



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

HB1322

Introduced 2/4/2015, by Rep. Barbara Wheeler

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/19A-15

Amends the Election Code. Provides that an election authority may close an early voting place on Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday, provided that the early voting place remains open 2 hours later on the 3 days immediately preceding Good Friday. Provides that the election authority shall notify the State Board of Elections of any closure and shall provide notice to the public of the closure and the extended hours during the final week.

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1 AN ACT concerning elections.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing Section
5 19A-15 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

7 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

8 Sec. 19A-15. Period for early voting; hours.

9 (a) The period for early voting by personal appearance
10 begins the 15th day preceding a general primary, consolidated
11 primary, consolidated, or general election and extends through
12 the 3rd day before election day, except that for the 2014
13 general election the period for early voting by personal
14 appearance shall extend through the 2nd day before election
15 day.

16 (b) Except as otherwise provided by this Section, a
17 permanent polling place for early voting must remain open
18 during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or 9:00 a.m. to
19 5:00 p.m., on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays
20 and holidays, and 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sundays; except
21 that, in addition to the hours required by this subsection, a
22 permanent early voting polling place designated by an election
23 authority under subsection (c) of Section 19A-10 must remain

1 open for a total of at least 8 hours on any holiday during the
2 early voting period and a total of at least 14 hours on the
3 final weekend during the early voting period. For the 2014
4 general election, a permanent polling place for early voting
5 must remain open during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or
6 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays, except that beginning 8
7 days before election day, a permanent polling place for early
8 voting must remain open during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 7:00
9 p.m., or 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.. For the 2014 general election,
10 a permanent polling place for early voting shall remain open
11 during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays and
12 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays; except that, in addition to
13 the hours required by this subsection (b), a permanent early
14 voting place designated by an election authority under
15 subsection (c) of Section 19A-10 must remain open for a total
16 of at least 14 hours on the final weekend during the early
17 voting period.

18 (c) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b), an election
19 authority may close an early voting polling place if the
20 building in which the polling place is located has been closed
21 by the State or unit of local government in response to a
22 severe weather emergency. In the event of a closure, the
23 election authority shall conduct early voting on the 2nd day
24 before election day from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or 9:00 a.m. to
25 5:00 p.m. The election authority shall notify the State Board
26 of Elections of any closure and shall make reasonable efforts

1 to provide notice to the public of the extended early voting
2 period.

3 (d) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b), ~~in 2013 only,~~
4 an election authority may close an early voting place on Good
5 Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday, provided that the
6 early voting place remains open 2 hours later on the 3 days
7 immediately preceding Good Friday ~~April 3, 4, and 5 of 2013.~~

8 The election authority shall notify the State Board of
9 Elections of any closure and shall provide notice to the public
10 of the closure and the extended hours during the final week.

11 (Source: P.A. 97-81, eff. 7-5-11; 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-4,
12 eff. 3-12-13; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-691, eff. 7-1-14.)

13 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

14 Sec. 19A-15. Period for early voting; hours.

15 (a) The period for early voting by personal appearance
16 begins the 40th day preceding a general primary, consolidated
17 primary, consolidated, or general election and extends through
18 the end of the day before election day.

19 (b) Except as otherwise provided by this Section, a
20 permanent polling place for early voting must remain open
21 beginning the 15th day before an election through the end of
22 the day before election day during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to
23 4:30 p.m., or 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on weekdays, except that
24 beginning 8 days before election day, a permanent polling place
25 for early voting must remain open during the hours of 8:30 a.m.

1 to 7:00 p.m., or 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00
2 p.m. on Saturdays and holidays, and 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. on
3 Sundays; except that, in addition to the hours required by this
4 subsection, a permanent polling place designated by an election
5 authority under subsections (c), (d), and (e) of Section 19A-10
6 must remain open for a total of at least 8 hours on any holiday
7 during the early voting period and a total of at least 14 hours
8 on the final weekend during the early voting period.

9 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), an election authority
10 may close an early voting polling place if the building in
11 which the polling place is located has been closed by the State
12 or unit of local government in response to a severe weather
13 emergency or other force majeure. The election authority shall
14 notify the State Board of Elections of any closure and shall
15 make reasonable efforts to provide notice to the public of an
16 alternative location for early voting.

17 (d) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b), an election
18 authority may close an early voting place on Good Friday, Holy
19 Saturday, and Easter Sunday, provided that the early voting
20 place remains open 2 hours later on the 3 days immediately
21 preceding Good Friday. The election authority shall notify the
22 State Board of Elections of any closure and shall provide
23 notice to the public of the closure and the extended hours
24 during the final week. (Blank).

25 (Source: P.A. 97-81, eff. 7-5-11; 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-4,
26 eff. 3-12-13; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-691, eff. 7-1-14;

1 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

2 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes
3 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text
4 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section
5 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does
6 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes
7 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other
8 Public Act.