

PEO FAQ's

What is a PEO? Precinct Election Official or poll worker

What is a VLM? Voting Location Manager. They are in charge of the precinct and liaison to our office at the Board of Elections

Do I get paid? Yes, first-time poll workers must take a 3-hour class \$25; Monday set-up; working on Election Day \$116.20; total if all 3 are completed \$141.20.

Can I only work a half day? No, you are required to work from 5:00 AM to approximately 8:30PM. This includes set-up and tear-down. This is done for payroll purposes. However, if a poll worker has to leave due to an emergency or illness in the middle of the day this is permitted and that worker is replaced.

Can I take a lunch break? As long as you're not busy with processing voters, yes. It is at the VLM's discretion. Each polling location has specific food facilities and we encourage you to discuss it with the VLM, or a PEO who has worked there or the contact person for that facility. This will be covered more thoroughly in our class.

I was asked to be a VLM. Sounds like a lot of responsibility. Many of our VLM's were asked to do so by us. If you were asked it is because we feel that you possess the qualities to do it. Remember everybody should know the same information as it was covered in training. Our on-line site is updated and available for you to use. Classes are also offered as well as poll worker practice. We are available if you need any questions. This goes for prior to and on Election Day.

If I sign up to be a PEO will I be working on Election Day? Most likely, yes. You should save the date and plan on working. Our top priority is to run a flawless election. We have PEOs that are "regulars" who work a specific precinct each election. It is up to us (Joni and Linda) to place poll workers in each precinct. We do not take this lightly. We confer with each other to place people based on their knowledge and skill level. IF you have a job and are taking the day off we make a great effort to place you. You must let us know though. That being said, you may not be placed on Election Day. Substitutes are also needed. If you are a sub that will work ANYWHERE you will make our job easier as we will have BACKUP workers in an event a worker cannot serve.

Can I work in my home precinct? Occasionally this is possible, depending on our needs of workers in that particular precinct. More likely than not, your chances of working will be greater if you are willing to work in other areas besides your home precinct. You can specify your preferences to us.