

(1) EACH LOCAL BOARD SHALL DESIGNATE A POLLING PLACE THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR EACH PRECINCT IN THE COUNTY AS ESTABLISHED BY THE LOCAL BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 2 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(2) EACH POLLING PLACE SHALL:

(I) PROVIDE AN ENVIRONMENT THAT IS SUITABLE TO THE PROPER CONDUCT OF AN ELECTION;

(II) BE LOCATED AS CONVENIENTLY AS PRACTICABLE FOR THE MAJORITY OF REGISTERED VOTERS ASSIGNED TO THAT POLLING PLACE;

(III) EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, BE IN A PUBLIC BUILDING;

(IV) BE IN THE PRECINCT WHICH IT SERVES UNLESS NO SUITABLE LOCATION FOR A POLLING PLACE CAN BE FOUND WITHIN THAT PRECINCT, IN WHICH CASE THE BOARD MAY ESTABLISH THE POLLING PLACE IN AN ADJACENT PRECINCT; AND

(V) WHENEVER PRACTICABLE, BE SELECTED AND ARRANGED TO AVOID ARCHITECTURAL AND OTHER BARRIERS THAT IMPEDE ACCESS OR VOTING BY ELDERLY AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED VOTERS.

(3) (I) THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE USE OF ANY PUBLIC BUILDING REQUESTED BY A LOCAL BOARD FOR A POLLING PLACE SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE LOCAL BOARD, WITHOUT CHARGE, THE SPACE THAT IS NEEDED IN THE BUILDING FOR THE PROPER CONDUCT OF AN ELECTION.

(II) LIGHT, HEAT, AND CUSTODIAL AND JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE SPACE SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE LOCAL BOARD WITHOUT CHARGE.

(4) (I) IF SUITABLE SPACE IN A PUBLIC BUILDING IS NOT AVAILABLE, A LOCAL BOARD MAY PAY A REASONABLE FEE FOR THE USE OF SPACE IN A PRIVATELY OWNED BUILDING.

(II) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, AN ELECTION MAY NOT BE HELD IN ANY BUILDING OR PART OF ANY BUILDING USED OR OCCUPIED BY AN ESTABLISHMENT THAT HOLDS AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE.

(III) AN ELECTION MAY BE HELD IN A BUILDING THAT IS OWNED AND OCCUPIED BY AN ESTABLISHMENT THAT HOLDS AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE IF:

1. THE LOCAL BOARD DETERMINES THAT THERE IS NO SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE PLACE TO HOLD AN ELECTION;

2. THE LICENSEE AGREES NOT TO SELL OR DISPENSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING THE PERIOD BEGINNING 2 HOURS BEFORE THE POLLS OPEN AND ENDING 2 HOURS AFTER THE POLLS CLOSE; AND