

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

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

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

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

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

3 (4) has the written approval of the principal of
4 the secondary school he or she attends at the time of
5 appointment;

6 (5) has the written approval of his or her parent
7 or legal guardian;

8 (6) has satisfactorily completed the training
9 course for judges of election described in Sections
10 13-2.1 and 13-2.2; and

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

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

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

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

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

27 (2) is currently enrolled in a public or private
28 Illinois university or college;

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

31 (4) has satisfactorily completed the training
32 course for judges of election described in Sections
33 13-2.1 and 13-2.2; and

34 (5) meets all other qualifications for appointment

1 and service as an election judge.

2 No more than one election judge qualifying under this
3 subsection may serve per political party per precinct. Prior
4 to appointment, a judge qualifying under this subsection must
5 certify in writing to the election authority the political
6 party the judge chooses to affiliate with.

7 Students appointed as election judges under this
8 subsection shall not be counted as absent from school on the
9 day they serve as judges.

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

11 (10 ILCS 5/14-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 14-1)

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

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

1 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;

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

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

9 (5) be of good understanding and capable;

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 (4) has the written approval of the principal of
32 the secondary school he or she attends at the time of
33 appointment;

34 (5) has the written approval of his or her parent

1 or legal guardian;

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

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

7 No more than one election judge qualifying under this
8 subsection may serve per political party per precinct. Prior
9 to appointment, a judge qualifying under this subsection must
10 certify in writing to the election authority the political
11 party the judge chooses to affiliate with.

12 Students appointed as election judges under this
13 subsection shall not be counted as absent from school on the
14 day they serve as judges.

15 (c-5) An election authority may establish a program to
16 permit a person who is not entitled to vote in that precinct
17 or county to be appointed as an election judge if, as of the
18 date of the election at which the person serves as a judge,
19 he or she:

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

21 (2) is currently enrolled in a public or private
22 Illinois university or college;

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

25 (4) has satisfactorily completed the training
26 course for judges of election described in Sections
27 13-2.1, 13-2.2, and 14-4.1; and

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

30 No more than one election judge qualifying under this
31 subsection may serve per political party per precinct. Prior
32 to appointment, a judge qualifying under this subsection must
33 certify in writing to the election authority the political
34 party the judge chooses to affiliate with.

1 Students appointed as election judges under this
2 subsection shall not be counted as absent from school on the
3 day they serve as judges.

4 (d) The board of election commissioners may select 2
5 additional judges of election, one from each of the major
6 political parties, for each 200 voters in excess of 600 in
7 any precinct having more than 600 voters as authorized by
8 Section 11--3. These additional judges must meet the
9 qualifications prescribed in this Section.

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

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
12 becoming law.