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4 RFD: Constitution, Campaigns and Elections
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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would authorize a judge of probate to appoint one high school student to work as a precinct election official at each polling place in the county on election day.

This bill would provide qualifications for a student to serve as a precinct election official and allow the student to count any absence from school resulting from his or her service as a precinct election official as an excused absence.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to elections; to authorize a judge of probate to appoint one high school student to work as a precinct election official at each polling place in the county on election day; and to provide qualifications for a student to serve as a precinct election official and allow the student to count any absence from school resulting from his or her service as a precinct election official as an excused absence.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding Section 17-8-1(a), Code



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of Alabama 1975, the judge of probate in each county may appoint not more than one student for each precinct to serve as a precinct election official. To be appointed as a precinct election official, the student must meet all of the following qualifications:

(1) Be a high school student at the time of the election for which the appointment is made.

(2) Be a resident of the county or municipality for which the appointment is made.

(3) Be enrolled in a public high school, an accredited private high school, or a home instruction program.

(b) The duties of the student precinct election official appointed pursuant to this section shall be determined by the officials in charge of the election in the county or municipality; provided, however, the duties may not include either of the following:

(1) Determining the qualifications of a voter in the event a voter is challenged.

(2) The operation and maintenance of any voting equipment.

(c) Student precinct election officials appointed pursuant to this section shall at all times be under the supervision of the poll managers of the election while performing their duties at precincts.

(d) Before performing any duties, student precinct election officials shall attend all required training for precinct election officials of the county or municipality and any additional training considered necessary by the officials



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57 in charge of the election in the county or municipality.

58 (e) A student precinct election official who works four
59 or more hours in a day during school hours on the day of an
60 election or any day of training shall be entitled to an
61 excused absence from school for purposes of Chapter 28 of
62 Title 16, Code of Alabama 1975.

63 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
64 1, 2024.