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[LWVSC Testimony on S. 36 \(Polling Locations\) in Senate Subcommittee](#)

The League of Women Voters is happy to support the needed changes in polling place designation requirements provided in this bill.

Section 1 is especially important in removing the requirement that the General Assembly establish "voting places," clearly outlining the responsibility of county boards for this function. We recommend one change in Section 1, and that is the addition of a specific time before the election to Section 1(D), which requires that voters be notified in writing of their transfer to a new polling place and the location of the new polling place. At present, failure to receive timely notification is a very common problem for voters; a postcard received a week after the election is not helpful. A time limit requirement would be subject to exceptions for emergencies as defined in this bill.

Section 4(B)(4) should, again, provide a requirement that voters be notified of changes in their polling place at a time more specific than "before the election and on the day of the election." This would again be subject to exceptions for emergencies.

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