



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB4556

Introduced 1/27/2016, by Rep. Thomas Bennett

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/19A-10

Amends the Election Code. Provides that, in counties with a population of less than 100,000, an election authority is only required to provide early voting in the county clerk's office.

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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-10 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/19A-10)

7 Sec. 19A-10. Permanent polling places for early voting.

8 (a) An election authority may establish permanent polling
9 places for early voting by personal appearance at locations
10 throughout the election authority's jurisdiction, including
11 but not limited to a municipal clerk's office, a township
12 clerk's office, a road district clerk's office, or a county or
13 local public agency office. Any person entitled to vote early
14 by personal appearance may do so at any polling place
15 established for early voting.

16 (b) (Blank).

17 (c) During each general primary and general election, each
18 election authority in a county with a population over 250,000
19 shall establish at least one permanent polling place for early
20 voting by personal appearance at a location within each of the
21 3 largest municipalities within its jurisdiction. If any of the
22 3 largest municipalities is over 80,000, the election authority
23 shall establish at least 2 permanent polling places within the

1 municipality. All population figures shall be determined by the
2 federal census.

3 (d) During each general primary and general election, each
4 board of election commissioners established under Article 6 of
5 this Code in any city, village, or incorporated town with a
6 population over 100,000 shall establish at least 2 permanent
7 polling places for early voting by personal appearance. All
8 population figures shall be determined by the federal census.

9 (e) During each general primary and general election, each
10 election authority in a county with a population of over
11 100,000 but under 250,000 persons shall establish at least one
12 permanent polling place for early voting by personal
13 appearance. The location for early voting may be the election
14 authority's main office or another location designated by the
15 election authority. The election authority may designate
16 additional sites for early voting by personal appearance. All
17 population figures shall be determined by the federal census.

18 (f) No permanent polling place required by this Section
19 shall be located within 1.5 miles from another permanent
20 polling place required by this Section, unless such permanent
21 polling place is within a municipality with a population of
22 500,000 or more.

23 (g) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
24 contrary, in counties with a population of less than 100,000,
25 an election authority is only required to provide early voting
26 in the county clerk's office.

1 (Source: P.A. 98-691, eff. 7-1-14; 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)