

HB0014/703627/1

BY: Ways and Means Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 14  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 10, after “law;” insert “requiring each local board to establish an appeals process regarding certain requests to use public buildings as early voting centers;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 6, strike “The” and substitute “EACH MONTH, THE”; strike beginning with “CURRENTLY” in line 8 down through “report” in line 10 and substitute “SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT WITH COMMITMENT PAPERS”; strike beginning with “CURRENTLY” in line 13 down through “CONVICTION” in line 14 and substitute “SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT WITH COMMITMENT PAPERS”; in line 18, strike “THE” and substitute “SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE”; and after line 21, insert:

**“(3) (I) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT ESTABLISH AN APPEALS PROCESS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS REQUESTED FOR USE UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO CONTEST THE AVAILABILITY OF THE PUBLIC BUILDING DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME THE BUILDING WOULD BE USED AS AN EARLY VOTING CENTER.**

**“(II) THE APPEALS PROCESS ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL:**

**1. REQUIRE A PUBLIC OFFICIAL TO FILE AN APPEAL WITH THE LOCAL BOARD WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING NOTICE FROM THE**

LOCAL BOARD OF THE REQUEST TO MAKE THE PUBLIC BUILDING AVAILABLE AS AN EARLY VOTING CENTER;

2. ALLOW THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD PUBLICLY AT A MEETING OF THE LOCAL BOARD BEFORE THE LOCAL BOARD MAKES A DECISION ON THE APPEAL;

3. ALLOW THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL TO APPEAL AN ADVERSE DECISION BY THE LOCAL BOARD TO THE STATE BOARD WITHIN 7 DAYS AFTER THE LOCAL BOARD'S DECISION;

4. ALLOW THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD PUBLICLY AT A MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD BEFORE THE STATE BOARD MAKES A FINAL DECISION ON THE APPEAL; AND

5. CONCLUDE THE APPEALS PROCESS AT LEAST 7 MONTHS BEFORE THE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR WHICH THE LOCAL BOARD SEEKS TO USE THE PUBLIC BUILDING AS AN EARLY VOTING CENTER.”.