

# ELECTION JUDGE QUALIFICATIONS

All persons serving as an election judge must meet the following criteria:

- 1) be citizens of the United States and entitled to vote at the next election, except as provided in the "Students as Election Judges" section below;
- 2) be of good repute and character and not subject to the registration requirement of the Sex Offender Registration Act (730 ILCS 150/1 *et seq.*);
- 3) be able to speak, read, and write the English language;
- 4) be skilled in the four fundamental rules of arithmetic;
- 5) be of good understanding and capable;
- 6) not be candidates for any office at the election and not be elected committeepersons; and
- 7) reside in the precinct in which they are selected to act, except that in each precinct, not more than one judge of each party may be appointed from outside such precinct.

Any judge selected to serve in any precinct in which they are not entitled to vote must reside within and be entitled to vote elsewhere within the county that encompasses the precinct in which such judge is appointed, except as provided in the section below. (10 ILCS 5/13-4).

## STUDENTS AS ELECTION JUDGES

An election authority may establish a program to permit a person who is not entitled to vote to be appointed as an election judge if, as of the date of the election at which the person serves as a judge, they meet the following criteria:

- 1) a U.S. citizen;
- 2) a junior or senior in good standing enrolled in a public or private secondary school;
- 3) have a cumulative grade point average equivalent to at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;
- 4) have the written approval of the principal of the secondary school they attend at the time of appointment;
- 5) have the written approval of their parent or legal guardian;
- 6) have satisfactorily completed the training course for judges of election described in 10 ILCS 5/13-2.1 and 13-2.2; and,
- 7) meets all other qualifications for appointment and service as an election judge.

(10 ILCS 5/13-4(b)).

An election authority may establish a program to permit a person who is not entitled to vote in that precinct or county to be appointed as an election judge if, as of the date of the election at which the person serves as a judge so long as they meet the following criteria:

- 1) a U.S. citizen;
- 2) currently enrolled in a community college, as defined in the Public Community College Act (110 ILCS 805/1-1 *et seq.*), or a public or private Illinois university or college;
- 3) have a cumulative grade point average equivalent to at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;
- 4) have satisfactorily completed the training course for judges of election described in 10 ILCS 5/13-2.1 and 13-2.2; and,
- 5) meets all other qualifications for appointment and service as an election judge.

(10 ILCS 5/13-4(c)).

No more than one election judge qualifying under 10 ILCS 5/13-4(b)(c) may serve per political party, per precinct. Prior to appointment, the election judge must certify in writing to the election authority the political party they are choosing to affiliate with. Students appointed as election judges shall not be counted as absent from school on the day they serve as judges. (10 ILCS 5/13-4)