



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB4503

Introduced 1/31/2024, by Rep. Katie Stuart

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/19A-21

Amends the Election Code. Provides that, if a unit of local government receives a request to make the unit's public buildings within the election authority's jurisdiction available as permanent or temporary early voting polling place, the unit may demonstrate to the election authority that the use would interfere with scheduled programming, and, if so, the election authority and the unit shall work cooperatively to find an alternative location to serve as the permanent or temporary early voting polling place. Effective immediately.

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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 19A-21 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/19A-21)

7 Sec. 19A-21. Use of local public buildings for early
8 voting polling places. Upon request by an election authority,
9 a unit of local government (as defined in Section 1 of Article
10 VII of the Illinois Constitution, which does not include
11 school districts) shall make the unit's public buildings
12 within the election authority's jurisdiction available as
13 permanent or temporary early voting polling places without
14 charge. Availability of a building shall include reasonably
15 necessary time before and after the period early voting is
16 conducted at that building. If, upon receiving the election
17 authority's request, the unit of local government demonstrates
18 to the election authority that the use would interfere with
19 scheduled programming, the election authority and the unit of
20 local government shall work cooperatively to find an
21 alternative location to serve as the permanent or temporary
22 early voting polling place.

23 A unit of local government making its public building

1 available as a permanent or temporary early voting polling
2 place shall ensure that any portion of the building made
3 available is accessible to voters with disabilities and
4 elderly voters.

5 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
7 becoming law.