

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 418

Sponsor: SENATOR FONTANA

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 12, by inserting after "ballots"
2 where it occurs the second time
3 ; and providing for conduct of early voting in primaries and
4 elections

5 Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 3 and 4

6 Section 2. The act is amended by adding an article to read:

7 ARTICLE XII-A

8 CONDUCT OF EARLY VOTING

9 IN PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS

10 Section 1201-A. Early voting period.

11 A county board shall provide for early voting which shall
12 begin 15 days prior to the dates of primaries and elections
13 established under Article VI and end 14 days after the starting
14 date.

15 Section 1202-A. Early voting sites.

16 A county board shall designate early voting sites where
17 electors may cast ballots during the early voting period
18 established under section 1201-A. These sites shall include the
19 main office of the county board and any other sites designated
20 by the county board. The county board shall make available at
21 these sites the same equipment used on election day under
22 Article XI. The early voting sites shall be geographically
23 located to provide electors in the election district an equal
24 opportunity to cast a ballot.

25 Section 1203-A. Days and times for opening and closing polls at
26 early voting sites.

27 A county board shall designate the days and times that early
28 voting sites will be open. All early voting sites throughout the
29 county shall:

30 (1) have uniform days and times of operation;

31 (2) be open eight hours each weekday;

32 (3) be open a minimum of an aggregate eight hours each
33 weekend; and

34 (4) not open prior to 7 a.m. Eastern Standard Time or
35 close before 7 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

36 Section 1204-A. Voting check list.

37 A county board shall maintain a voting check list as provided

1 for in section 1212 in order to ensure that electors are
2 prohibited from casting additional ballots at either an early
3 voting site or on election day in the elector's precinct.

4 Section 1205-A. Disposition of returns.

5 A county board shall track votes by precinct but may not
6 tabulate votes prior to the close of the polls on election day.

7 Section 1206-A. Notice of early voting.

8 A county board shall, no earlier than 15 days nor later than
9 9 days before each November election, give notice of early
10 voting by newspaper publication in the county in accordance with
11 the provisions of section 106. The notice shall be published
12 twice in counties of the first class and once in all other
13 counties. A county board shall also post the notice on the
14 county board's publicly accessible Internet website.

15 Amend Bill, page 4, line 4, by striking out "2" and inserting

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17 Amend Bill, page 4, line 4, by striking out "in 90 days." and
18 inserting

19 as follows:

20 (1) This section shall take effect immediately.

21 (2) The addition of sections 1201-A, 1202-A, 1203-A,
22 1204-A, 1205-A and 1206-A of the act shall take effect in 60
23 days.

24 (3) The remainder of the act shall take effect in 90
25 days.