

HB 1556 -- Election Judges

Sponsor: McNeil

This bill requires a registered voter to serve as an election judge if he or she is randomly selected in accordance with the procedures determined by the election authority. No citizen registered to vote can be excluded from selection as a result of discrimination. The election authority must notify the selected individuals by a letter mailed at least 15 days before the reporting date. Individuals chosen as judges must report for training at the time and place designated by the election authority. Any person who refuses, neglects, or fails to serve without good and sufficient reason will be guilty of a class C misdemeanor, and anyone who fails to serve for the appointed term without good and sufficient reason will be guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

Information about the identity of election judges or other election workers is confidential until after the election has been held. Employers may not subject an employee who is chosen as an election judge to any specified adverse actions. Any person who threatens to terminate, coerces, or attempts to coerce an election judge will be guilty of a class B misdemeanor. Any person who imposes any type of monetary or non-monetary penalty, including firing an employee or reducing vacation time, for his or her employee's service as an election judge will be guilty of a class D felony.