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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

53 (d) Before performing any duties, student precinct
54 election officials shall attend all required training for
55 precinct election officials of the county or municipality and
56 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.