

HB2770



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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/11-8

Amends the Election Code. Provides that, in addition to required vote centers, election authorities may establish additional vote centers under a specified model. Sets forth provisions concerning the number and location of additional vote centers.

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A BILL FOR

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
5 Section 11-8 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/11-8)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2029)

8 Sec. 11-8. Vote centers.

9 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, election
10 authorities shall establish at least one location to be
11 located at an office of the election authority or in the
12 largest municipality within its jurisdiction where all voters
13 in its jurisdiction are allowed to vote on election day during
14 polling place hours, regardless of the precinct in which they
15 are registered, and that location shall provide curbside
16 voting. Election authorities may establish more than one vote
17 center, but in jurisdictions with a population of more than
18 500,000 inhabitants, the election authority shall establish at
19 least 2 vote centers. An election authority establishing such
20 a location under this Section shall identify the location and
21 any health and safety requirements by the 40th day preceding
22 an election and certify such to the State Board of Elections.

23 (b) (Blank). ~~This Section is repealed on July 1, 2029.~~

1 (c) In addition to the vote centers established under
2 subsection (a), election authorities may establish additional
3 vote centers under the model described in subsection (d). If
4 an election authority establishes additional vote centers
5 under this Section, the appointment of election judges shall
6 follow the procedures described in Articles 13 and 14, but the
7 requirements for the number of election judges shall apply to
8 each vote center, rather than each election precinct.
9 Otherwise, vote centers have the same authority and
10 responsibilities as election precincts and shall follow the
11 same procedures set forth in this Code.

12 (d) If an election authority establishes additional vote
13 centers as described under subsection (c), the election
14 authority shall do so in accordance with the following:

15 (1) For each general primary election and general
16 election, an election authority shall designate a minimum
17 number of vote centers, as follows:

18 (A) For counties with at 250,000 registered
19 voters:

20 (i) during the period from the 15th day before
21 the day of election to the 5th day before the day
22 of election, at least one vote center for each
23 75,000 registered voters;

24 (ii) during the period from the 4th day before
25 the day of election to the day before the day of
26 election, at least one vote center for each 20,000

1 registered voters; and

2 (iii) on the day of election, at least one
3 vote center for each 12,500 registered voters.

4 (B) For counties with at least 37,500 registered
5 voters but fewer than 250,000 registered voters:

6 (i) during the period from the 15th day before
7 the day of election to the 5th day before the day
8 of election, at least one vote center for each
9 75,000 registered voters, except that there must
10 be at least one vote center in each county;

11 (ii) during the period from the 5th day before
12 the day of election to the day before the day of
13 election, at least one vote center for each 20,000
14 registered voters; and

15 (iii) on the day of election, at least one
16 vote center for each 12,500 registered voters.

17 (C) For counties with at least 12,500 registered
18 voters but fewer than 37,500 registered voters:

19 (i) during the period from the 15th day before
20 the day of election to the day before the day of
21 election, at least one vote center; and

22 (ii) on the day of election, at least 3 vote
23 centers.

24 (D) For counties with fewer than 12,500 registered
25 voters, from the 15th day before the day of election
26 through day of election, at least one vote center.

1 For the purposes of this paragraph, the number of
2 registered in a county is the number of voters registered
3 in the county on the date of the preceding presidential
4 election or on the date of the preceding general election,
5 whichever is greater.

6 (2) Election authorities shall follow the guidelines
7 for locations and hours of early voting as set forth in
8 Article 19A. An election jurisdiction shall not have fewer
9 permanent early voting locations than required under
10 Article 19A.

11 (3) An election authority may designate a greater
12 number of vote centers than the minimum required by this
13 Section.

14 (4) In selecting the location for vote centers
15 required under paragraph (1), each election authority
16 shall consider:

17 (A) proximity to public transportation lines and
18 availability of parking;

19 (B) geographic features that affect access and
20 convenience;

21 (C) equitable distribution across the county so as
22 to afford maximally convenient options for voters;

23 (D) the existence and location of population
24 centers;

25 (E) access for persons with disabilities;

26 (F) use of existing voting locations that

1 typically serve a significant number of voters;

2 (G) use of public buildings that are known to
3 voters in the county, especially to the extent that
4 using the buildings results in cost savings compared
5 to other potential locations;

6 (H) when private locations are designated as vote
7 centers, methods and standards to ensure the security
8 of voting conducted at the locations;

9 (I) proximity to historically under-represented
10 communities;

11 (J) if a proposed location was used in a previous
12 election, the number of electors that used the
13 location in the previous election and the recorded
14 wait times at the location, or the number of electors
15 and recorded wait times at nearby locations; and

16 (K) the need to locate vote centers in population
17 centers that had lower voter turnout in previous
18 elections.

19 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; 102-668, eff. 11-15-21;
20 102-1109, eff. 12-21-22; 103-467, eff. 8-4-23.)