



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB2103

Introduced 2/22/2011, by Rep. Chapin Rose

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/19A-15

Amends the Election Code. With respect to the hours that a polling place must be open for early voting, provides that a polling place is not required to remain open if the election authority determines for good cause that a weather emergency, another public emergency, or an act of God requires the polling place to be closed.

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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 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 22nd day preceding a general primary, consolidated
10 primary, consolidated, or general election and extends through
11 the 5th day before election day.

12 (b) A permanent polling place for early voting must remain
13 open during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or 9:00 a.m.
14 to 5:00 p.m., on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on
15 Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays; except that, in addition to
16 the hours required by this subsection, a permanent early voting
17 polling place designated by an election authority under
18 subsection (c) of Section 19A-10 must remain open for a total
19 of at least 8 hours on any holiday during the early voting
20 period and a total of at least 14 hours on the final weekend
21 during the early voting period.

22 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), a polling place is not
23 required to remain open if the election authority determines

1 for good cause that a weather emergency, another public
2 emergency, or an act of God requires the polling place to be
3 closed.

4 (Source: P.A. 96-637, eff. 1-1-10.)