

1 ELECTION OFFICIALS

Throughout this manual, the term “election official” shall represent any person authorized to act in the capacity of chief judge, judge of election, assistant, student election assistant, or other election worker within the context of the instruction.

1.1 ELECTION OFFICIAL GENERAL

1.1.1 Appointment & Eligibility to Serve

The county board of elections shall appoint one person to act as chief judge and two other persons to act as judges of election for each precinct in the county. Chief judge and judges of election are appointed to two-year terms in August of odd-numbered years. Appointments are made from a list of registered voters provided by the chair of the political party of the county having the highest number of registered voters.

No person shall be eligible to serve as a precinct official (whether chief judge, judge of election, assistant or emergency election-day assistant) who holds any elective office, including any office in a precinct political party or political organization, or who is the manager or treasurer for any candidate or political party or who is a candidate for nomination or election.

No election official (including an emergency election-day assistant) may serve in the same precinct as a spouse, child, spouse of a child, sister or brother, or with any blood relative of kinship of first cousin or nearer, or a parent-in-law, child-in-law, or sibling-in-law.

No election official who is the wife, husband, mother, father, son, daughter, brother or sister of any candidate for nomination or election may serve as precinct official during any primary or election in which such candidate participates.

Any person named to serve as a precinct or election official shall inform the county board of elections of the existence of any of the aforementioned relationships affecting his or her eligibility and must decline to serve in the affected precinct.

When Serving at a Voting Site

Election Officials may not have political books, clothing, or other paraphernalia and may not discuss politics.