JUDGE OF ELECTIONS (JOE)

DESCRIPTION, QUALIFICATION & COMMITMENT

WHY BECOME A JOE?

- It's an easy to do, twice-a-year job and you a doing a service to your community
- Training is provided (about 2 hours prior to an election) and a full-day of service during primaries and the general election.
- This is a paid position.
- The Judges and Inspectors of Elections each serve only two days a year for a 4-year term, and the county provides all necessary training and manuals.

This is the <u>FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE</u> against voter fraud

DESCRIPTION OF QUALIFICATIONS

In order to run for Judge of Elections, you must:

- Be at least 18 years old on election day;

- Be registered to vote;

- Not be a government employee at any level;

- Not cross-file.

You must receive at least 10 petition signatures and complete the application & notary protocols

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

A typical election day for the local precinct officials runs from 6:00 AM until the vote count is complete, usually around 9 PM, with time off for meals and occasional breaks.

As the person in command of the polling place, the duties of the Judge of Elections are as follows:
- Pick up the voter registration binder and other paperwork from a designated place;
- Verify the voting machine serial numbers against the keys and documentation;
- Swear in the poll workers, assign duties and have them sign their oaths of office;
- Schedule relief periods and fill any vacancies in the poll staff;
- Set up the polling place and machines;
- Open the doors promptly at 7 AM;
- Spend the day helping neighbors vote by signing them in, providing clear directions, distributing ballots;
- Close the polls promptly at closing time of the election;
- Tally the votes and seal the machines;
- Prepare and post the official returns, certifying the election;
- Return all voting materials to the designated site.
- For the day's effort, a Judge of Elections is paid ~$140, but it varies from county to county.

You have additional volunteers who help, including: Inspector of Elections, Poll Watchers and additional poll workers if you have any questions