

## BROWN COUNTY VOTE CENTER PLAN

January 4, 2024

Revision 2

In Compliance with IC 3-11-18-1-4, the Brown County Election Board proposes to adopt a plan for the establishment of Voting Centers in Brown County, to provide more convenient, efficient, cost effective voting access, and procedures for all Brown County voters.

Brown County plans to utilize 5 vote center locations. Indiana Code 3-11-18.1-6 only requires one vote center per 10,000 active voters, but the Brown County Election Board plans to provide one vote center per roughly 2,400 registered voters

As of January 31, 2023:

(A) Total number of registered voters within Brown County – 13,088

(B) Total number of active voters within Brown County – 11,695

(C) Total number of inactive voters in Brown County – 1,393

1. The following are suggested vote center locations to be open on Election Days for Presidential and Mid-Term Elections:

(The following locations will be reviewed prior to each election cycle.)

- (A) Eagle Park, State Road 46E.
- (B) Southern Brown Firehouse, 4040 State Road 135S
- (C) Fruitdale Firehouse, 5200 State Road 135N
- (D) Jackson Township Firehouse, 4831 Helmsburg Rd.
- (E) Church of the Lakes, 8844 Nineveh Rd

2. The following are suggested vote center locations to be open for early/absentee voting.

(The following location will be used as a vote center location 28 days prior to election day and two Saturdays, as required by law.)

- (A) Eagle Park, State Road 46E
  - a. One Inspector, One Judge, two Clerks

All vote center locations meet the ADA accessibility requirements under IC 3-11-8.

3. Each Vote Center will have one Inspector, two Judges, and four Clerks. At least one Judge will be from the opposite party as the Inspector. The number of workers, electronic poll books, and voting machines sent to each location will be determined the size of the location and may be changed by the County Clerk and the Election board at his/her discretion.
4. Every Ballot type for each precinct, applicable school board elections and party in primary elections shall be available, electronically, at each Vote Center. Brown County will use

electronic voting machines in all vote centers.

5. An Electronic Poll Book will be used for voters to go to any location that they choose to vote. It will securely connect every satellite vote center and meets all standards set out by Indiana law under IC 3-11-8-10.3. A minimum of two electronic poll books will be available at each Voting Center.
6. The number of voters on the machines and the number of voters in the poll pad will be checked and balanced throughout the day (every day during early voting).  
In the event of a power failure at each or one vote center, the voting machines and poll pad will be switched to battery backup. For obvious reasons, if the safety of voters and or poll workers is ever at risk, the Brown County Security Plan will go into effect with instructions from the Brown County Clerk, Brown County Election Board.
7. Brown County has a full media and community outreach strategy that will involve press releases to newspapers, mailings and Social Media. In addition, we will use our county web site: [Brown County, IN | Official Website \(browncounty-in.gov\)](http://browncounty-in.gov) to prepare Brown County citizens for any change. Community outreach and media would include; but are not limited to, property tax bill inserts, water bill inserts, parent info flyers with school children, newspaper ads, and sign on election day and in-person early voting.
8. Under IC 3-11-18.1-13 A voter who resides in a voter center county is entitled to cast a ballot at any vote center established in the county without regard to the precinct in which the voter resides.
9. Under IC 3-11-18.1-15 Sec. 15 a county may amend a plan adopted with the county election board's order under section 3 of this chapter.

NOTE: Voters from every precinct may vote at any vote center location or satellite vote center location. Every ballot style for each precinct in Brown County will be available at each vote center and each satellite vote center (Depending on the election, the number of ballot styles varies greatly; therefore, this plan does not attempt to provide a specific number of ballot styles). Each vote center and early vote center will be connected to all other vote centers or early vote centers (as well as the County Election Board) via electronic poll books connected via secured internet lines. At least two electronic poll book terminals will be available at each location.

This resolution shall take effect immediately and may only be rescinded by unanimous vote of the entire membership of the Brown County Election Board.

SO APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

BROWN COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

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