



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB1566

Introduced 2/20/2015, by Sen. Michael Connelly

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/11-4.1

from Ch. 46, par. 11-4.1

Amends the Election Code. Provides that at least 180 days before an election, the county board or board of election commissioners shall give notice to any public body of the designation of a public building under the public body's control as a polling place. Provides that, if using a public building as a polling place will result in a loss of revenue to the public body, the public building shall be deemed unavailable for use as a polling place by the county board or board of election commissioners.

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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 11-4.1 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/11-4.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 11-4.1)

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

11 (a-5) At least 180 days before an election, the county
12 board or board of election commissioners shall give notice to
13 any public body of the designation of a public building under
14 the public body's control as a polling place. If using a public
15 building as a polling place will result in a loss of revenue to
16 the public body, the public building shall be deemed
17 unavailable for use as a polling place by the county board or
18 board of election commissioners.

19 (b) Upon request of the county board or board of election
20 commissioners, the proper agency of government (including
21 school districts and units of local government) shall make a
22 public building under its control available for use as a
23 polling place on an election day and for a reasonably necessary

1 time before and after election day, without charge. If the
2 county board or board of election commissioners chooses a
3 school to be a polling place, then the school district must
4 make the school available for use as a polling place. However,
5 for the day of the election, a school district is encouraged to
6 (i) close the school or (ii) hold a teachers institute on that
7 day with students not in attendance.

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

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

22 (Source: P.A. 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13; 98-773, eff. 7-18-14.)