

## WHAT IS A VOTE CENTER

Simply put, a vote center is a polling place where any eligible voter in the county may go to vote. The vote center model gives voters more flexibility on Election Day because they are not constrained to a specific polling location.

**Vote Centers ensure greater accessibility and ease of voting**

Vote Centers are connected through secure internet connections, and as ballots are cast, an electronic poll book is instantaneously updated

**Vote Centers save money**



## BACKGROUND

After immense success in Wayne, Tippecanoe and Cass counties (who piloted the vote center model for Indiana from 2007-2010), the Indiana House and Senate passed legislation allowing all Indiana counties the option of becoming vote center counties

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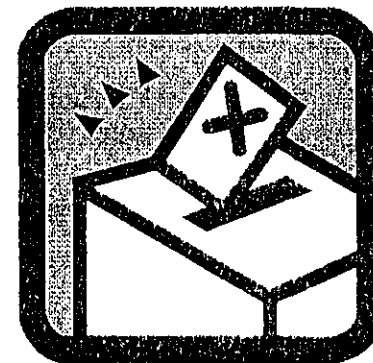
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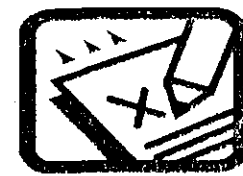
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### INFORMATION ON VOTE CENTERS IN MONROE COUNTY

- WHAT ARE THEY?
- HOW DO THEY WORK?
- WHY HAVE THEM?



# VOTE CENTERS IN MONROE COUNTY



The Monroe County Commissioners issued Resolution 2011-24 creating a Vote Center Advisory Committee to study and recommend possible Vote Centers based on:

- Accessibility standards for people with disabilities and those who are elderly based on HAVA standards
- Convenience to voters
- Anticipated turnout levels for early and election day voting

The VCAC shall attempt to:

- Determine where voters are during election days
- Identify centrally-located voting sites within a 2 mile radius of where there are at least 10,000 registered voters
- Inspect all sites to determine accessibility and recommend changes for full accessibility



## What are the Advantages of a Vote Center?

- Voters may go to ANY Vote Center they choose
- Vote Centers will be more accessible since you may use one that is closest to your place of work rather than your residence
- You may also visit a Vote Center anywhere, even while you are out running other errands
- No one will ever go to wrong polling site
- There will be many fewer vote Centers than previous precinct polling sites resulting in a considerable cost savings

Vote Centers in other states and pilot sites in Indiana have been hugely successful

## HOW ARE SITES CHOSEN AS VOTE CENTERS?

- Easily accessible by many people on foot or by bus or
- On a bus route or
- On a major roadway
- Large open space
- Internet access
- Large parking area with accessible parking spots (for drive-in sites)
- Accessible facilities for people with disabilities and those who are elderly
- Sites accessible to those in outlying rural areas who enjoy voting in their townships

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