

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.

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

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

2 (10 ILCS 5/17-15) (from Ch. 46, par. 17-15)

3 Sec. 17-15.

4 (a) Any person entitled to vote at a general or special
5 election or at any election at which propositions are submitted
6 to a popular vote in this State, shall, on the day of such
7 election, be entitled to absent himself from any services or
8 employment in which he is then engaged or employed, for a
9 period of 2 hours between the time of opening and closing the
10 polls; and such voter shall not because of so absenting himself
11 be liable to any penalty; Provided, however, that application
12 for such leave of absence shall be made prior to the day of
13 election. The employer may specify the hours during which said
14 employee may absent himself as aforesaid, except that the
15 employer must permit a 2-hour absence during working hours if
16 the employee's working hours begin less than 2 hours after the
17 opening of the polls and end less than 2 hours before the
18 closing of the polls. No person or corporation shall refuse to
19 an employee the privilege hereby conferred, nor shall subject
20 an employee to a penalty, including a reduction in compensation
21 due to an absence under this Section, because of the exercise
22 of such privilege, nor shall directly or indirectly violate the
23 provisions of this Section.

24 (b) Beginning the 15th day before a general or special
25 election or any election at which propositions are submitted to

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

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