

### Vote Center Study Committee

1. Establishment and Purpose - The Board of Elections establishes a Vote Center Study Committee for the purpose of creating a Vote Center Plan for Monroe County. This plan is a necessary step in the adoption of vote centers in Monroe County.
2. Term –The committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Elections, until the completion of their work, unless otherwise extended by the Election Board by a majority vote.

The Vote Center study committee will commit to hosting bi-weekly meetings to develop a vote center plan to be presented to and approved by the Election Board.

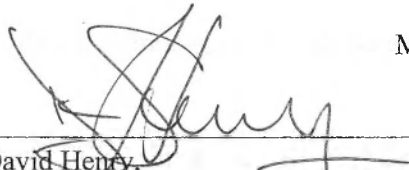
3. Membership Qualifications - Membership shall be approved by the Board of Elections
  - a. The Committee shall have the following composition:
    - i. Three (3) members by appointment of the Monroe County Democratic Party Chairman, with the requirement that one (1) member appointed is enrolled as a student at a university or college student within Monroe County.
    - ii. Three (3) members by appointment of the Monroe County Republican Party Chairman, with the requirement that one (1) member appointed is enrolled as a student at a university or college student within Monroe County.
    - iii. Three (3) independent registered voters by appointment of the Monroe County Clerk
    - iv. One (1) representative from each of the following communities working to improve the voting process by appointment of the Monroe County Clerk:
      1. The League of Women Voters
      2. One individual that represents through lived experience and/or professional expertise with functional or access needs
4. Requirements
  - a. The Vote Center Study Committee shall study and produce a vote center plan in accordance with Indiana Code § 3-11-18.1-4.
  - b. The Vote Center plan will take into account the following:
    - i. A review of past vote center work conducted by the Board of Elections
    - ii. A review of Indiana Election Division reports, guidance and information on vote center adoption in Indiana
    - iii. A review of past poll location data, including early voting daily cast ballots, throughput times, and staffing levels
    - iv. A review of costs and a proposed budget for the implementation of vote centers
    - v. The selection and analysis of no fewer than five (5) comparable counties to Monroe County that have at least one (1) of the following criteria:
      1. Counties that use vote centers and also use paper ballots;
      2. Counties with a large university population as a proportion of their population;
      3. Counties with both rural and urban poll locations; and/or
      4. Counties with a population comparable to Monroe County.
    - vi. Recommendations for prospective vote center locations that meet the following criteria:
      1. ADA Compliance
      2. HAVA Compliance
      3. Voter access, enfranchisement and convenience
      4. Access to public transportation and accessible parking

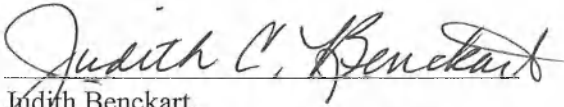
5. Locations that are within a 2-mile radius of where there are at least 10,000 eligible voters, accounting for density, demographics and rural accessibility
  6. Inspection reports of each prospective vote center, with recommendations for site improvements to full accessibility and enfranchisement
  - vii. The Recommended vote center locations shall be listed as line items in the Report for further consideration by the Board of Elections
  - viii. Recommendations for the following:
    1. Infrastructure and Technology
    2. Electronic Poll Books
    3. Training and Procedures of poll workers
    4. Early Voting
    5. Preparing voters for transition, including communications and education
    6. Cost
5. Reporting Requirement
- a. The Vote Center Study Committee shall present a brief report on progress to the Board of Elections
    - i. 60 days after the first meeting of the Committee and as requested by the Election Board at the scheduled meetings of the Election Board.
6. Meeting Requirements:
- a. Meetings of the Vote Center Study Committee shall be held in public in accordance with Indiana Open Door requirements, and provide time for public comment.

Presented to and adopted on this 3rd day of August, 2023, by the Monroe County Election Board, Bloomington, Indiana.

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