



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB0100

Introduced 1/14/2021, by Rep. Jonathan Carroll

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/1-21 new

10 ILCS 5/11-4.1

from Ch. 46, par. 11-4.1

Amends the Election Code. Provides that regardless of whether a school is used as a polling place, school districts shall close all schools on the day of a general election. Removes language encouraging a school district to close a school or hold a teachers institute day on election day for a school that is used as a polling place.

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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
5 Section 11-4.1 and by adding Section 1-21 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/1-21 new)

7 Sec. 1-21. Schools closed on election day. Regardless of
8 whether a school is used as a polling place under Section
9 11-4.1, school districts shall close all schools on the day of
10 a general election.

11 (10 ILCS 5/11-4.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 11-4.1)

12 Sec. 11-4.1. (a) In appointing polling places under this
13 Article, the county board or board of election commissioners
14 shall, insofar as they are convenient and available, use
15 schools and other public buildings as polling places.

16 (b) Upon request of the county board or board of election
17 commissioners, the proper agency of government (including
18 school districts and units of local government) shall make a
19 public building under its control available for use as a
20 polling place on an election day and for a reasonably
21 necessary time before and after election day, without charge.
22 If the county board or board of election commissioners chooses

1 a school to be a polling place, then the school district must
2 make the school available for use as a polling place. ~~However,~~
3 ~~for the day of the election, a school district is encouraged to~~
4 ~~(i) close the school or (ii) hold a teachers institute on that~~
5 ~~day with students not in attendance.~~

6 (c) A government agency which makes a public building
7 under its control available for use as a polling place shall
8 (i) ensure the portion of the building to be used as the
9 polling place is accessible to voters with disabilities and
10 elderly voters and (ii) allow the election authority to
11 administer the election as authorized under this Code.

12 (d) If a qualified elector's precinct polling place is a
13 school and the elector will be unable to enter that polling
14 place without violating Section 11-9.3 of the Criminal Code of
15 2012 because the elector is a child sex offender as defined in
16 Section 11-9.3 of the Criminal Code of 2012, that elector may
17 vote by a vote by mail ballot in accordance with Article 19 of
18 this Code or may vote early in accordance with Article 19A of
19 this Code.

20 (Source: P.A. 98-773, eff. 7-18-14; 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15;
21 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)