

Article - Election Law

10-202.

(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, an election judge shall be a registered voter who resides in the county for which the election judge is appointed.

(2) (i) If a qualified individual residing in the county cannot be found with reasonable effort, the local board may appoint a registered voter residing in any part of the State.

(ii) A minor at least 17 years old who is appointed to be an election judge and who is too young to be a registered voter shall demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the local board, that the minor meets all of the other qualifications for registration in the county.

~~(H) A STATE EMPLOYEE WHO VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AS AN ELECTION JUDGE IS ENTITLED TO USE 8 HOURS OF ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE ON THE DAY OF SERVICE AS AN ELECTION JUDGE AND SHALL RECEIVE THE ELECTION JUDGE COMPENSATION AS SPECIFIED IN § 10-205 OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

(b) An election judge shall be able to speak, read, and write the English language.

(c) An election judge may not engage in any partisan or political activity that is proscribed by § 2-301 of this article.

(D) A STATE EMPLOYEE WHO SERVES AS AN ELECTION JUDGE DURING HOURS THAT THE EMPLOYEE IS OTHERWISE SCHEDULED TO WORK FOR THE STATE:

(1) MAY USE 1 HOUR OF ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE FOR EACH HOUR OF SERVICE AS AN ELECTION JUDGE, UP TO A TOTAL OF 8 HOURS FOR EACH DAY OF SERVICE; AND

(2) SHALL RECEIVE THE ELECTION JUDGE COMPENSATION AS SPECIFIED IN § 10-205 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

~~(d)~~ (E) A local board may adopt guidelines consistent with the provisions of this title for the determination of the qualifications of persons considered for appointment and for the process of appointment as election judges. To the extent not inconsistent with this subtitle, the guidelines may provide for the appointment of an election judge, other than the chief judge, to serve for less than a full day and for the judge to be compensated, on a pro rata basis, in accordance with the fees set under § 10-205 of this subtitle for a judge serving a full day.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

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