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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. Permits high school juniors who meet certain criteria to be appointed judges of election. 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); (2) be  
11 of good repute and character; (3) be able to speak, read and  
12 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. Such judge must meet the other qualifications of  
23 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 junior or senior in good standing enrolled in  
7 a public 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 (Source: P.A. 91-352, eff. 1-1-00.)

3 (10 ILCS 5/14-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 14-1)

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

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 a team of 5 tally judges.  
16 In such precincts the judges of election shall preside over the  
17 election during the hours the polls are open, and the tally  
18 judges, with the assistance of the holdover judges designated  
19 pursuant to Section 14-5.2, shall count the vote after the  
20 closing of the polls. The tally judges shall possess the same  
21 qualifications and shall be appointed in the same manner and  
22 with the same division between political parties as is provided  
23 for judges of election. The foregoing provisions relating to  
24 the appointment of tally judges are inapplicable in counties  
25 with a population 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;

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

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

8 (5) be of good understanding and capable;

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

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

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

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

25 (2) is a junior or senior in good standing enrolled in  
26 a public or private secondary school;

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
3 becoming law.