

SB1253



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB1253

Introduced 2/6/2019, by Sen. Ram Villivalam

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/19A-15

Amends the Election Code. Requires a permanent polling place for early voting to remain open beginning the 22nd day (rather than the 15th day) before an election. Makes changes to the hours a permanent polling place for early voting must remain open. Requires certain permanent polling places to be open a total of at least 16 hours (rather than 14 hours) on the final weekend during the early voting period. Effective immediately.

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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 19A-15 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

7 Sec. 19A-15. Period for early voting; hours.

8 (a) The period for early voting by personal appearance
9 begins the 40th day preceding a general primary, consolidated
10 primary, consolidated, or general election and extends through
11 the end of the day before election day.

12 (b) Except as otherwise provided by this Section, a
13 permanent polling place for early voting must remain open
14 beginning the 22nd ~~15th~~ day before an election through the end
15 of the day before election day during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to
16 4:30 p.m., or 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on weekdays, except that
17 beginning 11 ~~9~~ days before election day, a permanent polling
18 place for early voting must remain open during the hours of
19 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., or 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 ~~7:00~~ p.m.,
20 everyday ~~and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays and holidays,~~
21 ~~and 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays;~~ except that, in addition
22 to the hours required by this subsection, a permanent polling
23 place designated by an election authority under subsections

1 (c), (d), and (e) of Section 19A-10 must remain open for a
2 total of at least 8 hours on any holiday during the early
3 voting period and a total of at least 16 ~~14~~ hours on the final
4 weekend during the early voting period.

5 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), an election authority
6 may close an early voting polling place if the building in
7 which the polling place is located has been closed by the State
8 or unit of local government in response to a severe weather
9 emergency or other force majeure. The election authority shall
10 notify the State Board of Elections of any closure and shall
11 make reasonable efforts to provide notice to the public of an
12 alternative location for early voting.

13 (d) (Blank).

14 (Source: P.A. 97-81, eff. 7-5-11; 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-4,
15 eff. 3-12-13; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-691, eff. 7-1-14;
16 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
18 becoming law.