Polling Places and Precincts  
Chapter 101, F.S.  

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You have asked whether you, with the approval of the Board of County Commissioners and the  
concurrence of the subject municipality may designate one polling place to accommodate more than  
one precinct.  

Section 101.71(1), Florida Statutes provides that —  

"there is in each precinct in each county one polling place..."  

This has been held by the Attorney General to preclude the designation of one polling place to serve  

However, subsection (2) of Section 101.171 declares an exception to the foregoing subsection as well  
as to Section 98.031 (which requires that precincts and polling places to be co-existensive) whenever  
the Board of County Commissioners shall determine that the accommodations for holding any  
elections at a polling place designated for any precinct in the county are inadequate for the reasons  
stated therein. In such a case Section 101.71(2), Florida Statutes, establishes a procedural requirement  
obligatory upon such county commission. Where that requirement is discharged and a polling place is  
made to accommodate more than one precinct impermenantly "the voting places for the several  
precincts involved shall be established and maintained separate and apart from each other" in the  
building designated to accommodate them.