



## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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SB1370

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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

Amends the Election Code. Provides that permanent polling places must (currently may) be established, and that in person voting at those polling places shall close the day before the election (now the third day before the election).

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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) An election authority must ~~may~~ establish permanent  
9 polling places for early voting by personal appearance at  
10 locations throughout the election authority's jurisdiction,  
11 including but not limited to a municipal clerk's office, a  
12 township clerk's office, a road district clerk's office, or a  
13 county or local public agency office. Except as otherwise  
14 provided in subsection (b), any person entitled to vote early  
15 by personal appearance may do so at any polling place  
16 established for early voting.

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

21 (1) provide appropriate forms of ballots to the office  
22 of the municipal clerk in a municipality not having a board  
23 of election commissioners; the township clerk; or in

1 counties not under township organization, the road  
2 district clerk; and

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

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

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

24 During each general primary and general election, each  
25 board of election commissioners established under Article 6 of  
26 this Code in any city, village, or incorporated town with a

1 population over 100,000 shall establish at least 2 polling  
2 places for early voting by personal appearance. All population  
3 figures shall be determined by the federal census.

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

5 (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

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

7 (a) The period for early voting by personal appearance  
8 begins the 15th day preceding a general primary, consolidated  
9 primary, consolidated, or general election and extends through  
10 the ~~3rd~~ day before election day.

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

21 (c) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b), an election  
22 authority may close an early voting polling place if the  
23 building in which the polling place is located has been closed  
24 by the State or unit of local government in response to a  
25 severe weather emergency. In the event of a closure, the

1 election authority shall conduct early voting on the 2nd day  
2 before election day from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or 9:00 a.m. to  
3 5:00 p.m. The election authority shall notify the State Board  
4 of Elections of any closure and shall make reasonable efforts  
5 to provide notice to the public of the extended early voting  
6 period.

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