

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); (2) be of good repute and character; (3) be able to  
12 speak, read and write the English language; (4) be skilled in  
13 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. Such judge must meet the other  
23 qualifications of this Section.

24 (a-5) A person who is otherwise qualified under  
25 subsection (a) but who does not wish to declare a political  
26 party affiliation is nonetheless qualified for appointment as  
27 a judge of election. For purposes of this Article, a person  
28 who qualifies under this subsection is considered to be of  
29 the same political party as the county central committee  
30 whose chairman certifies him or her for selection as an  
31 election judge.

1 (b) An election authority may establish a program to  
2 permit a person who is not entitled to vote to be appointed  
3 as an election judge if, as of the date of the election at  
4 which the 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  
7 public or private secondary school;

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

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

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

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

18 (7) meets all other qualifications for appointment  
19 and 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  
22 to 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  
27 day they serve as judges.

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

29 (10 ILCS 5/14-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 14-1)

30 Sec. 14-1. (a) The board of election commissioners  
31 established or existing under Article 6 shall, at the time  
32 and in the manner provided in Section 14-3.1, select and  
33 choose 5 persons, men or women, as judges of election for

1 each precinct in such city, village or incorporated town.

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

- 20 (b) To qualify as judges the persons must:
- 21 (1) be citizens of the United States;
  - 22 (2) be of good repute and character;
  - 23 (3) be able to speak, read and write the English  
24 language;
  - 25 (4) be skilled in the 4 fundamental rules of  
26 arithmetic;
  - 27 (5) be of good understanding and capable;
  - 28 (6) not be candidates for any office at the  
29 election and not be elected committeemen;
  - 30 (7) reside and be entitled to vote in the precinct  
31 in which they are selected to serve, except that in each  
32 precinct not more than one judge of each party may be  
33 appointed from outside such precinct. Any judge so  
34 appointed to serve in any precinct in which he is not

1 entitled to vote must be entitled to vote elsewhere  
2 within the county which encompasses the precinct in which  
3 such judge is appointed and such judge must otherwise  
4 meet the qualifications of this Section.

5 (b-5) A person who is otherwise qualified under  
6 subsection (b) but who does not wish to declare a political  
7 party affiliation is nonetheless qualified for appointment as  
8 a judge of election. For purposes of this Article, a person  
9 who qualifies under this subsection is considered to be of  
10 the same political party as the county central committee  
11 whose chairman certifies him or her for selection as an  
12 election judge.

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

- 17 (1) is a U.S. citizen;
- 18 (2) is a senior in good standing enrolled in a  
19 public or private secondary school;
- 20 (3) has a cumulative grade point average equivalent  
21 to at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;
- 22 (4) has the written approval of the principal of  
23 the secondary school he or she attends at the time of  
24 appointment;
- 25 (5) has the written approval of his or her parent  
26 or legal guardian;
- 27 (6) has satisfactorily completed the training  
28 course for judges of election described in Sections  
29 13-2.1, 13-2.2, and 14-4.1; and
- 30 (7) meets all other qualifications for appointment  
31 and service as an election judge.

32 No more than one election judge qualifying under this  
33 subsection may serve per political party per precinct. Prior  
34 to appointment, a judge qualifying under this subsection must

1 certify in writing to the election authority the political  
2 party the judge chooses to affiliate with.

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

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

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

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
14 becoming law.