

Resolution Supporting Early Voting Polling Places on College Campuses

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WHEREAS, Governor Bill Lee has called for more emphasis on civics education; and,

WHEREAS, the Tennessee University Faculty Senates represents over 10,000 faculty members at public, four-year institutions across Tennessee; and,

WHEREAS, as educators in this state, we encourage students to be productive citizens who are engaged in their communities; and,

WHEREAS, understanding and exercising the right to vote for those who enjoy that right is a key element in participating in American democracy; and,

WHEREAS, convenient access to a polling place encourages citizens to cultivate practices of voting and life-long participation in the democratic process; and,

WHEREAS, students may choose to declare their university place of residence as their permanent address; and,

WHEREAS, we support the goal of increasing voter participation across the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Tennessee University Faculty Senates supports efforts to provide early voting polling places on university campuses for use by all county residents.