

**25-26a03. Same; period in which change is prohibited; exceptions.** (a) Notwithstanding any other law or provisions to the contrary, no election precinct shall be created, divided, abolished or consolidated or the boundaries thereof changed during the period four months prior to each primary election and the succeeding general election or between January 1 of a year the last digit of which is 8 and December 1 of a year the last digit of which is 0, and from and after January 1, 1993, between January 1 of a year the last digit of which is 7 and the time when the legislature has been redistricted in a year the last digit of which is 2 except in the following cases:

(a) (1) If required by the creation of a political subdivision, new precincts may be created.

(2) If there is an alteration of a political subdivision by annexation, new precincts may be created.

(3) If a political subdivision annexes an area adjacent to the political subdivision boundary, the annexed area may be included in a precinct immediately adjacent to it, if the annexed area is in the same legislative district.

(4) A municipality or county election officer may establish new election precincts lying entirely within the boundaries of any existing precinct and shall designate the new precincts by name or number, or a combination of name and number, which shall include the designated name or number of the former precinct.

(5) If required to conform and coincide with a federal census block boundary established by the federal bureau of the census, a county election officer may change precinct boundaries.

(b) When necessary to comply with the provisions of this act, not less than 45 days after the legislature has been redistricted, or by June 10 in a year the last digit of which is 2 (whichever occurs first), precinct boundaries shall be reestablished.

**History:** L. 1987, ch. 123, § 3; L. 1990, ch. 127, § 2; April 19.