommended that all voters always check the polling locations(s) for any election. Every registered voter is mailed a card listing his/her polling location(s) and permanent polling places are established for every precinct. However, temporary moves (mostly due to construction) are unavoidable and occur for almost every election.