



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

**HB4761**

Introduced 1/27/2022, by Rep. Dan Caulkins

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/19A-15

Amends the Election Code. Provides that the period for early voting by personal appearance begins the 40th day preceding a general primary, consolidated primary, consolidated, or general election and extends through the end of the day the Friday immediately preceding election day (rather than it extends through the end of the day before election day). Makes a conforming change.

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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 Section 19A-15 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

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

8 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Code, the period  
9 for early voting by personal appearance begins the 40th day  
10 preceding a general primary, consolidated primary,  
11 consolidated, or general election and extends through the end  
12 of the day the Friday immediately preceding ~~before~~ election  
13 day.

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

1 addition to the hours required by this subsection, a permanent  
2 polling place designated by an election authority under  
3 subsections (c), (d), and (e) of Section 19A-10 must remain  
4 open for a total of at least 8 hours on any holiday during the  
5 early voting period and a total of at least 14 hours on the  
6 final weekend during the early voting period.

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

15 (d) (Blank).

16 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21.)