General Election – November 3rd, 2026

PRECINCT ELECTION MANUAL EXAMINATION FOR ILLINOIS ELECTION JUDGES

Date: (please print)

Name:	
Address:	
City:	**Zip:**
Home Phone #:	**Cell Phone #:**
Email address:	
Precinct # (Residence):	**Precinct # (Working):**
Party Affiliation:	

I hereby certify that I have completed the Election Judge Training as required by law and that I am available to serve at the upcoming election.

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(signature)

Feedback

Thank you for serving as an election judge! Our goal is to provide you with an informative presentation outlining your duties as an election judge. On the lines below please share any comments or suggestions. Tell us what you liked, what you didn't like and share any topics you would like to see covered in future presentations.

Please answer the following questions by circling the correct answer.

1. After being appointed and sworn in as an election judge, they should be available to serve at each election during that _____ year appointed term.
   a. Four
   b. Three
   c. Two
   d. One

2. If the election authority's office cannot provide a replacement for a judge who is absent, the judges present in the polling place may appoint a replacement judge. This appointed judge must be of the same political affiliation as the missing judge. Replacement judges cannot be sworn in until _____?
   a. The head judge says so
   b. As soon as possible
   c. The first ballot is cast
   d. After 6:15 am

3. Voters will be required to provide information and sign an affidavit on Election Day in order to:
   a. Vote a provisional ballot
   b. Update name and address on registration
   c. Request assistance
   d. All the above

4. True or False: Voting instructions and specimen ballots must be posted in and around the polling place on election day.
5. True or False: Judges should rotate positions during the day because it may reduce fraud.
6. True or False: Electioneering is defined as working for, or in the interest of a candidate, party, or proposition.
7. The "Campaign Free Zone" is made up of the polling room and the distance within _____ horizontal feet of any such room. No electioneering of any type should be allowed within this marked area.
   a. 100
   b. 200
   c. 300
   d. 400

8. True or False: Candidates and precinct committeepersons CAN NOT serve as pollwatchers even if they have pollwatcher credentials.
9. True or False: Any successful challenged voter MUST be notified of their right to receive a "Provisional Ballot".
10. True or False: Any completed affidavit, except a provisional ballot affidavit, must be placed on the spindle with the voter's application.
11. Voters may have their right to vote challenged by
    a. Pollwatcher
    b. Any voter who is legally allowed to be in the polling place
    c. Election judge
    d. All the above

12. If a ballot sheet contains a valid write-in vote, the election judges should:
    a. If the results seem close, tally the votes on the tally sheet
    b. Enter candidate's name, office and valid vote total on the write-in tally sheets provided in the election day supplies
    c. Notify all the write-in candidates on their cell phones that their votes were counted
    d. Write the names of the write-in candidates who received votes on a blank piece of paper

13. True or False: Curbside voting is available to voters who are unable to enter the polling place.

14. True or False: Valid write-in votes are counted only for those candidates who filed a "Declaration of Intent to be a Write-in Candidate" with the election authority.
15. True or False: All ballots in the auxiliary/emergency bin must be processed *after* closing the polls and *before* closing out the tabulator.
16. True or False: Beginning with the number "1" the ballot applications are numbered consecutively and spindled in numerical order.
17. Voters that have requested assistance can be helped by the following individuals:
    a. A friend or relative
    b. Two election judges (one from each political party)
    c. The voter's employer
    d. Both a and b
18. A registered voter is flagged on your precinct list as needing to show identification prior to voting for the first time on Election Day. If the presented identification verifies the voter's name and address, the voter will be eligible to vote a ballot that will be tabulated on Election Day. If they <u>do not</u> provide the proper identification, the election judges should:
    a. Allow them to vote like any other voter and hope they provide identification later.
    b. Only allow them to vote a provisional ballot that will get returned to the election authority and not tabulated on Election Day.
    c. Not allow them to vote under any circumstances.
    d. Call the State Board of Elections to verify the voter's identity.
19. True or False: Election judges serve as officers of the Circuit Court and are the sole authority in the polling place on Election Day. They have the authority to make decisions according to federal and state law.
20. True or False: Polling place signs must be placed at the polling place entrance and on the public roadway nearest the entrance to the polling place.
21. True or False: Before a voter completes an application to vote, the election judges must first determine if the voter has already voted.
22. True or False: An election judge must offer instructions to every voter on the proper way to mark the ballot sheet.
23. If the tabulator in the polling place becomes inoperable for any reason, the election judges should:
    a. Call the election authority and/or designated technical judge
    b. Continue voting using the auxiliary/emergency bin
    c. Close the polling place and direct voters to come back later
    d. Both a and b
24. True or False: If a voter makes a mistake or spoils the ballot, they can be given another ballot. The ballot must be "spoiled" and placed in the "spoiled ballot" envelope. The voter's application must be marked to show the voter spoiled the ballot.
25. True or False: Representatives of the Election Authority, the State Board of Elections, Attorney General's office, State's Attorney office, and any law enforcement official may be present before, during, and after the election as long as they are acting in their official capacity.
26. True or False: Election judges should pre-initial the ballot sheets before the voters arrive.

27. True or False: Unused, spoiled, and damaged ballots should be disposed of at the polling place. Only voted ballots should be returned to the central counting location.
28. Before the polls open, judges must
    a. Check that all compartments of the ballot box are empty
    b. Talk about the weather
    c. Compare the ballot sheets and tabulator zero tape with the specimen ballots provided
    d. Both a and c
29. True or False: The ballot box/ tabulator judge must ensure that the voting booth remains free of campaign literature and that no one interferes with the voter throughout the day.
30. True or False: Two judges, from the same political party, shall immediately transport the ballot sheets, tabulator, and all other supplies as directed by the election authority to the counting center.