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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1970

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 1970 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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.

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

15 (b) Beginning the 15th day before the primary election or  
16 on the day of the primary election, any student entitled to

1 vote at such primary shall be entitled to be absent from school  
2 for a period of 2 hours during the school day in order to vote.  
3 The school may specify the hours during which the eligible  
4 student may be absent. A student who is absent from school  
5 under this subsection (b) is not considered absent for the  
6 purpose of calculating enrollment under Section 18-8.15 of the  
7 School Code.

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

9 (10 ILCS 5/17-15) (from Ch. 46, par. 17-15)

10 Sec. 17-15.

11 (a) Any person entitled to vote at a general or special  
12 election or at any election at which propositions are submitted  
13 to a popular vote in this State, shall, on the day of such  
14 election, be entitled to absent himself from any services or  
15 employment in which he is then engaged or employed, for a  
16 period of 2 hours between the time of opening and closing the  
17 polls; and such voter shall not because of so absenting himself  
18 be liable to any penalty; Provided, however, that application  
19 for such leave of absence shall be made prior to the day of  
20 election. The employer may specify the hours during which said  
21 employee may absent himself as aforesaid, except that the  
22 employer must permit a 2-hour absence during working hours if  
23 the employee's working hours begin less than 2 hours after the  
24 opening of the polls and end less than 2 hours before the  
25 closing of the polls. No person or corporation shall refuse to

1 an employee the privilege hereby conferred, nor shall subject  
2 an employee to a penalty, including a reduction in compensation  
3 due to an absence under this Section, because of the exercise  
4 of such privilege, nor shall directly or indirectly violate the  
5 provisions of this Section.

6 (b) Beginning the 15th day before a general or special  
7 election or any election at which propositions are submitted to  
8 a popular vote in this State or on the day of a general or  
9 special election or any election at which propositions are  
10 submitted to a popular vote in this State, any student entitled  
11 to vote at such election shall be entitled to be absent from  
12 school for a period of 2 hours during the school day in order  
13 to vote. The school may specify the hours during which the  
14 eligible student may be absent. A student who is absent from  
15 school under this subsection (b) is not considered absent for  
16 the purpose of calculating enrollment under Section 18-8.15 of  
17 the School Code.

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