

# **INFORMATION AND QUALIFICATIONS TO BECOMING AN ELECTION JUDGE**

## **For the Washington County Board of Elections**

- PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY is Tuesday, May 14, 2024 from 7am – 8pm
- EARLY VOTING dates are Thursday, May 2 - Thursday, May 9, 2024 from 7am – 8pm
  
- GUBERNATORIAL GENERAL is Tuesday, November 5, 2024 from 7am – 8pm
- EARLY VOTING dates are Thursday, October 24 – Thursday, October 31 from 7am – 8pm

### **Election Judges must:**

- Be a US Citizen
- Be a registered voter in Maryland
- Be at least 16 years old (under 18 requires Parental Consent Form)
- Be able to speak, read and write the English language and possess basic math skills
- Be physically and mentally able to work a 15-hour day
- Be able to lift 25 - 30 pounds (with assistance)
- Have own transportation to required training class, election day and early voting days if you choose to work
- Have good listening and communication skills
- Not be a candidate, or a campaign manager or treasurer for a candidate

### **Responsibilities:**

- Attend the required 3 to 4 hour training class prior to election day
- Attend a brief meeting and help set-up Monday evening prior to election day at your assigned polling place
- Report at 6:00 am on Election Day and remain in the polling place until the polls close
- Dress appropriately, as required, in business casual attire on Election Day
- Maintain a positive and professional attitude

### **We provide:**

- Training and election day support
- \$50 for attending training class – *failure to serve on election day will cause this to be forfeited*
- A detailed Manual of responsibilities to be performed

### **Salaries:**

- All Judges may earn up to \$350 per day depending upon the position you choose to work

### **Attention: State of Maryland and Washington County Employees**

Under a State law, ***State of Maryland*** employees who are scheduled to work on Election Day are entitled to use administrative leave to serve as an election judge and keep the compensation received for service as an election judge. Note: Only State employees scheduled to work on Election Day are entitled to use administrative leave.

The County Commissioners have approved administrative leave to all ***Washington County*** employees who are interested in serving as an Election Judge. Please follow your normal procedures for requesting leave.