

ESTABLISHING A MOSQUE AS A POLLING PLACE

Polling locations are extremely important for elections, other than the fact that it's a center for voters to cast their ballots, the quantity and distance of polling places have become the target of voter suppression in previous years. However establishing a polling location is simple enough. Although requirements may differ from state to state the general criteria for a polling facility include the following:

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- A decorative graphic of a golden crescent moon and a minaret, partially overlapping the list items.
- 1 Ample space for voting booths, ID check-in, a designated space for voters to stand, parking etc.
 - 2 Compliant with the American with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA)
 - 3 Commitment to host a polling location at least 30 days before an election

Success Story!

In 2018, Emgage worked to elect the County Clerk in Houston, Texas and won. Then in 2019, the County Clerk was able to designate the community center in the Islamic Institute & Houston Blue Mosque as an official polling location. This opened up new opportunities for Muslims to get involved and build relationships with local community officials.