

8240.1655 QUALIFICATIONS FOR TRAINEE ELECTION JUDGES.

Subpart 1. **Requirement.** Trainee election judges appointed under Minnesota Statutes, section 204B.19, must meet the requirements of this part.

Subp. 2. **Training.** A trainee election judge must successfully complete the basic election judge training course as defined in part 8240.1600 before serving in a special, primary, or general election.

Subp. 3. **Qualifications.** A trainee election judge must be a United States citizen, must be at least 16 years of age, and must meet any residency requirement specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 204B.19, subdivision 6. Until graduation, trainee election judges must provide certification from their school that they are enrolled in a Minnesota high school, and are performing at an academic level acceptable to the principal of the trainee's high school. Until graduation, a trainee election judge who is home-schooled must provide certification from the trainee's parent that the trainee is performing at an academic level acceptable to serve as a trainee election judge.

Subp. 4. **Appointment.** Trainee election judges may be appointed by the municipality or school district conducting the election if:

- A. the trainee election judge is appointed without party affiliation;
- B. the trainee election judge has submitted a written request, approved and signed by the trainee's parent or guardian, to be absent from school to the principal of the trainee's high school;
- C. a certificate from the appointing authority is submitted with the request stating the date and hours the student will serve as a trainee election judge;
- D. the request and certificate are submitted to the student's principal at least ten days before the election; and
- E. the appointment will not require the trainee election judge to serve past 10:00 p.m.

Subp. 5. [Repealed, 25 SR 112]

Subp. 6. **Number of trainee election judges allowed per precinct.** No more than one-third of the election judges at a precinct may be trainees.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 201.022; 201.061; 201.071; 201.091; 201.121; 201.221; 203B.04; 203B.08; 203B.09; 203B.125; 204B.071; 204B.14; 204B.25; 204B.45; 204D.08; 204D.11; 205.17; 205A.08; 206.57; 206.61; 206.81; 206.82; 206.84; 207A.11*

History: *17 SR 8; 25 SR 112; 34 SR 1561; 43 SR 437; 50 SR 971*

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