

Be of good understanding and capable;

Not be a candidate for any office in the election and not be an elected precinct committeeman; and

Reside in and be entitled to vote in the precinct where selected to serve as judge. However, election judges may be appointed from outside the precinct, but from within the county. All judges must be electors within the county

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE DUTIES OF THE JUDGES OF ELECTION?

To open and close the polls;

To be responsible for all election materials;

To ensure that only qualified voters are permitted to vote and that each qualified voter is permitted to vote once and only once;

To ensure that all votes are cast in secret;

To give instructions in the method of voting when requested by a voter;

To give assistance to illiterate and physically disabled voters;

To maintain order in the polling place throughout the day;

To tally the vote after the polls are closed; and to certify the election results in that precinct.

CAN HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE STUDENTS SERVE AS JUDGES?

Yes. An election authority may establish a program to permit a person who is not entitled to vote to serve as an election judge if the individual meets the following qualifications:

Is a citizen of the United States;

Is a junior or senior in good standing enrolled in a public or private secondary school, or is a student currently enrolled in community college or a public or private Illinois university or college;

If currently enrolled in a secondary school, has the written approval of both the principal and a parent or legal guardian;

Has a cumulative grade point average of at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;

Has satisfactorily completed the training course for judges of election;

Meets all other qualifications for appointment and service as an election judge.

HOW ARE JUDGES SELECTED?

In precincts under the jurisdiction of the county clerk, the party which cast the highest average number of votes at the most recent three gubernatorial elections in the precinct shall be represented by three judges; the party which cast the second highest number of votes at the three most recent gubernatorial elections in the precinct shall be represented by two judges.

A list of judges are approved by the County Board and approved by the Circuit Court. This list of Election Judges will serve for 2 years under the party the judge has chosen to work for.

An election judge can be dismissed if they choose the opposite party ballot in a primary election.