

School Districts, Polling Places In. Polling Places, in School Districts. School Districts, Authority to Provide Polling Places. Polling Places, Time of Establishment.

Under the provisions of Sec. 2, Chapter 113, Laws of 1911, the board of trustees have authority to establish at any time before the closing of the Great Register, two or more polling places within their district.

March 15, 1912.

Hon. L. C. Rinard,
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Dear Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 11th inst., in which you request my opinion on the following question:

"Is it legal for the trustees of a school district of the third class to establish two or more polling places within their district for the convenience of voters provided this is done before the closing of the Great Register?"

The latter portion of Sec. 2, Chapter 113, Laws of 1911, gives to the board of school trustees the authority to:

"At any time before the closing of the Great Register as hereinafter provided establish two or more polling places in any election precinct established in accordance with the provisions of the act, etc."

It is true that by the provisions of Sec. 3, of the Act, the board of county commissioners and the board of school trustees are prohibited from changing, altering, or locating or establishing the election precincts between the first day of January and the first day of December in and during the year in which a general election is held, but this section relates only to the creation of precincts and does not relate to the creation of additional polling places within an established precinct. It is, therefore, my opinion that a board of trustees may at any time prior to closing the Great Register establish additional polling places within any election precinct in their district.

Yours very truly,

ALBERT J. GALEN,

Attorney General.