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Dear Dave,

After reviewing the proposed rules regarding Satellite Precincts for Early Voting, I have some questions and concerns. Generally speaking, there is little or no criteria for the implementation of such precincts. I will list any such questions or comments I have below:

1. What data/documentation has been used to conclude that early voting needs to be more convenient? Is that information available to the public?
2. The county clerk is responsible for submitting a proposal for early satellite precincts. Who would be permitted to advise the clerk in putting the proposal together, since this is the clerk's sole responsibility?
3. Who is responsible for appointing poll workers at the early satellite precincts?
4. What is a cycle for this purpose: Primary and General? Primary only? General only?
5. What is the length of time the early voting satellite precinct office would be in effect?
 - a. Is the location required to be certified each election?
6. What happens if a person in the satellite location wants to vote at the courthouse (voter registration office)?
7. What is the time period for the two county chairs to review and accept/reject the proposed site (s)?
8. What is the criteria for site(s) selection?
9. Each site has to have internet connectivity in order to report data to the statewide voter registration system. What actions will be implemented to accomplish this?
10. What criteria will be used for the security of the ballots?
11. What plan will be implemented to insure that a person cannot vote at one location and then vote at another one?

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I look forward to your response and so do the members of the Kanawha County Republican Executive Committee. It is very important that elections are fair to all voters and that ballot integrity is never compromised.

Registered voters can currently vote by Absentee Ballot. Registered voters can currently vote early within twenty days prior to an election at the Kanawha County Voter Registration Office. Registered voters can also currently vote on Election Day.

Sincerely,

Melody L. Potter, Chairwoman
Kanawha County Republican Executive Committee