

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA 46601 PHONE: 574-235-9521

Vote Center Judge

Democrat/Republican, one from each party per Vote Center

Assistants to the inspector, Judges scan voters in to the ballot marking machines and work together in bipartisan fashion to offer assistance to voters including those with disabilities, as requested. The Republican Judge (the opposite party to the Inspector) accompanies the Inspector to return elections supplies to the County-City building after the Election has ended. As a member of the Vote Center's Election Board, the Judges must arrive by 5 AM and remain on-site ALL DAY until Election Day duties are completed.

Before Polling Opens:

- Attend training (approx. 1 hour) *mandatory before every election- processes change!
- Arrive at Vote Center at 5 AM
- Verify with Inspector that the voting machines have no votes and reports read zero
- Assist in setting up location and verifying layout for efficient flow of voters
- Swear in the Inspector using Oath

When Polling is Open

- May request Photo ID, preferably suggesting keep ready for a Clerk to scan
- Assist voters in bipartisan fashion when needed in feeding ballot into tabulating machine. while maintaining distance to protect voter privacy.
- Bipartisan team may assist voters in answering questions and with other aspects of the process, completing the PRE-3 "Affidavit of Voter Assistance at the Polls" where appropriate

NOTE: VOTERS CAN BE ASSISTED BUT NOT TOLD HOW TO VOTE.

After Polling Closes

- Assist in packing up election materials for pick-up by technicians/return to the County-City Building.
- Republican Judge (opposite party to the Inspector) must accompany the Inspector back to the County-City Building, you do not have to ride together