

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 for at least 8 hours a day on weekdays (including holidays
14 occurring on weekdays) and at least 6 hours on each weekend
15 other than the final weekend of early voting. A ~~during the~~
16 ~~hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on~~
17 ~~weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays, and~~
18 ~~holidays; except that, in addition to the hours required by~~
19 ~~this subsection, a permanent early voting polling place~~
20 ~~designated by an election authority under subsection (c) of~~
21 ~~Section 19A-10 must remain open for a total of at least 8 hours~~
22 ~~on any holiday during the early voting period and a total of at~~
23 least 14 hours on the final weekend during the early voting

1 period.

2 (c) Any election authority that does not open a permanent
3 polling place under Section 19A-10 shall provide early voting
4 at the office of the election authority during regular office
5 hours. In addition, the election authority shall provide at
6 least 4 additional hours on the final weekend of early voting
7 before any general primary election or general election.

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

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
10 becoming law.