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### TWO PRECINCTS RELOCATING FOR JUNE ELECTION

Voters in two Springfield precincts are being consolidated with other polling locations, beginning with next week's City election. "We have sent new voter ID cards to the voters in both of these city precincts," said Greene County Clerk Richard Struckhoff. Voters in two north county precincts can expect similar notices before the August Primary. "We reduced our number of polling places by 13 just prior to the 2004 election cycle, but because the requirements of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) really hit us this August, we had to look at other money-saving moves before we placed our final order for equipment," Struckhoff said.

**Precinct 20-B**, which formerly voted at Reed Middle School, will now join 20-A in the Courthouse Rotunda. **Precinct 27-A** will move from OACAC Head Start to the Immanuel Baptist Church gymnasium joining 16-AB voters. "We realize this causes an inconvenience for some voters and we regret that, but HAVA mandates force us to have \$10,000 worth of voting equipment at every polling place," Struckhoff said. "We have to make sure we can justify that expense at each voting site."

1<sup>st</sup> Robberson-A and 1<sup>st</sup> Robberson-B in northern Greene County will also be consolidated prior to the August Primary. Voters there are not participating in next week's election. Initially, these changes will save taxpayers \$15,000 in equipment purchases and much more in maintenance and programming fees for years to come.

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