

SB1532



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/4/2025, by Sen. Patrick J. Joyce

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/19A-15

Amends the Election Code. Provides that an election authority shall allow any voter who is in line to vote at the time an early voting polling place closes to cast a ballot.

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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 19A-15 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

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

8 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Code, the period
9 for early voting by personal appearance begins the 40th day
10 preceding a general primary, consolidated primary,
11 consolidated, or general election and extends through the end
12 of the day before election day.

13 (b) Except as otherwise provided by this Section, a
14 permanent polling place for early voting must remain open
15 beginning the 15th day before an election through the end of
16 the day before election day during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to
17 4:30 p.m., or 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on weekdays, except that
18 beginning 8 days before election day, a permanent polling
19 place for early voting must remain open during the hours of
20 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., or 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and 9:00
21 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays and holidays, and 10:00 a.m. to
22 4 p.m. on Sundays; except that, in addition to the hours
23 required by this subsection, a permanent polling place

1 designated by an election authority under subsections (c),
2 (d), and (e) of Section 19A-10 must remain open for a total of
3 at least 8 hours on any holiday during the early voting period
4 and a total of at least 14 hours on the final weekend during
5 the early voting period.

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

14 (d) (Blank).

15 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this Code, an election
16 authority shall allow any voter who is in line to vote at the
17 time an early voting polling place closes to cast a ballot.

18 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21.)