

1 AN ACT with regard to education.

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 11-4.1 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/11-4.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 11-4.1)

7 Sec. 11-4.1. (a) In appointing polling places under this  
8 Article, the county board or board of election commissioners  
9 shall, insofar as they are convenient and available, use  
10 schools and other public buildings as polling places.

11 (b) Upon request of the county board or board of  
12 election commissioners, the proper agency of government  
13 (including school districts and units of local government)  
14 shall make a public building under its control available for  
15 use as a polling place on an election day and for a  
16 reasonably necessary time before and after election day,  
17 without charge, ~~unless such use is impossible.~~ If the county  
18 board or board of election commissioners chooses a school to  
19 be a polling place, then the school district must make the  
20 school available for use as a polling place. However, for  
21 the day of the election, a school district may choose to (i)  
22 keep the school open or (ii) hold a teachers institute on  
23 that day.

24 (c) A government agency which makes a public building  
25 under its control available for use as a polling place shall  
26 ensure the portion of the building to be used as the polling  
27 place is accessible to handicapped and elderly voters.

28 (Source: P.A. 84-1467.)

29 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
30 becoming law.