

SB1970



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

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Introduced 2/15/2019, by Sen. Elgie R. Sims, Jr.

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/7-42
10 ILCS 5/17-15

from Ch. 46, par. 7-42
from Ch. 46, par. 17-15

Amends the Election Code. Provides that a student entitled to vote in a primary, general, or special election or at any election at which propositions are submitted to a popular vote in the State, with consent from his or her school, is entitled to absent himself or herself for 2 hours to vote and that the school may specify the hours in which the student may absent himself or herself.

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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 Sections 7-42 and 17-15 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/7-42) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-42)

7 Sec. 7-42. Any person entitled to vote at such primary
8 shall, on the day of such primary, with the consent of his
9 employer or school be entitled to absent himself from any
10 service or employment in which he is then engaged or employed
11 for a period of two hours between the time of opening and
12 closing the polls. The employer or school may specify the hours
13 during which said employe or student may absent himself.

14 (Source: Laws 1943, vol. 2, p. 1.)

15 (10 ILCS 5/17-15) (from Ch. 46, par. 17-15)

16 Sec. 17-15. Any person entitled to vote at a general or
17 special election or at any election at which propositions are
18 submitted to a popular vote in this State, shall, on the day of
19 such election, be entitled to absent himself from any services
20 or employment in which he is then engaged or employed, for a
21 period of 2 hours between the time of opening and closing the
22 polls; and such voter shall not because of so absenting himself

1 be liable to any penalty; Provided, however, that application
2 for such leave of absence shall be made prior to the day of
3 election. The employer or school may specify the hours during
4 which said employee or student may absent himself as aforesaid,
5 except that the employer or school must permit a 2-hour absence
6 during working or school hours if the employee's working hours
7 or the school's hours begin less than 2 hours after the opening
8 of the polls and end less than 2 hours before the closing of
9 the polls. No person, ~~or~~ corporation, or school shall refuse to
10 an employee or student the privilege hereby conferred, nor
11 shall subject an employee or student to a penalty, including a
12 reduction in compensation due to an absence under this Section,
13 because of the exercise of such privilege, nor shall directly
14 or indirectly violate the provisions of this Section.

15 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05.)