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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/13-4
10 ILCS 5/14-1

from Ch. 46, par. 13-4
from Ch. 46, par. 14-1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 Students appointed as election judges under this
26 subsection shall not be counted as absent from school on the

1 day they serve as judges.

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

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

7 (2) is currently enrolled in a public or private
8 Illinois university or college;

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

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

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

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.

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

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

24 (1) be citizens of the United States;

25 (2) be of good repute and character;

26 (3) be able to speak, read and write the English

1 language;

2 (4) be skilled in the 4 fundamental rules of
3 arithmetic;

4 (5) be of good understanding and capable;

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (4) has the written approval of the principal of the

1 secondary school he or she attends at the time of
2 appointment;

3 (5) has the written approval of his or her parent or
4 legal guardian;

5 (6) has satisfactorily completed the training course
6 for judges of election described in Sections 13-2.1,
7 13-2.2, and 14-4.1; and

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

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

15 Students appointed as election judges under this
16 subsection shall not be counted as absent from school on the
17 day they serve as judges.

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

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

24 (2) is currently enrolled in a public or private
25 Illinois university or college;

26 (3) has a cumulative grade point average equivalent to

1 at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;

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

5 (5) meets all other qualifications for appointment and
6 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 to
9 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 (d) The board of election commissioners may select 2
16 additional judges of election, one from each of the major
17 political parties, for each 200 voters in excess of 600 in any
18 precinct having more than 600 voters as authorized by Section
19 11--3. These additional judges must meet the qualifications
20 prescribed in this Section.

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

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
23 becoming law.