



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SB3937

Introduced 11/14/2012, by Sen. Pamela J. Althoff

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/1-4
10 ILCS 5/19A-15

from Ch. 46, par. 1-4

Amends the Election Code. Provides that, if the last day of the filing period for petitions for nomination is the day before a State holiday, the Board may, by proclamation, authorize the office in which petitions must be filed to remain open until noon (instead of 5:00 P.M.) on the last day of the filing period. Provides that the proclamation must be issued before the first day for circulating petitions for nomination for that filing period, except that a proclamation for the 2013 consolidated election period must be issued within 7 business days after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Provides that polling places for early voting may remain open from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (instead of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. Effective immediately.

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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 1-4 and 19A-15 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/1-4) (from Ch. 46, par. 1-4)

7 Sec. 1-4. In any case in which this Act prescribes a period
8 of time within which petitions for nomination must be filed,
9 the office in which petitions must be filed shall remain open
10 for the receipt of such petitions until 5:00 P.M. on the last
11 day of the filing period. If the last day of the filing period
12 is the day before a State holiday, the Board may, by
13 proclamation, authorize the office in which petitions must be
14 filed to remain open until noon on the last day of the filing
15 period. That proclamation must be issued before the first day
16 for circulating petitions for nomination for that filing
17 period, except that a proclamation for the 2013 consolidated
18 election period must be issued within 7 business days after the
19 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General
20 Assembly.

21 (Source: P.A. 80-1469.)

22 (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

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

2 (a) The period for early voting by personal appearance
3 begins the 15th day preceding a general primary, consolidated
4 primary, consolidated, or general election and extends through
5 the 3rd day before election day.

6 (b) A permanent polling place for early voting must remain
7 open during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or 9:00 a.m.
8 to 5:00 p.m., on weekdays and either 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or
9 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays;
10 except that, in addition to the hours required by this
11 subsection, a permanent early voting polling place designated
12 by an election authority under subsection (c) of Section 19A-10
13 must remain open for a total of at least 8 hours on any holiday
14 during the early voting period and a total of at least 14 hours
15 on the final weekend during the early voting period.

16 (c) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b), an election
17 authority may close an early voting polling place if the
18 building in which the polling place is located has been closed
19 by the State or unit of local government in response to a
20 severe weather emergency. In the event of a closure, the
21 election authority shall conduct early voting on the 2nd day
22 before election day from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or 9:00 a.m. to
23 5:00 p.m. The election authority shall notify the State Board
24 of Elections of any closure and shall make reasonable efforts
25 to provide notice to the public of the extended early voting
26 period.

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

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
4 becoming law.