

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 13-4 and 14-1 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/13-4) (from Ch. 46, par. 13-4)

7 Sec. 13-4. Qualifications.

8 (a) All persons elected or chosen judge of election must:

9 (1) be citizens of the United States and entitled to vote at
10 the next election, except as provided in subsection (b); (2) be
11 of good repute and character and not subject to the
12 registration requirement of the Sex Offender Registration Act;
13 (3) be able to speak, read and write the English language; (4)
14 be skilled in the four fundamental rules of arithmetic; (5) be
15 of good understanding and capable; (6) not be candidates for
16 any office at the election and not be elected committeemen; and
17 (7) reside in the precinct in which they are selected to act,
18 except that in each precinct, not more than one judge of each
19 party may be appointed from outside such precinct. Any judge
20 selected to serve in any precinct in which he is not entitled
21 to vote must reside within and be entitled to vote elsewhere
22 within the county which encompasses the precinct in which such
23 judge is appointed. Such judge must meet the other

1 qualifications of this Section.

2 (b) An election authority may establish a program to permit
3 a person who is not entitled to vote to be appointed as an
4 election judge if, as of the date of the election at which the
5 person serves as a judge, he or she:

6 (1) is a U.S. citizen;

7 (2) is a senior in good standing enrolled in a public
8 or private secondary school;

9 (3) has a cumulative grade point average equivalent to
10 at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;

11 (4) has the written approval of the principal of the
12 secondary school he or she attends at the time of
13 appointment;

14 (5) has the written approval of his or her parent or
15 legal guardian;

16 (6) has satisfactorily completed the training course
17 for judges of election described in Sections 13-2.1 and
18 13-2.2; and

19 (7) meets all other qualifications for appointment and
20 service as an election judge.

21 No more than one election judge qualifying under this
22 subsection may serve per political party per precinct. Prior to
23 appointment, a judge qualifying under this subsection must
24 certify in writing to the election authority the political
25 party the judge chooses to affiliate with.

26 Students appointed as election judges under this

1 subsection shall not be counted as absent from school on the
2 day they serve as judges.

3 (Source: P.A. 91-352, eff. 1-1-00.)

4 (10 ILCS 5/14-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 14-1)

5 Sec. 14-1. (a) The board of election commissioners
6 established or existing under Article 6 shall, at the time and
7 in the manner provided in Section 14-3.1, select and choose 5
8 persons, men or women, as judges of election for each precinct
9 in such city, village or incorporated town.

10 Where neither voting machines nor electronic, mechanical
11 or electric voting systems are used, the board of election
12 commissioners may, for any precinct with respect to which the
13 board considers such action necessary or desirable in view of
14 the number of voters, and shall for general elections for any
15 precinct containing more than 600 registered voters, appoint in
16 addition to the 5 judges of election a team of 5 tally judges.
17 In such precincts the judges of election shall preside over the
18 election during the hours the polls are open, and the tally
19 judges, with the assistance of the holdover judges designated
20 pursuant to Section 14-5.2, shall count the vote after the
21 closing of the polls. The tally judges shall possess the same
22 qualifications and shall be appointed in the same manner and
23 with the same division between political parties as is provided
24 for judges of election. The foregoing provisions relating to
25 the appointment of tally judges are inapplicable in counties

1 with a population of 1,000,000 or more.

2 (b) To qualify as judges the persons must:

3 (1) be citizens of the United States;

4 (2) be of good repute and character and not subject to
5 the registration requirement of the Sex Offender
6 Registration Act;

7 (3) be able to speak, read and write the English
8 language;

9 (4) be skilled in the 4 fundamental rules of
10 arithmetic;

11 (5) be of good understanding and capable;

12 (6) not be candidates for any office at the election
13 and not be elected committeemen;

14 (7) reside and be entitled to vote in the precinct in
15 which they are selected to serve, except that in each
16 precinct not more than one judge of each party may be
17 appointed from outside such precinct. Any judge so
18 appointed to serve in any precinct in which he is not
19 entitled to vote must be entitled to vote elsewhere within
20 the county which encompasses the precinct in which such
21 judge is appointed and such judge must otherwise meet the
22 qualifications of this Section.

23 (c) An election authority may establish a program to permit
24 a person who is not entitled to vote to be appointed as an
25 election judge if, as of the date of the election at which the
26 person serves as a judge, he or she:

- 1 (1) is a U.S. citizen;
- 2 (2) is a senior in good standing enrolled in a public
3 or private secondary school;
- 4 (3) has a cumulative grade point average equivalent to
5 at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;
- 6 (4) has the written approval of the principal of the
7 secondary school he or she attends at the time of
8 appointment;
- 9 (5) has the written approval of his or her parent or
10 legal guardian;
- 11 (6) has satisfactorily completed the training course
12 for judges of election described in Sections 13-2.1,
13 13-2.2, and 14-4.1; and
- 14 (7) meets all other qualifications for appointment and
15 service as an election judge.

16 No more than one election judge qualifying under this
17 subsection may serve per political party per precinct. Prior to
18 appointment, a judge qualifying under this subsection must
19 certify in writing to the election authority the political
20 party the judge chooses to affiliate with.

21 Students appointed as election judges under this
22 subsection shall not be counted as absent from school on the
23 day they serve as judges.

24 (d) The board of election commissioners may select 2
25 additional judges of election, one from each of the major
26 political parties, for each 200 voters in excess of 600 in any

1 precinct having more than 600 voters as authorized by Section
2 11--3. These additional judges must meet the qualifications
3 prescribed in this Section.

4 (Source: P.A. 91-352, eff. 1-1-00.)