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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/11-2	from Ch. 46, par. 11-2
10 ILCS 5/11-3	from Ch. 46, par. 11-3
10 ILCS 5/11-5	from Ch. 46, par. 11-5
10 ILCS 5/13-1	from Ch. 46, par. 13-1
10 ILCS 5/13-2	from Ch. 46, par. 13-2
10 ILCS 5/14-1	from Ch. 46, par. 14-1

Amends the Election Code. Provides that each election precinct shall contain 1,500 voters (now, 500 voters in counties, 600 voters in a municipality with a board of election commissioners and fewer than 500,000 inhabitants, or 400 voters in a municipality with a board of election commissioners and more than 500,000 inhabitants). Provides that, in a city with fewer than 500,000 inhabitants, if any election precinct casts more than 1,500 votes (now, 800 votes) at 2 consecutive general elections, the state's attorney shall apply to the Circuit Court to compel the board to divide the precinct. Provides that, in a city with more than 500,000 inhabitants, if any election precinct casts more than 1,500 votes (now, 600 votes) at 2 consecutive general elections, the state's attorney shall apply to the Circuit Court to compel the board to divide the precinct. In provisions concerning the appointment of judges of election, provides that a county board or board of election commissioners may appoint or select, respectively, 3 or 5 judges of election for any general election (currently, 5 judges of election must be appointed or selected). 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 11-2, 11-3, 11-5, 13-1, 13-2, and 14-1 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/11-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 11-2)

7 Sec. 11-2. The County Board in each county, except in  
8 counties having a population of 3,000,000 inhabitants or over,  
9 shall, at its regular meeting in June, divide its election  
10 precincts which contain more than 1,500 ~~800~~ voters, into  
11 election districts so that each district shall contain, as near  
12 as may be practicable, 1,500 ~~500~~ voters, ~~and not more in any~~  
13 ~~case than 800~~. Whenever the County Board ascertains that any  
14 election precinct contains more than 1,500 ~~600~~ registered  
15 voters, it may divide such precinct, at its regular meeting in  
16 June, into election precincts so that each precinct shall  
17 contain, as nearly as may be practicable, 1,500 ~~500~~ voters.  
18 Insofar as is practicable, each precinct shall be situated  
19 within a single congressional, legislative and representative  
20 district and in not more than one County Board district and one  
21 municipal ward. In order to situate each precinct within a  
22 single district or ward, the County Board shall change the  
23 boundaries of election precincts after each decennial census as

1 soon as is practicable following the completion of  
2 congressional and legislative redistricting. In determining  
3 whether a division of precincts should be made, the county  
4 board may anticipate increased voter registration in any  
5 precinct in which there is in progress new construction of  
6 dwelling units which will be occupied by voters more than 30  
7 days before the next election. Each district shall be composed  
8 of contiguous territory in as compact form as can be for the  
9 convenience of the electors voting therein. The several county  
10 boards in establishing districts shall describe them by metes  
11 and bounds and number them. And so often thereafter as it shall  
12 appear by the number of votes cast at the general election held  
13 in November of any year, that any election district or  
14 undivided election precinct contains more than 1,500 ~~800~~  
15 voters, the County Board of the county in which the district or  
16 precinct may be, shall at its regular meeting in June, or an  
17 adjourned meeting in July next, after such November election,  
18 redivide or readjust such election district or election  
19 precinct, so that no district or election precinct shall  
20 contain more than the number of votes above specified. If for  
21 any reason the County Board fails in any year to redivide or  
22 readjust the election districts or election precinct, then the  
23 districts or precincts as then existing shall continue until  
24 the next regular June meeting of the County Board; at which  
25 regular June meeting or an adjourned meeting in July the County  
26 Board shall redivide or readjust the election districts or

1 election precincts in manner as herein required. When at any  
2 meeting of the County Board any redivision, readjustment or  
3 change in name or number of election districts or election  
4 precincts is made by the County Board, the County Clerk shall  
5 immediately notify the State Board of Elections of such  
6 redivision, readjustment or change. The County Board in every  
7 case shall fix and establish the places for holding elections  
8 in its respective county and all elections shall be held at the  
9 places so fixed. The polling places shall in all cases be upon  
10 the ground floor in the front room, the entrance to which is in  
11 a highway or public street which is at least 40 feet wide, and  
12 is as near the center of the voting population of the precinct  
13 as is practicable, and for the convenience of the greatest  
14 number of electors to vote thereat; provided, however, where  
15 the County Board is unable to secure a suitable polling place  
16 within the boundaries of a precinct, it may select a polling  
17 place at the most conveniently located suitable place outside  
18 the precinct; but in no case shall an election be held in any  
19 room used or occupied as a saloon, dramshop, bowling alley or  
20 as a place of resort for idlers and disreputable persons,  
21 billiard hall or in any room connected therewith by doors or  
22 hallways. No person shall be permitted to vote at any election  
23 except at the polling place for the precinct in which he  
24 resides, except as otherwise provided in this Section or  
25 Article 19 of this Act. In counties having a population of  
26 3,000,000 inhabitants or over the County Board shall divide its

1 election precincts and shall fix and establish places for  
2 holding elections as hereinbefore provided during the month of  
3 January instead of at its regular meeting in June or at an  
4 adjourned meeting in July.

5 However, in the event that additional divisions of election  
6 precincts are indicated after a division made by the County  
7 Board in the month of January, such additional divisions may be  
8 made by the County Board in counties having a population of  
9 3,000,000 inhabitants or over, at the regular meeting in June  
10 or at adjourned meeting in July. The county board of such  
11 county may divide or readjust precincts at any meeting of the  
12 county board when the voter registration in a precinct has  
13 increased beyond 1,500 ~~800~~ and an election is scheduled before  
14 the next regular January or June meeting of the county board.

15 When in any city, village or incorporated town territory  
16 has been annexed thereto or disconnected therefrom, which  
17 annexation or disconnection becomes effective after election  
18 precincts or election districts have been established as above  
19 provided in this Section, the clerk of the municipality shall  
20 inform the county clerk thereof as provided in Section 4-21,  
21 5-28.1, or 6-31.1, whichever is applicable. In the event that a  
22 regular meeting of the County Board is to be held after such  
23 notification and before any election, the County Board shall,  
24 at its next regular meeting establish new election precinct  
25 lines in affected territory. In the event that no regular  
26 meeting of the County Board is to be held before such election

1 the county clerk shall, within 5 days after being so informed,  
2 call a special meeting of the county board on a day fixed by  
3 him not more than 20 days thereafter for the purpose of  
4 establishing election precincts or election districts in the  
5 affected territory for the ensuing elections.

6 At any consolidated primary or consolidated election at  
7 which municipal officers are to be elected, and at any  
8 emergency referendum at which a public question relating to a  
9 municipality is to be voted on, notwithstanding any other  
10 provision of this Code, the election authority shall establish  
11 a polling place within such municipality, upon the request of  
12 the municipal council or board of trustees at least 60 days  
13 before the election and provided that the municipality provides  
14 a suitable polling place. To accomplish this purpose, the  
15 election authority may establish an election precinct  
16 constituting a single municipality of under 500 population for  
17 all elections, notwithstanding the minimum precinct size  
18 otherwise specified herein.

19 Notwithstanding the above, when there are no more than 50  
20 registered voters in a precinct who are entitled to vote in a  
21 local government or school district election, the election  
22 authority having jurisdiction over the precinct is authorized  
23 to reassign such voters to one or more polling places in  
24 adjacent precincts, within or without the election authority's  
25 jurisdiction, for that election. For the purposes of such local  
26 government or school district election only, the votes of the

1 reassigned voters shall be tallied and canvassed as votes from  
2 the precinct of the polling place to which such voters have  
3 been reassigned. The election authority having jurisdiction  
4 over the precinct shall approve all administrative and polling  
5 place procedures. Such procedures shall take into account voter  
6 convenience, and ensure that the integrity of the election  
7 process is maintained and that the secrecy of the ballot is not  
8 violated.

9 Except in the event of a fire, flood or total loss of heat  
10 in a place fixed or established by any county board or election  
11 authority pursuant to this Section as a polling place for an  
12 election, no election authority shall change the location of a  
13 polling place so established for any precinct after notice of  
14 the place of holding the election for that precinct has been  
15 given as required under Article 12 unless the election  
16 authority notifies all registered voters in the precinct of the  
17 change in location by first class mail in sufficient time for  
18 such notice to be received by the registered voters in the  
19 precinct at least one day prior to the date of the election.

20 The provisions of this Section apply to all precincts,  
21 including those where voting machines or electronic voting  
22 systems are used.

23 (Source: P.A. 86-867.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/11-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 11-3)

25 Sec. 11-3. It shall be the duty of the Board of

1 Commissioners established by Article 6 of this Act, within 2  
2 months after its first organization, to divide the city,  
3 village or incorporated town which may adopt or is operating  
4 under Article 6, into election precincts, each of which shall  
5 be situated within a single congressional, legislative and  
6 representative district insofar as is practicable and in not  
7 more than one County Board district and one municipal ward; in  
8 order to situate each precinct within a single district or  
9 ward, the Board of Election Commissioners shall change the  
10 boundaries of election precincts after each decennial census as  
11 soon as is practicable following the completion of  
12 congressional and legislative redistricting and such precincts  
13 shall contain as nearly as practicable 1,500 ~~600~~ qualified  
14 voters, and in making such division and establishing such  
15 precincts such board shall take as a basis the poll books, or  
16 the number of votes cast at the previous presidential election.  
17 Within 90 days after each presidential election, such board in  
18 a city with fewer than 500,000 inhabitants, village or  
19 incorporated town shall revise and rearrange such precincts on  
20 the basis of the votes cast at such election, making such  
21 precincts to contain, as near as practicable, 1,500 ~~600~~ actual  
22 voters; but at any time in all instances where the vote cast at  
23 any precinct, at any election, equals 1,500 ~~800~~, there must be  
24 a rearrangement so as to reduce the vote to the standard of  
25 1,500 ~~600~~ as near as may be. However, any apartment building in  
26 which more than 1,500 ~~800~~ registered voters reside may be made



1 a single precinct even though the vote in such precinct exceeds  
2 1,500 ~~800~~. Within 90 days after each presidential election, a  
3 board in a city with more than 500,000 inhabitants shall revise  
4 and rearrange such precincts on the basis of the votes cast at  
5 such election, making such precincts to contain, as near as  
6 practicable, 1,500 ~~400~~ actual voters; ~~but at any time in all~~  
7 ~~instances where the vote cast at any precinct, at any election,~~  
8 ~~equals 600, there must be a rearrangement so as to reduce the~~  
9 ~~vote to the standard of 400 as near as may be.~~ However, any  
10 apartment building in which more than 1,500 ~~600~~ registered  
11 voters reside may be made a single precinct even though the  
12 vote in such precinct exceeds 1,500 ~~600~~.

13 Immediately after the annexation of territory to the city,  
14 village or incorporated town becomes effective the Board of  
15 Election Commissioners shall revise and rearrange election  
16 precincts therein to include such annexed territory.

17 Provided, however, that at any election where but one  
18 candidate is nominated and is to be voted upon at any election  
19 held in any political subdivision of a city, village or  
20 incorporated town, the Board of Election Commissioners shall  
21 have the power in such political subdivision to determine the  
22 number of voting precincts to be established in such political  
23 subdivision at such election, without reference to the number  
24 of qualified voters therein. The precincts in each ward,  
25 village or incorporated town shall be numbered from one  
26 upwards, consecutively, with no omission.

1           The provisions of this Section apply to all precincts,  
2 including those where voting machines or electronic voting  
3 systems are used.

4           (Source: P.A. 84-1308.)

5           (10 ILCS 5/11-5) (from Ch. 46, par. 11-5)

6           Sec. 11-5. If any election district or precinct subject to  
7 the jurisdiction of a county board or a board of election  
8 commissioners in a city with fewer than 500,000 inhabitants,  
9 village or incorporated town casts more than 1,500 ~~800~~ votes  
10 each at two consecutive general November elections for State  
11 officers, the state's attorney, upon the request of an elector  
12 in any such district or precinct, shall apply to the Circuit  
13 Court for relief by mandamus to compel the appropriate board to  
14 divide such district or precinct as required by law. Any relief  
15 so granted shall not apply to any election occurring within 60  
16 days thereafter. If any election precinct subject to the  
17 jurisdiction of a board of election commissioners in a city  
18 with more than 500,000 inhabitants casts more than 1,500 ~~600~~  
19 votes at each of the two consecutive general November elections  
20 for State officers, the state's attorney, upon the request of  
21 an elector in any such precinct, shall apply to the Circuit  
22 Court for relief by mandamus to compel the appropriate board to  
23 divide such precinct as required by law. Any relief so granted  
24 shall not apply to any election occurring within 60 days  
25 thereafter.

1 (Source: P.A. 84-323.)

2 (10 ILCS 5/13-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 13-1)

3 Sec. 13-1. In counties not under township organization, the  
4 county board of commissioners shall at its meeting in July in  
5 each even-numbered year appoint in each election precinct 5  
6 capable and discreet persons meeting the qualifications of  
7 Section 13-4 to be judges of election. Where neither voting  
8 machines nor electronic, mechanical or electric voting systems  
9 are used, the county board may, for any precinct with respect  
10 to which the board considers such action necessary or desirable  
11 in view of the number of voters, and shall for general  
12 elections for any precinct containing more than 600 registered  
13 voters, appoint in addition to the 5 judges of election a team  
14 of 5 tally judges. In such precincts the judges of election  
15 shall preside over the election during the hours the polls are  
16 open, and the tally judges, with the assistance of the holdover  
17 judges designated pursuant to Section 13-6.2, shall count the  
18 vote after the closing of the polls. However, the County Board  
19 of Commissioners may appoint 3 judges of election to serve in  
20 lieu of the 5 judges of election otherwise required by this  
21 Section (1) to serve in any emergency referendum, or in any  
22 odd-year regular election or in any special primary or special  
23 election called for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the  
24 office of representative in the United States Congress or to  
25 nominate candidates for such purpose, ~~or~~ (2) if the county

1 board passes an ordinance to reduce the number of judges of  
2 election to 3 for primary elections, or (3) for any general  
3 election. The tally judges shall possess the same  
4 qualifications and shall be appointed in the same manner and  
5 with the same division between political parties as is provided  
6 for judges of election.

7 In addition to such precinct judges, the county board of  
8 commissioners shall appoint special panels of 3 judges each,  
9 who shall possess the same qualifications and shall be  
10 appointed in the same manner and with the same division between  
11 political parties as is provided for other judges of election.  
12 The number of such panels of judges required shall be  
13 determined by regulations of the State Board of Elections which  
14 shall base the required numbers of special panels on the number  
15 of registered voters in the jurisdiction or the number of vote  
16 by mail ballots voted at recent elections, or any combination  
17 of such factors.

18 Such appointment shall be confirmed by the court as  
19 provided in Section 13-3 of this Article. No more than 3  
20 persons of the same political party shall be appointed judges  
21 of the same election precinct or election judge panel. The  
22 appointment shall be made in the following manner: The county  
23 board of commissioners shall select and approve 3 persons as  
24 judges of election in each election precinct from a certified  
25 list, furnished by the chairman of the County Central Committee  
26 of the first leading political party in such precinct; and the

1 county board of commissioners shall also select and approve 2  
2 persons as judges of election in each election precinct from a  
3 certified list, furnished by the chairman of the County Central  
4 Committee of the second leading political party. However, if  
5 only 3 judges of election serve in each election precinct, no  
6 more than 2 persons of the same political party shall be judges  
7 of election in the same election precinct; and which political  
8 party is entitled to 2 judges of election and which political  
9 party is entitled to one judge of election shall be determined  
10 in the same manner as set forth in the next two preceding  
11 sentences with regard to 5 election judges in each precinct.  
12 Such certified list shall be filed with the county clerk not  
13 less than 10 days before the annual meeting of the county board  
14 of commissioners. Such list shall be arranged according to  
15 precincts. The chairman of each county central committee shall,  
16 insofar as possible, list persons who reside within the  
17 precinct in which they are to serve as judges. However, he may,  
18 in his sole discretion, submit the names of persons who reside  
19 outside the precinct but within the county embracing the  
20 precinct in which they are to serve. He must, however, submit  
21 the names of at least 2 residents of the precinct for each  
22 precinct in which his party is to have 3 judges and must submit  
23 the name of at least one resident of the precinct for each  
24 precinct in which his party is to have 2 judges. The county  
25 board of commissioners shall acknowledge in writing to each  
26 county chairman the names of all persons submitted on such

1 certified list and the total number of persons listed thereon.  
2 If no such list is filed or such list is incomplete (that is,  
3 no names or an insufficient number of names are furnished for  
4 certain election precincts), the county board of commissioners  
5 shall make or complete such list from the names contained in  
6 the supplemental list provided for in Section 13-1.1. The  
7 election judges shall hold their office for 2 years from their  
8 appointment, and until their successors are duly appointed in  
9 the manner provided in this Act. The county board of  
10 commissioners shall fill all vacancies in the office of judge  
11 of election at any time in the manner provided in this Act.  
12 (Source: P.A. 100-337, eff. 8-25-17.)

13 (10 ILCS 5/13-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 13-2)

14 Sec. 13-2. In counties under the township organization the  
15 county board shall at its meeting in July in each even-numbered  
16 year except in counties containing a population of 3,000,000  
17 inhabitants or over and except when such judges are appointed  
18 by election commissioners, select in each election precinct in  
19 the county, 5 capable and discreet persons to be judges of  
20 election who shall possess the qualifications required by this  
21 Act for such judges. Where neither voting machines nor  
22 electronic, mechanical or electric voting systems are used, the  
23 county board may, for any precinct with respect to which the  
24 board considers such action necessary or desirable in view of  
25 the number of voters, and shall for general elections for any

1 precinct containing more than 600 registered voters, appoint in  
2 addition to the 5 judges of election a team of 5 tally judges.  
3 In such precincts the judges of election shall preside over the  
4 election during the hours the polls are open, and the tally  
5 judges, with the assistance of the holdover judges designated  
6 pursuant to Section 13-6.2, shall count the vote after the  
7 closing of the polls. The tally judges shall possess the same  
8 qualifications and shall be appointed in the same manner and  
9 with the same division between political parties as is provided  
10 for judges of election.

11 However, the county board may appoint 3 judges of election  
12 to serve in lieu of the 5 judges of election otherwise required  
13 by this Section (1) to serve in any emergency referendum, or in  
14 any odd-year regular election or in any special primary or  
15 special election called for the purpose of filling a vacancy in  
16 the office of representative in the United States Congress or  
17 to nominate candidates for such purpose, ~~or~~ (2) if the county  
18 board passes an ordinance to reduce the number of judges of  
19 election to 3 for primary elections, or (3) for any general  
20 election.

21 In addition to such precinct judges, the county board shall  
22 appoint special panels of 3 judges each, who shall possess the  
23 same qualifications and shall be appointed in the same manner  
24 and with the same division between political parties as is  
25 provided for other judges of election. The number of such  
26 panels of judges required shall be determined by regulations of

1 the State Board of Elections, which shall base the required  
2 number of special panels on the number of registered voters in  
3 the jurisdiction or the number of absentee ballots voted at  
4 recent elections or any combination of such factors.

5 No more than 3 persons of the same political party shall be  
6 appointed judges in the same election district or undivided  
7 precinct. The election of the judges of election in the various  
8 election precincts shall be made in the following manner: The  
9 county board shall select and approve 3 of the election judges  
10 in each precinct from a certified list furnished by the  
11 chairman of the County Central Committee of the first leading  
12 political party in such election precinct and shall also select  
13 and approve 2 judges of election in each election precinct from  
14 a certified list furnished by the chairman of the County  
15 Central Committee of the second leading political party in such  
16 election precinct. However, if only 3 judges of election serve  
17 in each election precinct, no more than 2 persons of the same  
18 political party shall be judges of election in the same  
19 election precinct; and which political party is entitled to 2  
20 judges of election and which political party is entitled to one  
21 judge of election shall be determined in the same manner as set  
22 forth in the next two preceding sentences with regard to 5  
23 election judges in each precinct. The respective County Central  
24 Committee chairman shall notify the county board by June 1 of  
25 each odd-numbered year immediately preceding the annual  
26 meeting of the county board whether or not such certified list



1 will be filed by such chairman. Such list shall be arranged  
2 according to precincts. The chairman of each county central  
3 committee shall, insofar as possible, list persons who reside  
4 within the precinct in which they are to serve as judges.  
5 However, he may, in his sole discretion, submit the names of  
6 persons who reside outside the precinct but within the county  
7 embracing the precinct in which they are to serve. He must,  
8 however, submit the names of at least 2 residents of the  
9 precinct for each precinct in which his party is to have 3  
10 judges and must submit the name of at least one resident of the  
11 precinct for each precinct in which his party is to have 2  
12 judges. Such certified list, if filed, shall be filed with the  
13 county clerk not less than 20 days before the annual meeting of  
14 the county board. The county board shall acknowledge in writing  
15 to each county chairman the names of all persons submitted on  
16 such certified list and the total number of persons listed  
17 thereon. If no such list is filed or the list is incomplete  
18 (that is, no names or an insufficient number of names are  
19 furnished for certain election precincts), the county board  
20 shall make or complete such list from the names contained in  
21 the supplemental list provided for in Section 13-1.1. Provided,  
22 further, that in any case where a township has been or shall be  
23 redistricted, in whole or in part, subsequent to one general  
24 election for Governor, and prior to the next, the judges of  
25 election to be selected for all new or altered precincts shall  
26 be selected in that one of the methods above detailed, which

1 shall be applicable according to the facts and circumstances of  
2 the particular case, but the majority of such judges for each  
3 such precinct shall be selected from the first leading  
4 political party, and the minority judges from the second  
5 leading political party. Provided, further, that in counties  
6 having a population of 3,000,000 inhabitants or over the  
7 selection of judges of election shall be made in the same  
8 manner in all respects as in other counties, except that the  
9 provisions relating to tally judges are inapplicable to such  
10 counties and except that the county board shall meet during the  
11 month of January for the purpose of making such selection, each  
12 township committeeperson shall assume the responsibilities  
13 given to the chairman of the county central committee in this  
14 Section for the precincts within his or her township, and the  
15 township committeeperson shall notify the county board by the  
16 preceding October 1 whether or not the certified list will be  
17 filed. Such judges of election shall hold their office for 2  
18 years from their appointment and until their successors are  
19 duly appointed in the manner provided in this Act. The county  
20 board shall fill all vacancies in the office of judges of  
21 elections at any time in the manner herein provided.

22 Such selections under this Section shall be confirmed by  
23 the circuit court as provided in Section 13-3 of this Article.

24 (Source: P.A. 100-337, eff. 8-25-17.)

25 (10 ILCS 5/14-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 14-1)

1           Sec. 14-1. (a) The board of election commissioners  
2 established or existing under Article 6 shall, at the time and  
3 in the manner provided in Section 14-3.1, select and choose 5  
4 persons, men or women, as judges of election for each precinct  
5 in such city, village or incorporated town, except for a  
6 general election the board of election commissioners may select  
7 and choose 3 or 5 persons as judges of election for each  
8 precinct.

9           Where neither voting machines nor electronic, mechanical  
10 or electric voting systems are used, the board of election  
11 commissioners may, for any precinct with respect to which the  
12 board considers such action necessary or desirable in view of  
13 the number of voters, and shall for general elections for any  
14 precinct containing more than 600 registered voters, appoint in  
15 addition to the ~~5~~ judges of election chosen under this  
16 subsection a team of 5 tally judges. In such precincts the  
17 judges of election shall preside over the election during the  
18 hours the polls are open, and the tally judges, with the  
19 assistance of the holdover judges designated pursuant to  
20 Section 14-5.2, shall count the vote after the closing of the  
21 polls. The tally judges shall possess the same qualifications  
22 and shall be appointed in the same manner and with the same  
23 division between political parties as is provided for judges of  
24 election. The foregoing provisions relating to the appointment  
25 of tally judges are inapplicable in counties with a population  
26 of 1,000,000 or more.

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

2 (1) be citizens of the United States;

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

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

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

10 (5) be of good understanding and capable;

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

13 (7) reside and be entitled to vote in the precinct in  
14 which they are selected to serve, except that in each  
15 precinct not more than one judge of each party may be  
16 appointed from outside such precinct. Any judge so  
17 appointed to serve in any precinct in which he is not  
18 entitled to vote must be entitled to vote elsewhere within  
19 the county which encompasses the precinct in which such  
20 judge is appointed and such judge must otherwise meet the  
21 qualifications of this Section, except as provided in  
22 subsection (c) or (c-5).

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 junior or senior in good standing enrolled in  
3 a public 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 (c-5) An election authority may establish a program to  
25 permit a person who is not entitled to vote in that precinct or  
26 county to be appointed as an election judge if, as of the date

1 of the election at which the person serves as a judge, he or  
2 she:

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

4 (2) is currently enrolled in a community college, as  
5 defined in the Public Community College Act, or a public or  
6 private Illinois university or college;

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

9 (4) has satisfactorily completed the training course  
10 for judges of election described in Sections 13-2.1,  
11 13-2.2, and 14-4.1; and

12 (5) meets all other qualifications for appointment and  
13 service as an election judge.

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

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

22 (d) The board of election commissioners may select 2  
23 additional judges of election, one from each of the major  
24 political parties, for each 200 voters in excess of 600 in any  
25 precinct having more than 600 voters as authorized by Section  
26 11-3. These additional judges must meet the qualifications

1 prescribed in this Section.

2 (Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07; 95-818, eff. 1-1-09;  
3 96-328, eff. 8-11-09.)

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