

HB0525



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB0525

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/11-4.1

from Ch. 46, par. 11-4.1

Amends the Election Code. Provides that school buildings shall not be used as polling places. Makes conforming changes.

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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 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. However,
11 schools shall not be used as polling places.

12 (b) Upon request of the county board or board of election
13 commissioners, the proper agency of government (including
14 ~~school districts and~~ units of local government) shall make a
15 public building under its control available for use as a
16 polling place on an election day and for a reasonably necessary
17 time before and after election day, without charge. ~~If the~~
18 ~~county board or board of election commissioners chooses a~~
19 ~~school to be a polling place, then the school district must~~
20 ~~make the school available for use as a polling place. However,~~
21 ~~for the day of the election, a school district is encouraged to~~
22 ~~(i) close the school or (ii) hold a teachers institute on that~~
23 ~~day with students not in attendance.~~

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

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

15 (Source: P.A. 98-773, eff. 7-18-14; 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15;
16 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)