



96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB4037

Introduced 2/27/2009, by Rep. Emily McAsey

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/19A-10
10 ILCS 5/19A-15

Amends the Election Code. Requires an election authority to designate at least one early voting permanent polling place. Specifies that an election authority's primary office is a permanent early voting polling place unless the authority designates another. Requires that an early voting permanent polling place be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the final Saturday and Sunday of the early voting period.

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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 Sections 19A-10 and 19A-15 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/19A-10)

7 Sec. 19A-10. Permanent polling places for early voting.

8 (a) Each election authority shall designate at least one
9 permanent polling place for early voting. The primary office of
10 an election authority is a permanent polling place for early
11 voting, unless an election authority establishes ~~An election~~
12 ~~authority may establish~~ permanent polling places for early
13 voting by personal appearance at locations throughout the
14 election authority's jurisdiction, including but not limited
15 to a municipal clerk's office, a township clerk's office, a
16 road district clerk's office, or a county or local public
17 agency office. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b),
18 any person entitled to vote early by personal appearance may do
19 so at any polling place established for early voting.

20 (b) If it is impractical for the election authority to
21 provide at each polling place for early voting a ballot in
22 every form required in the election authority's jurisdiction,
23 the election authority may:

1 (1) provide appropriate forms of ballots to the office
2 of the municipal clerk in a municipality not having a board
3 of election commissioners; the township clerk; or in
4 counties not under township organization, the road
5 district clerk; and

6 (2) limit voting at that polling place to registered
7 voters in that municipality, ward or group of wards,
8 township, or road district.

9 If the early voting polling place does not have the correct
10 ballot form for a person seeking to vote early, the election
11 judge or election official conducting early voting at that
12 polling place shall inform the person of that fact, give the
13 person the appropriate telephone number of the election
14 authority in order to locate an early voting polling place with
15 the correct ballot form for use in that person's assigned
16 precinct, and instruct the person to go to the proper early
17 voting polling place to vote early.

18 (c) During each general primary and general election, each
19 election authority in a county with a population over 250,000
20 shall establish at least one polling place for early voting by
21 personal appearance at a location within each of the 3 largest
22 municipalities within its jurisdiction. If any of the 3 largest
23 municipalities is over 80,000, the election authority shall
24 establish at least 2 polling places within the municipality.
25 All population figures shall be determined by the federal
26 census.

1 During each general primary and general election, each
2 board of election commissioners established under Article 6 of
3 this Code in any city, village, or incorporated town with a
4 population over 100,000 shall establish at least 2 polling
5 places for early voting by personal appearance. All population
6 figures shall be determined by the federal census.

7 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05; 95-699, eff. 11-9-07.)

8 (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

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

10 (a) The period for early voting by personal appearance
11 begins the 22nd day preceding a general primary, consolidated
12 primary, consolidated, or general election and extends through
13 the 5th day before election day.

14 (b) A permanent polling place for early voting must remain
15 open during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or 9:00 a.m.
16 to 5:00 p.m., on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on
17 Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, except a permanent polling
18 place must remain open during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30
19 p.m. or 9:00 a.m. to until 5:00 p.m. on the final Saturday and
20 Sunday of the early voting period.

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