

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 15th day preceding a general primary, consolidated  
10 primary, consolidated, or general election and extends through  
11 the 3rd 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 subsections (a) and (b), an election  
23 authority may close an early voting polling place if the

1 building in which the polling place is located has been closed  
2 by the State or unit of local government in response to a  
3 severe weather emergency. In the event of a closure, the  
4 election authority shall conduct early voting on the 2nd day  
5 before election day from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or 9:00 a.m. to  
6 5:00 p.m. The election authority shall notify the State Board  
7 of Elections of any closure and shall make reasonable efforts  
8 to provide notice to the public of the extended early voting  
9 period.

10 (d) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b), in 2013 only,  
11 an election authority may close an early voting place on Good  
12 Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday, provided that the  
13 early voting place remains open 2 hours later on April 3, 4,  
14 and 5 of 2013. The election authority shall notify the State  
15 Board of Elections of any closure and shall provide notice to  
16 the public of the closure and the extended hours during the  
17 final week.

18 (Source: P.A. 96-637, eff. 1-1-10; 97-81, eff. 7-5-11; 97-766,  
19 eff. 7-6-12.)

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
21 becoming law.