

**HOUSE BILL No. 2018**

By Committee on Elections

Requested by Representative Waggoner

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1 AN ACT concerning elections; relating to the qualifications of poll  
2 workers; prohibiting the disqualification of active military members,  
3 spouses or other dependents as poll workers on the basis of residency  
4 or registered voter status.  
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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. (a) Neither the secretary of state nor any county election  
8 officer shall disqualify an individual from serving as a poll worker at any  
9 election on the basis of residency or registered voter status if such  
10 individual is a citizen of the United States and an active military member  
11 or the spouse or other dependent of an active military member.

12 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or otherwise  
13 restrict any poll worker qualifications based on the age of the individual,  
14 except as provided in K.S.A. 25-2804, and amendments thereto.

15 (c) "Active military member" means any person with full-time duty  
16 status in the armed forces of the United States, including members of the  
17 national guard and reserve.

18 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
19 publication in the statute book.

## 2024 Kansas Statutes

**25-2804. Qualifications of judges and clerks; pool of trained judges and clerks; voting by judge or clerk.** (a) Each person recommended as provided in K.S.A. 25-2803(a), and amendments thereto, shall be a resident of the area served by the voting place in which such person is to be a judge or clerk.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, all judges and clerks shall have the qualifications of an elector in the election at which they serve, and no judge or clerk shall be a candidate for any office, other than the office of precinct committeeman or precinct committeewoman, to be elected at such election. The county election officer may appoint persons who are at least 16 years of age to serve as election judges or clerks if such persons meet all other requirements for qualification of an elector and have a letter of recommendation from a school teacher, counselor or administrator. No more than 1/3 of the persons appointed to each election board may be under the age of 18.

(c) The county election officer may establish a pool of trained judges and clerks who shall be recommended by the county chairpersons specified in K.S.A. 25-2803(a), and amendments thereto. Judges and clerks in such pool may serve at voting places other than their own if:

- (1) The chairpersons specified in K.S.A. 25-2803(a), and amendments thereto, or either of them, have failed to make appropriate recommendations;
- (2) it is impossible to obtain judges and clerks for a voting place in any other way; or
- (3) voting machines are used, in which case the third judge, who shall be trained in the use of voting machines, need not necessarily live in the area of the voting place.

(d) Any judge or clerk serving in a voting place not located in the area in which such judge or clerk resides or serving on a special election board established under K.S.A. 25-1133(c), and amendments thereto, shall be allowed to vote an advance voting ballot in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 25-1119, and amendments thereto, or shall be excused from duties as such judge or clerk to vote at the voting place in the area where such judge or clerk resides.

**History:** L. 1968, ch. 406, § 12; L. 1973, ch. 170, § 1; L. 1976, ch. 181, § 11; L. 1981, ch. 167, § 2; L. 1995, ch. 192, § 45; L. 2000, ch. 50, § 1; L. 2015, ch. 88, § 60; July 1.