

# HB1901



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 1/29/2025, by Rep. Jennifer Sanalitra

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/19A-15

Amends the Election Code. Provides that a permanent polling place for early voting must remain open beginning the 15th day before an election through the end of the day before election day during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., or 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on weekdays (currently, during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on weekdays).

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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  
5 Section 19A-15 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

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

8 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Code, the period  
9 for early voting by personal appearance begins the 40th day  
10 preceding a general primary, consolidated primary,  
11 consolidated, or general election and extends through the end  
12 of the day before election day.

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

1 polling place designated by an election authority under  
2 subsections (c), (d), and (e) of Section 19A-10 must remain  
3 open for a total of at least 8 hours on any holiday during the  
4 early voting period and a total of at least 14 hours on the  
5 final weekend during the early voting period.

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

14 (d) (Blank).

15 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21.)