

High School Students  
Participating in the Election Process as Poll Workers

- **What:** Act 242 of 2003-Election poll workers program for high school students.
- **Why:** To involve young adults in the electoral process.

The act is designed to:

- Stimulate the student's interest in elections and registering to vote
  - Allow young adults to assist election officers
  - Allow young adults to assist in the safe entry and exit of elderly and disabled voters from the polling place
- **Where:** The County Board of Election Commissioners may conduct an election day program for high school students in one or more polling places designated by the county board.
  - **Who:** Students shall be selected by the County Board of Election Commissioners in cooperation with the local high school principal, the local 4-H club, the local boy or girl scout club, or any local organization for youth designated by the county board.
    - Students who **have not** reached their eighteenth birthday by the day of an election, shall be called an **election page**.
    - Students who **have** reached his/her eighteenth birthday by the day of the election and meets election official qualifications, may be an **election official**.
    - Each student selected as an **election page** shall:
      - Be excused from school while working as an election page.
      - Serve under the direct supervision of the election officials at his or her polling place
      - Observe strict impartiality at all times
    - An **election page** may observe the electoral process and seek information from the election officers, but shall not handle or touch ballots, voting machines, or any other official election materials, or enter any voting booth.
    - An **election page** shall be a volunteer position and shall not receive any compensation for performing his or her duties.
    - Students that are selected to be an **election official** shall:
      - Take the oath of the election officials
      - Serve under the supervision of the appropriate county board of election commissioners
      - Observe strict impartiality at all times
      - Be excused from school while working as an election official
    - Students that are selected to be an election official may be compensated, if the county board of election commissioners determines that the high school students selected to be election officials should be compensated.