

SB1238



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/2/2023, by Sen. Omar Aquino

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/19A-21

Amends the Election Code. Provides that a unit of local government shall make the unit's public buildings within the election authority's jurisdiction available as permanent or temporary early voting polling places without charge if the unit of local government determines that the use would neither interfere with the normal operations within the building nor cause the unit of local government to incur additional expenses, including, but not limited to, additional labor costs (currently, the use of the public building is mandatory, without exceptions, upon request of the election authority). 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
5 Section 19A-21 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/19A-21)

7 Sec. 19A-21. Use of local public buildings for early
8 voting polling places. Upon request by an election authority,
9 a unit of local government (as defined in Section 1 of Article
10 VII of the Illinois Constitution, which does not include
11 school districts) shall make the unit's public buildings
12 within the election authority's jurisdiction available as
13 permanent or temporary early voting polling places without
14 charge if the unit of local government determines that the use
15 would neither interfere with the normal operations within the
16 building nor cause the unit of local government to incur
17 additional expenses, including, but not limited to, additional
18 labor costs. Availability of a building shall include
19 reasonably necessary time before and after the period early
20 voting is conducted at that building.

21 A unit of local government making its public building
22 available as a permanent or temporary early voting polling
23 place shall ensure that any portion of the building made

1 available is accessible to voters with disabilities and
2 elderly voters.

3 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
5 becoming law.