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HB 88: Allow youth election judges

While it is a good idea to involve students in the election process, County Clerks and Recorders and Election Administrators should increase efforts to recruit and retain qualified registered election judges. This is a vital part of our democratic process and more emphasis should be placed on this function.

Part (37) of 13-5-206 says that a youth election judge should be:

- (b) a resident of the state of Montana and of the county in which the individual serves as an election judge; and
- (c) a citizen of the United States."

I did not see anything in this bill that describes what documents should be provided to prove residency and citizenship. These documents should be consistent with those required for elector registration.

The changes indicated in section 13-4-102(4) specify that

(2) An individual seeking appointment as a youth election judge must have:

- (a) written consent of a parent or legal guardian; and
- (b) if the individual is a student, written consent from the individual's school principal.

There should be some provision if the student is home schooled, in which case there would be no principal.

Are youth election judges to be volunteers or are they to be compensated such as regular election judges (see 13-4-406)?

What are the consequences of a youth election judge that is scheduled to be present and is subsequently absent and/or fails to notify the chief election judge of an intent to be absent?

Why does this act expire on June 30, 2013? If this is to run only 2 years, what is the point?

~~If the above concerns are addressed, I have no problem with creating youth election judges.~~

Thank you,