

HB5678



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/19A-15

Amends the Election Code. Provides that early voting by personal appearance begins the 15th (rather than 40th) day preceding a general primary, consolidated primary, consolidated, or general election. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

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 ~~40th~~ day preceding a general primary,
10 consolidated primary, consolidated, or general election and
11 extends through the end of the day before election day.

12 (b) Except as otherwise provided by this Section, a
13 permanent polling place for early voting must remain open
14 beginning the 15th day before an election through the end of
15 the day before election day during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to
16 4:30 p.m., or 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on weekdays, except that
17 beginning 8 days before election day, a permanent polling place
18 for early voting must remain open during the hours of 8:30 a.m.
19 to 7:00 p.m., or 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00
20 p.m. on Saturdays and holidays, and 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. on
21 Sundays; except that, in addition to the hours required by this
22 subsection, a permanent polling place designated by an election
23 authority under subsections (c), (d), and (e) of Section 19A-10

1 must remain open for a total of at least 8 hours on any holiday
2 during the early voting period and a total of at least 14 hours
3 on the final weekend during the early voting period.

4 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), an election authority
5 may close an early voting polling place if the building in
6 which the polling place is located has been closed by the State
7 or unit of local government in response to a severe weather
8 emergency or other force majeure. The election authority shall
9 notify the State Board of Elections of any closure and shall
10 make reasonable efforts to provide notice to the public of an
11 alternative location for early voting.

12 (d) (Blank).

13 (Source: P.A. 97-81, eff. 7-5-11; 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-4,
14 eff. 3-12-13; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-691, eff. 7-1-14;
15 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
17 becoming law.