Vote Centers

No updates required since November 30, 2023

Background

Vote centers, also known as countywide polling places, are an alternative to the traditional model of precinct-based polling places. Vote centers can be more efficient for both voters and election officials. Note: These laws apply to Election Day voting for general elections only. Other states may allow vote centers during early voting or smaller elections.

Scoring

- State requires or allows vote centers, 1 point
- State does not allow vote centers or no applicable law, 0 points

Summary Table

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State-by-State Sources and More Detail

Alabama (0)
- State has no applicable law.

Alaska (0)
- State has no applicable law.

Arizona (1)

Arkansas (1)

California (1)

Colorado (1)
- State requires vote centers (Colo. Rev. Stat. §1-5-102.9).

Connecticut (0)
- State has no applicable law.

Delaware (0)
- State has no applicable law.

D.C. (0)
- Has no applicable law.

Florida (0)
- State has no applicable law.

Georgia (0)
- State has no applicable law.

Hawaii (1)
Idaho (0)
- State has no applicable law.

Illinois (1)
- State requires two vote centers in jurisdictions with over 500,000 voters (IL SB 2123 (2023)).

Indiana (1)
- State allows vote centers (Ind. Code §3-11-18.1).

Iowa (0)
- State only allows vote centers for city, school, and special elections (Iowa Code §49.11).

Kansas (1)

Kentucky (1)
- State allows vote centers (KRS 117.066).

Louisiana (0)
- State has no applicable law.

Maine (0)
- State has no applicable law.

Maryland (0)
- State has no applicable law.

Massachusetts (0)
- State has no applicable law.

Michigan (0)
- State has no applicable law.

Minnesota (0)
- State has no applicable law.

Mississippi (0)
- State has no applicable law.
Missouri (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Montana (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Nebraska (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Nevada (1)

New Hampshire (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

New Jersey (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

New Mexico (1)
  • State allows vote centers (N. M. Stat. Ann. §1-3-4).

New York (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

North Carolina (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

North Dakota (1)
  • State allows vote centers (N.D. Cent. Code §16.1-04-02).

Ohio (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Oklahoma (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Oregon (0)
  • State has no applicable law.
Pennsylvania (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Rhode Island (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

South Carolina (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

South Dakota (1)
  • State allows vote centers (S.D. Codified Laws §12-14-17).

Tennessee (1)
  • State allows vote centers (Tenn. Code Ann. §2-3-301 to §2-3-308)

Texas (1)
  • State allows vote centers (Tex. Election Code §43.007).

Utah (1)
  • State allows vote centers (Utah Code Ann. §20A-3-701 to §20A-3-703).

Vermont (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Virginia (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Washington (1)
  • State requires vote centers (RCW 29A.40.160).

West Virginia (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Wisconsin (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Wyoming (1)
  • State allows vote centers (Wyo. Stat. § 22-1-102).