

~~(III) THE SUM OF THE NUMBER OF JUDGES WHO BELONG TO THE MAJORITY PARTY AND THE NUMBER OF JUDGES WHO BELONG TO THE PRINCIPAL MINORITY PARTY MAY NOT BE LESS THAN FOUR; AND~~

~~(IV) THE NUMBER OF JUDGES WHO HAVE DECLINED TO AFFILIATE WITH A PARTY UNDER § 3-8 OF THIS ARTICLE MAY NOT EXCEED THE LESSER OF:~~

~~1. THE NUMBER OF JUDGES WHO BELONG TO THE MAJORITY PARTY; OR~~

~~2. THE NUMBER OF JUDGES WHO BELONG TO THE PRINCIPAL MINORITY PARTY.~~

~~(5) (I) THE BOARD SHALL DESIGNATE THE PERSONS INTENDED BY THE BOARD TO REPRESENT EACH POLITICAL PARTY.~~

~~(II) THE BOARD MAY DESIGNATE AS A CHIEF JUDGE ONLY A PERSON WHO BELONGS TO EITHER THE MAJORITY PARTY OR THE PRINCIPAL MINORITY PARTY.~~

~~(c) Each member of the board shall have a veto upon the proposed appointment of any judge. If in any instance in consequence of the use of such a veto, the board cannot agree upon an appointment AND A POLITICAL PARTY IS ENTITLED TO BE REPRESENTED BY AN ADDITIONAL JUDGE, then the member or members of the board belonging to the political party entitled to be represented by such judge shall name three [(3)] eligible persons for the office, and from this list the other member or members of the board shall appoint the judge. If the member or members of the board belonging to the political party entitled to be represented by a judge shall file in the office of the board a statement in writing that a suitable person cannot in his or their judgment be secured in any particular district or ward to fill the position of judge, the position then may be filled by a person otherwise qualified residing in another district or ward.~~

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(a) (1) Each board biennially shall appoint for each precinct, at least four [(4)] judges. [An] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN equal number of such judges shall be selected from the majority party and the principal minority party in the State; and the board in making any [such appointments] APPOINTMENT AS A JUDGE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION shall designate the persons intended by it to represent each [such] political party. The board may require the attendance of these persons before it for examination with respect to their qualifications.

(2) IF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF JUDGES FOR A PRECINCT IS EIGHT OR MORE, THEN THE NUMBER OF JUDGES WHO ARE DECLINES MAY NOT EXCEED THE LESSER OF:

(I) THE NUMBER OF JUDGES WHO BELONG TO THE MAJORITY PARTY;

OR

(II) THE NUMBER OF JUDGES WHO BELONG TO THE PRINCIPAL MINORITY PARTY.