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1	Usually we get a list of election workers from the Democratic party.	Oct 3, 2013 6:53 PM
2	Parties need to make sure who they nominate really wants to be a pollworker and knows exactly what will be expected of them. The Clerk does not have the time to spend calling these individuals going over duties, etc. only to have them decide it is more work and longer hours then they expected.	Oct 3, 2013 10:11 AM
3	Depending on the individual's capabilities, this can be very challenging and difficult situation for both the individual as well as the team of poll workers. If constant assistance is required, things can be overlooked and/or error could occur.	Oct 1, 2013 7:22 AM
4	no	Sep 28, 2013 4:20 PM
5	I don't think that political parties should have any part of appointing election officials.	Sep 20, 2013 5:52 AM
6	NO ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AT THIS TIME.	Sep 19, 2013 10:48 AM
7	na	Sep 19, 2013 10:00 AM
8	we are a small municipality and have a limited number of poll workers. This would make it very difficult if the parties tried to appoint some one who has not been trained	Sep 18, 2013 7:49 AM
9	In the past, the Republican Party has looked at my list of poll workers and selected some of the people I listed. They did not add any that were not on my list. I have heard from some that the nominated elections officials are not always the best for the jobs. They are picked because of political party lines and not their ability to perform the job properly.	Sep 17, 2013 11:23 AM
10	I have had the same election workers for several years. I do not want a political party telling me who I should have working as that would mean training new people and possibly not having any election inspectors trained in time.	Sep 17, 2013 7:11 AM
11	I would rather have a election worker that has the years of experience and training then one I have to have that feels they can do no wrong.	Sep 17, 2013 5:49 AM
12	no	Sep 15, 2013 5:37 PM
13	Finding "resident" election workers is hard enough as it is. It is high time the legislature differentiate between small municipalities and "big city" political machines.	Sep 14, 2013 8:26 AM
14	Some Pollworkers have indicated they do NOT want to be designated for any party.	Sep 13, 2013 10:32 AM
15	I do not feel we should be required to appoint Election Officials from Political Parties Lists and I don't think that should be	Sep 12, 2013 10:52 PM

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	a part of the appointments requirements. You can't express your political views while you work as an election official so why should it matter when they are appointed.	
16	No	Sep 12, 2013 9:09 AM
17	It can be difficult in a small township where it can be a struggle to get pollworkers	Sep 12, 2013 6:05 AM
18	I have not been contacted by any parties, but the survey won't let me fill in any of the boxes with questions.	Sep 11, 2013 10:29 AM
19	Training them is an issue since it displaces already trained polled workers	Sep 10, 2013 10:05 AM
20	The fact that I have to call them first for every election is not fair to the other workers who are not declared but have always served and served very well in the past. Some of the workers nominated are not the best election inspectors.	Sep 10, 2013 9:17 AM
21	I personally do not approve the process allowing political parties to be involved in the selection of election workers.	Sep 9, 2013 11:22 AM
22	no	Sep 8, 2013 11:39 AM
23	We prefer to appoint election inspector/workers from our township. They are familiar with the process and our residents. We are a small township in Northern Wisconsin with a trusted set of inspectors that have been appointed.	Sep 7, 2013 6:08 PM
24	Could we please just do this ourselves? My parties do not contact me.	Sep 6, 2013 8:10 AM
25	I believe training them would be the only issue as most of them don't even know they are on a list.	Sep 5, 2013 4:48 PM
26	the people who are "volunteering" to be on this list either already are pollworkers or always decline and say they never want to work. If they don't want to work, then why are they on this list?	Sep 5, 2013 12:49 PM
27	I DON'T THINK IT SHOULD BE AN ISSUE. JUST BE THANKFUL WE CAN FIND SOMEONE WILLING TO WORK.	Sep 5, 2013 11:22 AM
28	How am I to be sure these people are properly trained? Since it would be my responsibility, how do I ensure they are as competent as my current pole workers?	Sep 5, 2013 9:04 AM
29	I don't think that the parties should be allowed to send out application cards for absentee voting. People are saying it's very confusing. If the people want to vote absentee, then they should just go to the clerk and request one.	Sep 5, 2013 8:30 AM
30	NO	Sep 5, 2013 8:19 AM

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31	I would prefer we retain local control. I don't ask my workers their political affiliation and don't want to have to do that in the future so that we maintain some sort of artificial parity. I am politically independent, so I probably would have little place with the forced two party "balance" if I was a volunteer or paid election worker.	Sep 5, 2013 6:25 AM
32	last time the democrat and republican parties asked for my pollworker listing, they were also asking for contributions to the party. Poll workers called me in confusion, because they thought they had to make contributions to their democratic and republican parties in order to be asked to work the polls. these two items should not be done together.	Sep 5, 2013 6:18 AM
33	My opinion is to continue the way were currently appoint election official. The Municipality should be responsible for acquiring there own workers.	Sep 5, 2013 6:00 AM
34	I believe that if the election inspectors do their duty and remain neutral in their dealings with voters (as they have been taught), why would we want them to display a party preference?	Sep 4, 2013 6:16 PM
35	I have been clerk for 14 years and my experience is that most people in our Town vote regarding the issue and not the political party. During primary elections, there are many people upset that they can not cross over vote. Finding election officials that have to subscribe to one party over another would make the appointments difficult.	Sep 4, 2013 5:55 PM
36	none	Sep 4, 2013 4:56 PM
37	I would just as soon use the ones I currently use as they are trained and do a great job.	Sep 4, 2013 1:35 PM
38	Clerk's have been discussing over time concerns about election inpsectors being nominated by the Parties. One significant concern is that some of the nominees are not all that interested in serving and fuffilling the required duties. Some actually are unable to fuffill the required duties. Some clearly would rather just observe than work. Election Inspectors have training requirements, a great deal of information they must retain, re-learn constantly and procedures to follow. Some of the nominees that are not interested or able to meet these necessary requirements have then basically become paid observers that we must employ. Once that happens the Clerks end up having to find a work station to place these individuals that requires them to do very little. This then creates extra issues when trying to schedule all the shifts and work station assignments. Again, at that point they are just paid observers and not actually able to truly work the election.	Sep 4, 2013 1:15 PM
39	We do not ask our officals about their political affiliations because they are not there for that. They are there to support individual's rights to vote how they see fit. Why do political parties insist on monkeying with everything?	Sep 4, 2013 1:02 PM
40	Many of the individuals nominated by a party are unaware that they have been nominated, causes confusion. Some pollworkers that have more training and are better pollworkers cannot work because of a political party nomination.	Sep 4, 2013 12:55 PM

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41	I have sufficient numbers of outstanding poll workers who do not want to join or even indicate their party affiliations and they are afraid they will be replaced by workers nominated by the parties. Therefore I would prefer to pick my own poll workers from the sufficient pool I already have.	Sep 4, 2013 12:44 PM
42	I have found that the nominees are not educated on the skills/time commitment/training required to fill a pollworker position. I have had to remove a few of the political party nominees as pollworkers after they were appointed because they could not perform the duties required.	Sep 4, 2013 12:42 PM
43	Training is mandatory, therefore I would be responsible for ensuring each election official is trained accordingly. Training is time consuming and as the Clerk and the Treasurer, time is limited. I prefer to keep the election officials I know have been trained properly.	Sep 4, 2013 12:26 PM
44	We get lists when it's the Presidential Election. These people can't be trained and ready to go for the election. There are too many things to know and working smaller elections helps people to understand the process. Our experienced poll workers should not be brushed aside for people who decide now that they want to be a poll worker during the biggest election.	Sep 4, 2013 12:25 PM
45	The pollworkers nominated were on the alternate list. I am responsible for training my workers; the nomination of "other" pollworkers creates additional work and stress for the clerk. I have been fortunate to have very loyal, neutral, and hard working Town residents.	Sep 4, 2013 12:12 PM
46	I don't want to be forced to use workers, especially from outside our town. I'd prefer to choose workers on competence and ability, not party.	Sep 4, 2013 12:08 PM
47	NO	Sep 4, 2013 12:00 PM
48	I do not like this process. There are times when some of these nominated people cannot do the required job or are disruptive and we are required to use them before our appointed people that do a better job than the nominated people. It would be wise if we are required to use nominated people that there are qualifications and reasons that clerks can decide not to use nominated people over the appointed people. I have several people that are not registered with a political party due to choice. I would do away with the whole thing if it were my choice.	Sep 4, 2013 11:58 AM
49	I and my current pollworkers are offended that someone who has not had any training can just get "on a list" and be allowed to work the polls. It is not fair to them, nor the Clerk who has to schedule them	Sep 4, 2013 11:05 AM
50	I think it is unnecessary.	Sep 4, 2013 9:52 AM
51	I HAVE HAD THE SAME ELECTION WORKERS FOR MANY YEARS. THEY WORK GOOD TOGETHER AND I	Sep 4, 2013 9:37 AM

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	WOULD LIKE TO KEEP IT THAT WAY	
52	We are lucky to get people willing to work at the polls. I really don't care what party they are, it's not my business. They should not influence who votes or what party they are. All votes count.	Sep 4, 2013 9:27 AM
53	No.	Sep 4, 2013 8:46 AM
54	I do think it's unfortunate that when there are smaller elections, my workers (many times more experienced) do not get to work if there are political party nominated workers as they get first preference. I also find that many times, the political party nominated workers are there rather to observe and try to find something wrong rather than pay attention and do the job they've been assigned to do.	Sep 4, 2013 8:28 AM
55	I think we should just be able to accept poll workers without them stating a party as we need to have able qualified pollworkers, not just any person who is not qualified just because they state which party they are with.	Sep 4, 2013 7:52 AM
56	I have to beg people to work the polls.	Sep 4, 2013 7:49 AM
57	If a person is nominated, it is important they be contacted first by the party to be sure they wish to be appointed. Often, they decline after nomination. Preference should be given to using already-trained election officials.	Sep 4, 2013 7:12 AM
58	Our voters appreciate seeing the same recognizable faces at the poll, regardless of party affiliation. I am uncomfortable knowing what party affiliation the election workers are. They are discreet, professional, and it's their right to privacy.	Sep 4, 2013 6:09 AM
59	yes, I believe nominations by the parties are a joke. Elections are not political, and should not be made political with party appointees. As a municipal clerk, it is my responsibility to administer elections in a non partisan manner with the best possible people working the polls. How can a person who has received no training, and is appointed by a party perform the duties correctly and in an unbiased manner? I do not support this.	Sep 4, 2013 5:39 AM
60	If have had lists sent to me in the past, however, the few that were on the list were either unable to work or the lists weren't sent to me in time to get the person approved for election work by December of odd years	Sep 3, 2013 9:34 PM
61	I WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE USING THE ELECTION OFFICIALS WITHOUT CONSIDERATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES.	Sep 3, 2013 5:23 PM
62	We have a very small township, election workers are not that easy to get.	Sep 3, 2013 4:47 PM
63	THE PERSON NOMINATED BY THE REP. PARTY TO BE A NURSING HOME DEPUTY WAS VERY DISRUPTIVE AND RUDE TO THE CHIEF NURSING HOME DEPUTY. SHE CRITICIZED MANY PRACTICES WHICH ARE	Sep 3, 2013 1:43 PM

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ACCEPTABLE VOTING PRACTICES.

64	Nominations should be done soon enough to be able to get some training before an election	Sep 3, 2013 1:12 PM
65	The Republican Party has notified me that they will be sending a list and has sent me a letter and a form. I will review the list and interview those on the list, but I will not replace any election inspectors that I have. They have been very faithful, attended many hours of training, and work very hard. If I need any additional inspectors I will use the Republican Party list first. I have to say that I very much object to some of the language that the Republican Party uses in the literature. For example: 'having Republican poll workers at each polling location in Waukesha County is our best protection for the security and integrity of Wisconsin's elections'. To me, this statement implies that a Democrat or someone who isn't affiliated with a party doesn't have integrity and doesn't follow the laws, which is untrue. The political parties should not appoint any election official. They can provide names but not appoint anyone.	Sep 3, 2013 1:08 PM
66	The parties do need to understand the amount of training needed to function well as an election official.	Sep 3, 2013 12:50 PM
67	In the past, when lists have been received by the parties, some of the people on the list were not contacted by the party to find out if they were interested in working. Another issue was the party told their people they could pick and choose the hours they wished to work.	Sep 3, 2013 12:25 PM
68	It shouldn't happen.	Sep 3, 2013 11:00 AM
69	Yes....It is hard enough to find people willing to be election inspectors. If we are unable to use them, because we are required to use people on a political party list, we could lose them for the future.	Sep 3, 2013 10:50 AM
70	I am a County Clerk and am responding answering these questions as they pertain to the County Board of Canvass not Election Inspectors	Sep 3, 2013 10:21 AM
71	I don't mind using political party appointments but am frustrated that many were only interested in serving at certain elections which is a waste of my training time since I had to train new workers to fill their positions on non-partisan or primary elections. Also I prefer to use local (my municipality) workers at their home sites. They know their neighbors, are familiar with streets and the process will be more efficient than using an outsider with no familiarity.	Sep 3, 2013 10:00 AM
72	We are a very small Village and it is not easy getting election officials already.	Sep 3, 2013 9:55 AM
73	I know the C. of Appleton has received nominations from the Republican Party.	Sep 3, 2013 9:40 AM
74	They appoint some people who do not take training or work at elections.	Sep 3, 2013 9:25 AM

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75	I do not think that election officials should be appointed by political party. I have good election officials that may not want to remain election officials if they have to be affiliated with a political party. Our elections are run fairly and do not require political party oversight.	Sep 3, 2013 9:05 AM
76	No	Sep 3, 2013 9:03 AM
77	I have no problem with this as long as the persons are qualified and are willing to take the required training prior to the election. Also enough time at least 45 days prior so training can be scheduled.	Sep 3, 2013 8:43 AM
78	Political parties have no idea who are qualified election inspectors in a municipality. This takes a great deal of training and to be given names of untrained persons or persons who may not be qualified is not in the public's best interests.	Sep 3, 2013 8:03 AM
79	It should be up to the clerks to determine who should be election officials for their municipality. Political parties should not have a say in it. The clerks need to have people that are qualified to do the work and comply with the laws. Political party representatives are not familiar with how the process works.	Sep 3, 2013 8:01 AM
80	I, as the clerk and my town board appoint our election officials. I feel it should be this way as with all the current election day responsibilities we know who can handle the job that needs to be done.	Sep 3, 2013 7:42 AM
81	I don't think that the election workers political preference is anyone's business	Sep 3, 2013 7:38 AM
82	NO	Sep 3, 2013 7:37 AM
83	We have experienced election officials here that are very familiar with our processes and the residents of the community. I would hate to see them all replaced by individuals that do not have that familiarity.	Sep 3, 2013 7:25 AM
84	I have concerns about being obligated to contact those individuals on the lists before being able to use trained/qualified non affiliated party poll workers. Some of the individuals on the poll list have never worked the elections because they are snow birds and not here during half the elections or their personality would not be appropriate to work an election. Municipal Clerks should be able to use their discretion as to what is a good fit to run a professional, efficient election.	Sep 3, 2013 6:45 AM
85	I feel the process is unnecessary and creates confusion and negative feelings amongst the established team when new team members are suddenly working their jobs.	Sep 3, 2013 6:45 AM
86	I feel the Clerk is the better person to suggest such appointments to the Village Board. With all the new training and requirements involved the Clerk would be the most knowledgeable to assign election workers who are qualified.	Sep 3, 2013 6:40 AM
87	It is hard enough to find and educate qualified candidates without having to adhere to requests for nominating election	Sep 3, 2013 6:36 AM

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	officials.	
88	The last time nominations were received they were all people unwilling or unable or non-existent.	Sep 3, 2013 6:36 AM
89	I even contacted the parties but heard nothing, it sure makes scheduling my poll workers easier!	Sep 3, 2013 6:22 AM
90	The Republican Party asked for a list of current poll workers . . . that list is what they submitted to me . . . every current poll worker was listed on the republican party nominating election officials . . . I called two of the poll workers to inquire if they had been contacted by the republican party to be placed on the list . . . they had not been contacted by either party.	Sep 3, 2013 6:17 AM
91	They need to consider the amount of training that Clerks put into these people before appointing	Sep 3, 2013 6:04 AM
92	I did get get some of these a few years ago and called each name on the list. I did get a few really good poll workers out of it but I found the majority of the people on the list weren't even interested. I find that those that want to work at the polls will contact me or someone already working at the polls.	Sep 3, 2013 5:58 AM
93	The election officials are currently trained to assist voters in a non-partisan way. My officials are dedicated to delivering honest election results. Appointing by political parties may disrupt the process and create hard feelings among those officials who have dedicated themselves to the integrity of elections through years of service.	Sep 3, 2013 5:54 AM
94	We have very few in our municipality, out of three, two do not and have never worked an election.	Sep 3, 2013 5:53 AM
95	not at this time	Sep 3, 2013 5:48 AM
96	I do not feel political parties should be able to appoint election officials. I believe the election officials should be from within the town/village that they serve.	Sep 3, 2013 5:47 AM
97	no	Sep 3, 2013 5:38 AM
98	In the 12 years that I have been clerk only once has a political party offered a candidate for election officials. It was one person and luckily that person has turned out to be a good election official.	Sep 3, 2013 5:37 AM
99	None	Sep 3, 2013 4:41 AM
100	have a hard time finding election workers as it is without party affiliation	Sep 3, 2013 4:21 AM
101	I don't think that is needed. Our local system works just fine.	Sep 2, 2013 7:04 PM

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102	I would not be in favor of this. Election officials should be non-partison.	Sep 2, 2013 5:41 PM
103	Our town is small in population, it is hard enough to get people to work as election officials as it is, with the training required and people working full time. It only makes it more difficult when we have to appoint election officials based on political party nominations. We have invested time & money in training the workers we have found to be conscientious, reliable and most importantly, impartial. Please do not make it more difficult and costly for municipalities to run elections.	Sep 2, 2013 5:38 PM
104	No	Sep 2, 2013 4:41 PM
105	One party once did, sent in names but had not contacted any of those individuals, some who weren't even in that party, nor politically involved. Only one even agreed to work. I'm not opposed to the idea, but the political parties need to know the need for training.	Sep 2, 2013 4:14 PM
106	I have not been contacted by any Political party about nominating election officials for a number of years	Sep 2, 2013 1:57 PM
107	No	Sep 2, 2013 12:44 PM
108	Many times in the past, when either party submits names, the people on the list are not aware they have been put on the list and do not want to be on the list when I contact them. In the past, (over four years ago) I have had to contact the local democratic party to inform them that they cannot call my current unaffiliated poll workers and tell them that they have to join the party to be a poll worker. If they did not submit a list, the party should not be harrassing my poll workers. Mike Morgan Clerk	Sep 2, 2013 11:01 AM
109	none	Sep 2, 2013 5:40 AM
110	Considering the training required and our small population (363) we feel we have an excellent election board. Appointments by political parties could create problems for us.	Sep 2, 2013 5:06 AM
111	We are a small municipality and have never had election officials by political parties. We have a good group of people to work at the election and would like to keep them.	Sep 2, 2013 1:39 AM
112	NO	Sep 1, 2013 4:05 PM
113	Have never been contacted by any political party in 22 years.	Sep 1, 2013 4:05 PM
114	no	Sep 1, 2013 8:34 AM
115	Yes - I feel the nominations for election officials should be left up to the governing board of the area the election is being	Sep 1, 2013 3:42 AM

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	held in. Election officials themselves have, in no way, any way of affecting the results of an election and I feel the intrusion of political parties doing any nominations of election officials is totally not necessary. The nominations from the political parties could , and possibly do, involve people the political party has absolutely no knowledge of other than a name they picked. Just my opinion! Thanks for this chance to let you know.	
116	The Town Board of Supervisors with input from Town Clerk should have final decisions in appointing election officials from a list of LOCAL residents who have offered to serve as an election official.	Sep 1, 2013 2:36 AM
117	It is very difficult to find good workers in small. Requiring them designate a political party would make finding good workers more challenging. Things work fine just the way they are.	Aug 31, 2013 4:13 PM
118	Elections have become too complicated to allow unelected politicians and political hacks to simply appoint their untrained, politically motivated friends to work as Election Inspectors and Special Registration Deputies. I have been approached by both major political parties about the process of nominating someone to work at elections, but they never gave me any names. I've been a Clerk since 1997 and this process has always been pretty much a farce. Please put it out of its misery and end it. We've seen what happens when qualified Clerks make clerical errors. We don't need more and better opportunities for errors on election night.	Aug 31, 2013 11:44 AM
119	I don't care for the idea. I have a good group right now and would like to keep them. They are all trained correctly and work well together as a team.	Aug 31, 2013 10:42 AM
120	I don't think appointing election officials by political parties should be allowed.	Aug 31, 2013 10:22 AM
121	We have well trained poll workers who are aware that they need to show no bias and see no need for political parties to get involved in selecting poll workers unless they can show a problem.	Aug 31, 2013 10:09 AM
122	We have difficulty finding officials. Involving parties would only make it more difficult.	Aug 31, 2013 8:38 AM
123	It is an action in futility. Sometimes they ask who we have (mostly they don't) and then send paperwork for the same people....even though they may no longer be around. It is a silly requirement because they do not follow through. Election workers are hard enough to obtain, yet alone them having to declare a party (they DO NOT want to).	Aug 31, 2013 7:34 AM
124	It is difficult enough to find enough election workers. I have been lucky not to have been contacted by a political party. If a political party were to ever begin submitting nominations it could potentially make things really difficult.	Aug 31, 2013 4:37 AM
125	It doesn't matter to me what party they are.	Aug 30, 2013 5:53 PM
126	I don't like it at all.	Aug 30, 2013 5:37 PM

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127	Democratic party nominated one person to be poll worker and Republican party nominated none. Result is that the one person nominated by the democratic party works at EVERY election, and we only use 3 workers at every election, meaning many of my trained workers are only able to serve once a year or less. I have trained this person as an chief inspector, but she really does not have the ability to do that job. She has MS and cannot handle the chief inspector duties. I feel my hands have been tied by the law regarding this.	Aug 30, 2013 5:30 PM
128	WE DO NOT NEED THEM! I HAVE A GREAT TRAINED TEAM IN PLACE AND DO NOT NEED TO MESS WITH THAT!!	Aug 30, 2013 3:53 PM
129	Would prefer that neither party put up election workers as we have numerous people who wish to serve	Aug 30, 2013 3:02 PM
130	I have no problem getting election workers the way it is now, not by parties	Aug 30, 2013 1:35 PM
131	It is a ridiculous idea. I don't have a clue what political party our election inspectors belong to if any and I don't want to know. I believe that the appointing of election officials by political parties as an affront to the integrity of the work they do. Our workers are instructed not to discuss politics when they are working on election day. I can see that appointing election officials by political parties making for a very uncomfortable working relationship on election day. Furthermore, in a rural township, it is often difficult to find enough workers, especially in years when we have several elections. If this happens, I wish the powers that be good luck in finding workers. We only have 3 poll workers on election day. Who will decide which party appoints the majority of those workers? When are politicians going to stop tampering with the work we do as election officials? Brother!!	Aug 30, 2013 1:17 PM
132	N/A	Aug 30, 2013 12:53 PM
133	I don't know what is meant by "first choice nominations" #6. One of the nominees is very unpopular in the town and with the other officials. Another of the nominees was gone for so much of the year that training was wasted.	Aug 30, 2013 12:45 PM
134	we have training time in existing election worker staff. they should not be bumped.	Aug 30, 2013 12:38 PM
135	Everything is working fine for us now so do not need any more changes from the legislature	Aug 30, 2013 11:51 AM
136	The list was not used as they did not submit to the Town Chairman. If there are nominations then they should have to be available for all training and to work all elections, not just when they are here in the spring and summer.	Aug 30, 2013 11:41 AM
137	We should be able to pick our own workers regardless of party. Workers do their job regardless of what party they are and their party designation has nothing to do with the work they do on election day	Aug 30, 2013 11:33 AM
138	I DO NOT BASE MY DECISION TO HIRE AN ELECTION WORKER BECAUSE OF THEIR POLITICAL PARTY. i HAVE NUMEROUS RESIDENTS VOLUNTEER TO BE ELECTION WORKERS. BECAUSE i AM REQUIRED BY LAW TO	Aug 30, 2013 11:25 AM

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	CONTACT THOSE I AM GIVEN BY A POLITICAL PARTY I DO. IF THEY CANNOT DO THE JOB, I WILL REPLACE THEM. LIVING WHERE I DO, THERE IS NO PROBLEM IN HAVING THE PARTY OF THE WINNER REPRESENTED.	
139	None	Aug 30, 2013 11:24 AM
140	We must be careful about election official training requirements.	Aug 30, 2013 11:08 AM
141	If a municipality were having problems obtaining enough poll workers, this would be fine, but my Poll Workers are very dedicated & actually get upset if I don't need them for every Election. They are trained & ready to go always - I would not want to be forced to push out my current Poll Workers.	Aug 30, 2013 11:04 AM
142	Town prefers to have volunteers & does not matter what political party . . .	Aug 30, 2013 10:34 AM
143	As some of our elections are non-partisan, I think it would be crazy to have election workers representing any political parties. They are TOO biased.	Aug 30, 2013 10:03 AM
144	No	Aug 30, 2013 9:28 AM
145	It is important that the nominated pollworkers are residents of the municipality.	Aug 30, 2013 9:19 AM
146	I think this is a very bad idea and hope it never happens in our town.	Aug 30, 2013 8:43 AM
147	We do not ask for the party affiliation for our election workers. We do not share that information among us during the election and feel this helps make us less likely to in any way influence a voter.	Aug 30, 2013 8:38 AM
148	I have talked with my pollworkers about this issue and most of them consider themselves "independants with a leaning one way or the other". they did not think it was right that political parties should "control" the polling place and they should not be given priority over current pollworkers who are not registered with a party.	Aug 30, 2013 8:29 AM
149	When the current nomination came from the Democratic Party, we contacted the nominee and he didn't even know he was nominated, he then accepted the work but proceeded to cause conflict at each location I picked for him. Questioned each action of other pollworkers, wouldn't sign any paperwork unless it was explained to him what he was signing. At the end of the night instead of helping shut down and finalize election processing he writes down results from the machine tapes which angers other workers. I feel that he is a disruption to the process rather than a help, and have tried to cut his work time to half a day and got reported to the GAB for that when actually I would like to eliminate his involvement due to these concerns.	Aug 30, 2013 8:27 AM
150	Our current election workers have not declared a party, and I would not want them to. It is hard enough to get election	Aug 30, 2013 8:10 AM

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	workers in small towns like this, and some of them might not work if they had to declare a party. There should be an exemption for cities/villages/towns under a certain size.	
151	We have many poll workers that have been trained and have been involved in the election process for many years. We have spent funds to pay for their continued election training every year to keep up with all the current election laws. We have balanced party participation with our poll workers and work very well together in running smooth and efficient elections.	Aug 30, 2013 7:44 AM
152	It is a real challenge to train these individuals appointed by political parties. It is much easier to use the dedicated workers that have been extensively trained over numerous election cycles and that not only respect but also understand Election Day procedures.	Aug 30, 2013 7:25 AM
153	I don't think election officials should be appointed by political parties at all. Election officials should keep their political party preference private.	Aug 30, 2013 7:24 AM
154	No	Aug 30, 2013 7:10 AM
155	I am a newly elected Clerk and have not worked any elections yet.	Aug 30, 2013 6:59 AM
156	I have not had any luck in the past with political party nominees. They have to be asked first and know it. So even though they may not be the best worker, or most knowledgeable they have to be asked to work over someone else who would be a better choice.	Aug 30, 2013 6:51 AM
157	We have our core volunteers that want to work the polls. They are trained. I do not have adequate time, nor the motivation to train new and probably for only one election poll workers. Why doesn't the political groups use the workers we have now?	Aug 30, 2013 6:44 AM
158	Takes extra time to train new people who may not have even voted before.	Aug 30, 2013 6:37 AM
159	No	Aug 30, 2013 6:32 AM
160	None.	Aug 30, 2013 6:26 AM
161	Appointing partisan election officials unnecessarily complicates the process. I have many hard-working experienced election officials who are neutral (when it comes to election day at the polling place). It would be VERY unfortunate if I would have to bump these individuals to make room for less-experienced partisan workers.	Aug 30, 2013 6:26 AM
162	I don't think it fair to be told that we have to get certain workers	Aug 30, 2013 6:24 AM

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163	IF THE PARTIES ARE GOING TO NOMINATE, WHICH I UNDERSTAND IS BY THE LAW, THEY SHOULD AT LEAST ASCERTAIN THAT THEIR NOMINEES CAN DO THE JOB AND WOULD BE WILLING TO DO THE JOB. OUR HANDS BECOME TIED WHEN UNQUALIFIED PEOPLE ARE NOMINATED.	Aug 30, 2013 6:14 AM
164	A majority of the individuals that were nominated were not interested in attending training or even serving as election inspectors.	Aug 30, 2013 6:08 AM
165	We need people that are capable of understanding and complying with all the duties and responsibilities of the jobs, and who better to appoint them than local officers of the municipality. Political parties do not get involved in anyway with our township, and I do not believe that they should.	Aug 30, 2013 6:08 AM
166	I have not had the parties nominate election officials for many, many, many years. However, when names were submitted, they included individuals that were on the permanent absentee list.	Aug 30, 2013 6:07 AM
167	The one lady that did agree to be a pollworker could never make any election training that I presented & then a couple weeks before the election she declined working.	Aug 30, 2013 6:07 AM
168	I have been told that the Republican party nominees are required to make a payment to join the party in order to be on the nomination list and that this offended them; desire to serve should not be limited by ability to contribute. The Democratic Party provided nominees that were unwilling to serve and also nominees that did not attend the training provided. I have received comments from the Chief Inspector, from Poll Workers and from residents expressing concern about poll workers coming in to work from outside of the Town - they feel the electors familiarity with the poll workers (people that live in their own community) provides a level of comfort and security with the election process in the Town.	Aug 30, 2013 6:07 AM
169	Some of the people on the list weren't even contacted by the party and didn't want to work. We have some excellent, well trained election officials who do a superb job because of their skills and abilities. What criteria do the parties look for when selecting their list other than party affiliation? These jobs are becoming more complicated all the time and skills and abilities are more and more important to make sure everything is done properly.	Aug 30, 2013 6:05 AM
170	no	Aug 30, 2013 6:03 AM
171	The political party list arrived after the deadline but we chose to contact the names that were provided anyway. Both lists contained a number of people that either declined to help or didn't know why there name was put on the list at all. The parties did not speak to them directly about it. One party sent a letter to individuals indicating if they were not interested to disregard the letter. Even though they disregarded the letter, their name ended up on the list as wanting to be an election inspector under their affiliated party. They were quite surprised to receive a phone call from the Clerk's Office to verify there appointment by the political party and asked to be removed. This is very frustrating that the names on the list were not accurate and the Clerk's office spent a great deal of time verifying the names. There needs to be a better	Aug 30, 2013 6:01 AM

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	validation process that the political parties must be held accountable for in the future if they are going to put names on their lists. They should also be required to provide a copy to each municipal clerk's office of a signed acceptance letter from each appointee they have on their list. This would avoid confusion for the appointees and hold them accountable.	
172	Our request contained an official that is currently a trained poll worker. The 2nd requested official is not, so I will have to go through the expense and time to train.	Aug 30, 2013 5:59 AM
173	There is sufficient interest by residents in our community who are willing to work at the polls on election day. As these poll workers are not affiliated with any political party and are willing to represent either political party at elections, it is not necessary to give priority scheduling to registered political party members on election day.	Aug 30, 2013 5:59 AM
174	All poll workers are under oath. Partisan politics do not warrant the coordination and training. I doubt you will ever find enough poll workers who are publically willing to identify what party they are affiliated with.	Aug 30, 2013 5:46 AM
175	I would like to only use poll workers from my municipality - that way I can train them according to the statues and the election day going smoothly	Aug 30, 2013 5:43 AM
176	no	Aug 30, 2013 5:39 AM
177	It is so difficult to find election officials that I don't think political parties should have a role in nominating election officials.	Aug 30, 2013 5:39 AM
178	At the Town of Scott, we have great poll workers. They have lived in our municipality for decades, they have been pool workers for many years and are well trained. I have a concern about any political party that wants to submit a list of names to be poll workers, especially when they are not trained or will not have time to be trained.	Aug 30, 2013 5:38 AM
179	We never have received nominations from either political party and frankly I'm glad. It's a lot to learn and the longevity brought with our non partisan election officials is a benefit to our city because they know the Election Process well. It makes for smoothly run elections. We train new people, but experience is a much better learning source.	Aug 30, 2013 5:38 AM
180	Appointments by political parties is an interference with local government and should be done away with. Also, at least one appointee has been uncooperative.	Aug 30, 2013 5:37 AM
181	The two nominations from the current cycle were pollworkers in the Town of Burke for several years and would have been appointed without the nomination.	Aug 30, 2013 5:35 AM
182	They asked for my poll workers and contacted them to find out party and then requested them to be appointed. So nothing really changed for me, it was my same staff just reappointed with the recommendation of the party. I never knew their party preferences before and just wanted good poll workers which they have always been.	Aug 30, 2013 5:32 AM

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183	Poll workers should not be associated with any political party. That could influence results.	Aug 30, 2013 5:27 AM
184	I don't see the point of having political party nominations or allowing them to serve as our pollworkers. We have dedicated pollworkers within the Town of New Glarus that step up to every Election. It does not seem fair to me that we would potentially have to ask one or of or Election workers to sit out of an Election so that some other person who may or may not be as trained or qualifed can take their seat for the Election.	Aug 30, 2013 5:26 AM
185	I had to change my election official list, some who have been working for 20+ years, in order accomadate the new election officials. I do not understand what difference it makes what your political persuasion you are - election officials should be neutral when doing their job. If someone wants to be an election official, they should just come forward and not have to be forced on the municipality. They would be worked in at the bigger elections like all the others - and then we can have our core group do the small primaries, etc. so that elections go much smoother with experienced election officials.	Aug 30, 2013 5:22 AM
186	I think when we are FORCED to use people from political parties that have not been trained and replace them with our trained people is stupid. I have never had any problems with people even showing what party they may vote for. It causes more confusion and people who have been faithful election staff are now not ALLOWED to work the election unless they affilate themselves with a party. I have had this happen in our community. What a shame.	Aug 30, 2013 5:22 AM
187	I think this is ridiculous...no matter what party you are from, you should be fair and equitable. Case closed.	Aug 30, 2013 5:21 AM
188	Although I know it has been a long-standing law, it seems an odd practice to invite party affiliations into the polling place. All officials take and oath and are to be fair and neutral in performing their official duties. Party declarations should be left out. Political parties appointing election officials makes it potentially more difficult to staff the polling place. If a municipal resident has an interest in serving and is willing to be trained and is capable of the job, they should be able to work on a non-partisan basis.	Aug 30, 2013 5:17 AM
189	I BELIEVE ALL APPOINTED ELECTION OFFICIALS SHOULD HAVE TO PASS A TEST ADMINISTERED BY THE CLERK AND CREATED BY GAB.	Aug 30, 2013 5:16 AM
190	I have been Clerk for over 15 years and have yet to have any Parties provide a list of election workers. Leave the appointment of these workers up to the local municipalites, PLEASE!!!!	Aug 30, 2013 5:13 AM
191	None	Aug 30, 2013 5:12 AM
192	Political parties don't seem to care if the people are capable of performing the duties required	Aug 30, 2013 5:12 AM
193	Not at this time.	Aug 30, 2013 5:08 AM

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194	Duties of the election officials have grown very complex over the past several years. Election officials must be willing to attend the training sessions offered.	Aug 30, 2013 5:06 AM
195	what happened to our freedoms? I am totally against this.	Aug 30, 2013 5:02 AM
196	It has been my experience that I am not able to schedule my best workers due to this constraint. I am forced to use poll workers by affiliation, not by their experience or competency. Although I understand the underlying premise of scheduling poll workers by party, it has lead to a less professional administration of elections due to the caliber of poll worker I am forced to employ. In one particular district, a certain poll worker has basically been tried in every capacity and failed at each one. She is the only one in that party and has to be scheduled for every election despite failing at every task. What sense does that make?	Aug 30, 2013 5:02 AM
197	Keep political parties out of my office!!!!	Aug 30, 2013 4:52 AM
198	no	Aug 30, 2013 4:38 AM
199	I feel very strongly that poll worker appointments should be made without regard to political affiliation. This assignment ought to be non-partisan. I have lost good and experienced poll workers because of these political appointments. These were people who refused to join the party as a condition of appointment, or who had to be bumped to make room for the political appointees. That isn't right.	Aug 30, 2013 4:33 AM
200	no	Aug 30, 2013 4:27 AM
201	Any time I have been contacted by the political parties they ask me who I have for election workers. Then a few days later I get a letter with those names on it.I'm not even sure what parties my election workers consider themselves as....	Aug 30, 2013 4:06 AM
202	I am concerned about overly partisan appointments. The people that I use now self identify from both parties but are able to go beyond politics to do their job fairly.	Aug 30, 2013 3:40 AM
203	no	Aug 30, 2013 2:24 AM
204	would prefer that this is not done. had a bad experience with a person, caused problems on election day talking about his party. would prefer that people are not forced on us. we are responsible !!	Aug 30, 2013 2:19 AM
205	Not necessary. We've had no problems keeping it simple. Why make it more difficult. I can't believe all the changes in the last few years that has brought more paperwork than you can imagine. I've been Clerk over 35 yrs. When someone is running for office & wins. They learn just like you & I. If they need help, get training. Surveys are just giving someone a job & spending monies we don't have. Our roads locally need to use that wasted money. Thank you!	Aug 30, 2013 2:13 AM

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206	New Clerk, not sure if that makes a difference	Aug 30, 2013 1:53 AM
207	We live in a small community where the majority of the population either works or is quite elderly--it is not an area where people "belong" parties. The ONLY time (over a 30 year period) that I did receive receive a list of names from a political party, it came at an inappropriate time, had the name of one dead person, one who did not even live in the municipality, one whose party leanings were those of a party other than that of the "nominating" party, and several of people who nwere not interested in serving or of dubious competency. Because the Clerk is responsible for results at the end of the day, I personally do Not think that political parties should be allowed to control the "hiring" of the persons who work on the Election Boards.	Aug 30, 2013 1:24 AM
208	Our municipality allows any qualified residents to be election officials regardless of party affiliation. We do not appreciate being dictated to by other sources	Aug 29, 2013 11:21 PM
209	Nonpartisan elections are best for local government. We need people who get things done. Not political parties.	Aug 29, 2013 8:52 PM
210	I will not use anyone - regardless of political affiliation - if they are unwilling or unable to attend a training before they work an election.	Aug 29, 2013 8:49 PM
211	None	Aug 29, 2013 7:23 PM
212	None	Aug 29, 2013 7:03 PM
213	Was not professional at doing the work. Did not listen to chief inspector. Had officials who have worked for years but could not have them as had to taken appointed officials first.	Aug 29, 2013 6:21 PM
214	The election officials will be trained by their money to run elections and NOT the municipalities? All of my election officials are trained, my chief inspectors more training, but all of my election official have training, so ARE the political parties ready to have workers trained to my expectations?	Aug 29, 2013 6:09 PM
215	It makes for a lot of extra work for the Clerk when we have to use the nominated workers. Now that we have to have trained chief inspectors and trained poll workers, what happens if the nominated person has to replace a chief inspector. That is a lot of responsibility to take on and a lot of training that we have to redo. Then what happens to the person who has put so much time into being a chief inspector. They are just replaced that easily? It seems this will make it even harder to get good workers for our election. And then how often does the nominated person only work one cycle and then they are done and we are left with trying to find another worker.	Aug 29, 2013 5:33 PM
216	This last election cycle (1/1/12-12/31/13) was the first time in 2 election cycles that I received a list from any political party. The lists I did received this last election cycle was incomplete, (i.e. people no longer lived in my municipality, wrong	Aug 29, 2013 5:27 PM

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address/phone numbers). A couple of people on the list had been election inspectors but with no party affiliation.

217	Political Parties can appoint all they want - appointees have to be trained and certified as Chief Inspectors. I would want help/assistance in this training.	Aug 29, 2013 5:09 PM
218	WE HAVE HAD THE PARTIES NOMINATE IN THE PAST, AND IT HAS NOT BEEN A PROBLEM.	Aug 29, 2013 5:05 PM
219	They should inform the people they are being nominated and ask for their approval. Our last one had no idea.	Aug 29, 2013 5:02 PM
220	There are many independents in our shop. People don't declare their party preference.	Aug 29, 2013 4:53 PM
221	YEARS AGO PRIOR TO MY CLERKSHIP THIS WAS A PRACTICE BY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY. THOSE APPOINTEES PROVED TO BE UNTRAINABLE FOR TODAY'S ELECTION AND HAVE SINCE BEEN REPLACED BY MORE COMPETANT ONES.	Aug 29, 2013 4:49 PM
222	I rarely have had nominations for election officials in the 30 years I've been clerk. About 10 years I received two names from the Republican party when I contacted them, they really weren't interested in working.	Aug 29, 2013 4:38 PM
223	Nominees were reluctant to have training required and work the assigned hours. This created more work and displaced already trained poll workers.	Aug 29, 2013 4:30 PM
224	When you have a well trained group of election workers it would be difficult to replace them with a novice with no experience just to appease a political party. Not always feasible in small communities.	Aug 29, 2013 4:23 PM
225	I think it should be up to each municipality to obtain their own election officials.	Aug 29, 2013 4:18 PM
226	The worker(s) nominated by the party(ies) had a significantly higher incidence of making biased comments and expressing opinions, during the election day functions, than the pool of workers whom were appointed without any party affiliation.	Aug 29, 2013 4:15 PM
227	Training new ones all the time would be costly.	Aug 29, 2013 4:10 PM
228	Most of the people that I have working the polls would rather not declare their party. It would make things much easier if we could just appoint people to the election board regardless of party.	Aug 29, 2013 4:00 PM
229	I do not think that appointing of election officials is ethical or in the best interest of and for the people as a whole. I think the political parties should be abandoned and every candidate should run on there own merits.	Aug 29, 2013 3:37 PM

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230	NONE	Aug 29, 2013 3:32 PM
231	Election Officials should not be nominated by political parties	Aug 29, 2013 3:17 PM
232	The head of the Oneida County Chapter of the Republicans was very gracious and worked with me on how this process would not hinder my job. He contacted my list of election workers and obtained the two that were already on my list of trained and excellent workers. The head of the Democratic Party Chapter appointed a worker that was not on my list but has turned out to be a very dedicated and excellent election worker. I don't know if a change in the leadership of either party would also try to work harmoniously with me. But I certainly appreciate the fact that I can keep my very competent list of election workers with additions from the parties, but not requiring me to only work with their nominees. I would hope the legislation would work to see that we as clerks can continue to appoint individuals who are willing to do the training and take directions and cope with the endless legislative changes we have had to deal with over the past several years. Allowing the political parties to appoint a minimal amount of nominees would be my choice to maintain my core workers and foundation but would still have the oversight present that the parties feel that they need.	Aug 29, 2013 3:14 PM
233	Such appointees often impede the election process, inasmuch as they may need extensive training and take the place of knowledgeable election officials already in place who already administer an impartial election process. .	Aug 29, 2013 3:07 PM
234	I would be concerned with the training of appointed officials. We spend a lot of time training our election inspectors, and they work as a team.	Aug 29, 2013 2:59 PM
235	no comments	Aug 29, 2013 2:58 PM
236	Difficult to get good election workers with sufficient training. Party affiliation should not be a priority--training/capability should be.	Aug 29, 2013 2:49 PM
237	None of our election inspectors are party affiliated that I am aware of either.	Aug 29, 2013 2:44 PM
238	no	Aug 29, 2013 2:41 PM
239	We are not in favor. It takes a tremendous amount of training for officials, and we already have enough experienced people and do not need more right now. I do not know why these nominations seem necessary.	Aug 29, 2013 2:33 PM
240	The election officials require quite an amount of training. If I have already trained officials to now receive new nominations from political parties would just require more time training. I would prefer to use the officials that have already worked elections and are familiar with how the election process works.	Aug 29, 2013 2:32 PM
241	I am quitting after 30 years of Govt. Service because of this bull shit. I have had Independent workers who I have trained	Aug 29, 2013 2:31 PM

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and had for years and now I have to use these untrained persons above all of my regulars. My workers are disgusted and so am I - I am resigning in 2014 because of this very issue.

242	We are a small municipality that had never dealt with political party nominations. officials all served as unaffiliated members of a cohesive team. Nominations from one party meant that the new party nominees had to work all day; well-qualified and experienced officials worked less. We lost the ability to keep all officials working at each election without regard to party. It was harder to schedule officials so that they experienced implementation of the many changes in regulations.	Aug 29, 2013 2:31 PM
243	Unnecessary since observers are welcome at any time during election day.	Aug 29, 2013 2:27 PM
244	As long as I have a list to choose from and they are willing to work all elections I am fine with the process	Aug 29, 2013 2:24 PM
245	The parties nominating a person may be nominating someone not best qualified, but who merely becomes a "warm body" to represent a required number from one party or the other. The Clerk should have more say so in who is hired, especially after using the nominated person(s) and observing the quality of their work, and the Clerk having the freedom to not use that person often, if at all.	Aug 29, 2013 2:19 PM
246	Although our Village has not been required to select election officials from a list supplied by political parties, I am opposed to the practice for several reasons. Among them:1) It is another example of usurping local government control. We know all of the residents here; the Village's governing body, the Board of Trustees, has far more information about of who is qualified to serve as an election official than an outside political party; 2) Elections should above all be fair and accurate; politics (e.g., the nomination of poll workers by political parties) should play no role in election administration; 3) If a political party were concerned about impartiality in the administration of our elections, we would be happy to accommodate its poll watchers.	Aug 29, 2013 2:10 PM
247	Election officials should be impartial.	Aug 29, 2013 2:08 PM
248	In our small (pop. <500) municipality often one or both political parties do not make nominations for election officials and I therefore appoint officials from at large. Extra hoops to jump through, although I acknowledge that checks and balances are invaluable to the election process.	Aug 29, 2013 2:07 PM
249	Most of those nominated are not at all familiar with the duties required. I have not had a large number appointed, but out of the those that were, 50% either didn't show up, showed up late, or quit once I had invested time in training them and assigning them to their poll location. I have one currently that I may need to dismiss because she is hearing impaired and continually interrupts the election process. If policial parties want to appoint poll workers, they should be required to take GAB approved training prior to being assigned to a municipality because it is difficult for clerks to scramble at the last minute to provide training and reschedule workers. Simply put, it's a bad idea and shouldn't be supported until other	Aug 29, 2013 2:07 PM

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	guidelines are established.	
250	I have had election officials nominated in the past. I did use the officials but all have now declined so cost of training was really a waste of time & money.	Aug 29, 2013 2:06 PM
251	I realize that this is WISS requirement but sometimes wonder how these nominees are selected by the parties. Most times they have no idea about serving as an election inspector or what all is involved. I have been told by some that they never realized what all is involved and regret their decision to accept.	Aug 29, 2013 2:00 PM
252	I prefer to keep it to be a slate of workers approved by the Town Board....my poll workers are older residents who have been doing it for decades plus a few new folk added recently.	Aug 29, 2013 1:59 PM
253	Bad idea! It shouldn't matter what political party anyone supports. It is hard enough to find QUALIFIED poll workers.	Aug 29, 2013 1:58 PM
254	We should keep the political parties out of the election process.	Aug 29, 2013 1:56 PM
255	I would prefer removing the political party nomination process from state statutes as an option. One party nominated individuals that were existing election workers but did not inform any of them about the appointment. Most of these workers when informed about their nomination by the party, declined to be part of the party for election purposes. The other party nominated individuals that were mostly not election workers; I had difficulty with one of these workers thinking he was the election police...he questioned everything due to his own ignorance of how elections work. Elections went much more smoothly without party nominations.	Aug 29, 2013 1:55 PM
256	Why is this done? There should be no party preference for any reason by the people who are working at an election. To me this indicates that both parties distrust the election workers and feel that if they don't have adequate representation at the polling place, it will affect the outcome of the election. I would like an explanation of the reasoning behind this strange law. It will do nothing but create issues - not only training for additional staff, but also the conflicts that can occur when various people are locked together in a room for 14+ hours.....If there is friction between those people, I may lose good election workers due to personality conflicts. Why was this statute created in the first place and has anyone thought that maybe it's time to get rid of it????	Aug 29, 2013 1:53 PM
257	not conducive to a smoothly run election	Aug 29, 2013 1:48 PM
258	The smaller communities have a difficult time getting election officials now; please don't add another layer of bureaucracy to the mix.	Aug 29, 2013 1:41 PM
259	It would be nice if they did have nominations	Aug 29, 2013 1:38 PM

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260	I believe that if election officials are allowed to be appointed on a County-wide basis, nominations from Political parties could cause problems with voter trust of the process. When non-residents of a community are assigned to a polling place because of their political affiliation, then voter trust is compromised.	Aug 29, 2013 1:36 PM
261	Elections officials should be non-partisan.	Aug 29, 2013 1:35 PM
262	The legislation dictating the number of political party workers is what discredits the whole system. I prefer to not know what political party any of the election officials are affiliated. Such knowledge can lead to more scrutiny and public perception of a bias.	Aug 29, 2013 1:32 PM
263	It is difficult to keep election workers well trained. If an appointed election official didn't realize what he or she was really getting into, it could make it very difficult for fellow workers.	Aug 29, 2013 1:31 PM
264	I believe appointment of election officials by parties should be eliminated completely. It makes training difficult particularly with regard to timing. All of my pollworkers are also against it. The reasons for this opposition are too numerous to list here. Additionally, having to work with party appointees outside of the municipality could be costly (is mileage reimbursed) and difficult during inclement weather.	Aug 29, 2013 1:27 PM
265	We have many well trained workers that return year after year. I do not know their political affiliation nor do I want to. They are to remain neutral while working. I think that this could make issues where none now exist.	Aug 29, 2013 1:26 PM
266	WHEN I WAS FIRST IN OFFICE ABOUT 18 YEARS AGO THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY WOULD NOMINATE ONE PERSON WHO WE MADE AN ELECTION OFFICIAL BUT SHE WAS EXTREMELY OLD AND DID A REALLY BAD JOB, BUT I HAD NO RECOURSE TO GET HER TO IMPROVE. WITH ALL THE CURRENT REQUIREMENTS I NEED SOMEONE WHO IS CAPABLE NOT JUST OF A SPECIFIC PARTY.	Aug 29, 2013 1:24 PM
267	I feel that party affiliation has no bearing on the service provided by our election officials during an election. Poll Workers responsibilities are solely to make an election run smoothly and not effect the outcome.	Aug 29, 2013 1:24 PM
268	Election workers should be from the local jurisdiction	Aug 29, 2013 1:23 PM
269	Since voters do not need to register under a party to vote, why do election officials need to claim a party to work at the polls? I would prefer to have dependable, experienced, well trained election officials who live in my municipality to run the polls on election day. I'm responsible for the election, but not allowed at the polls on election day. On small elections we run the polls with the minimal number of election officials allowed. If we use election officials appointed by political parties and the chief would need to leave just to take a quick break, the polls may be manned by people whose only qualifications is that they belong to a political party and have had one hour of training. If someone wants to work at the polls, let them stand on their own merits. Electioneering is not allowed at the polls, so does it really matter if someone	Aug 29, 2013 1:23 PM

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	belongs to a political party? I believe that in most cases having to use election officials appointed by political parties would increase the costs and headaches of elections.	
270	Parties need to make sure that the individuals they are nominating are aware of the training requirements. Most of the time they are not!	Aug 29, 2013 1:21 PM
271	The City of Milwaukee requires staffing of approximately 1,200 election workers for each election. At most, we receive a list of 50 from each of the political parties. Many of the nominees (roughly 25%) are already active election workers. An additional 25% do not return phone calls or contact attempts. Of the remaining half, our experience has been that they are only interested in working the partisan elections (Fall Generals) and then immediately drop from the rolls (except for those previously active). I hope this information is helpful. ~ Neil Albrecht	Aug 29, 2013 1:21 PM
272	PREFERENCE FOR OUR ELECTION OFFICIALS IS THAT THEY BE FROM KENDALL, EVEN THOUGH KENDALL RESIDENTS AREN'T GENERALLY POLITICALLY PARTY ACTIVE	Aug 29, 2013 1:20 PM
273	None	Aug 29, 2013 1:18 PM
274	Appointing by party seems to be an outdated system. We sent letters to party leaders, they just ignore them. Trying to do it by party just makes finding competent officials that much more difficult.	Aug 29, 2013 1:18 PM
275	We have well trained election workers who enjoy working the polls. It would be disappointing to tell them they can no longer serve because of political party nominations. I think the politics need to stay with the elected officials, not in the administration of elections.	Aug 29, 2013 1:18 PM
276	If political parties are going to appoint election officials, those parties need to do so far enough in advance to enable adequate training of those officials. I'm not convinced that a change from the current system is needed/advisable.	Aug 29, 2013 1:18 PM
277	THE VILLAGE OF EDEN HOLDS A CAUCUS	Aug 29, 2013 1:17 PM
278	No.	Aug 29, 2013 1:15 PM
279	Nice being able to appoint non-partisan, larger group to pick from	Aug 29, 2013 1:13 PM
280	The municipal clerk should have more say in who is appointed to be an election official. !!	Aug 29, 2013 1:13 PM
281	Many times in the past we received nominations but the individual wasn't interested in serving. We've received nominations, and the individuals never showed up for training or to work even though they were scheduled.	Aug 29, 2013 1:12 PM

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282	The Republican Party nominated 1 person this election cycle. That person never wanted to work as a poll worker. In my 27 years of being a clerk this is the only time I've received nominations from a party.	Aug 29, 2013 1:09 PM
283	Some of the appointees did not even know they were on the party list. Some of the appointees are not capable of doing all the tasks. I am definitely not in favor of a "county-wide" party list and prefer to use our local trained residents for election duties.	Aug 29, 2013 1:09 PM
284	My experience is that they ask for our current list of workers, and send the same list back, without contacting the workers to see what training/qualifications or desire they have to continue to participate. Often they are not interested in doing it again.	Aug 29, 2013 1:08 PM
285	It would be nice if the people who are nominated to work as poll workers actually would commit to working the elections. It is a waste of our time trying to schedule them when they have no intention of working.	Aug 29, 2013 1:08 PM
286	WE HAVE BEEN CONTACTED IN THE PAST - LATE IN THE PROCESS AT A POINT WHEN I WOULDN'T WANT TO INTRODUCE SOMEONE NEW TO OUR GROUP/ELECTION PROCESS. THE NAMES APPOINTED DID NOT RESIDE IN OUR MUNIPALITY.	Aug 29, 2013 1:08 PM
287	In my experience politically appointed poll workers did not take their duties seriously, missed training, and behaved inappropriately at the polling place by making political comments favoring their party to fellow poll workers and the public who complained and were intimidated. When this was called to their attention and I met with the party chair there was some improvement by several of the individuals, but one in particular refused to change his behavior. He said I had to use him and give him preference and he was there to have fun. They don't want to follow the rules and the other poll workers don't like them.	Aug 29, 2013 1:08 PM
288	Knowledgeable, experienced, professional, and nonpartisan election officials are preferred due to the complexity of election day duties and responsibilities.	Aug 29, 2013 1:08 PM
289	Current election officials have received extensive training and have years of experience. Training new individuals would be time consuming and costly.	Aug 29, 2013 1:05 PM
290	I am opposed to the political parties being allowed to nominate officials. I am especially opposed to allowing them to nominate individuals from anywhere in the county. Part of what makes our elections run smoothly is familiarity with each other and with our residents. Political parties are inconsistent in their approach to nominating depending on whom is 'in charge'; therefore, I fear that I will not only lose experienced election officials to political nominees, but that after I lose my experienced officials I may also lose the political nominees due to poor follow-through by the parties. It is extremely undesirable that I would be placed in a position of dependence on the parties to staff my polling place. Further, I have to train my election officials, so the burden on me to not only replace election officials once I lose them, but to train new	Aug 29, 2013 1:05 PM

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officials will likely increase. Lastly, elections are partisan enough without allowing the political parties to exert ever-increasing pressure on the electoral process. How about if we need their help in finding election officials, we ask for it?

291 I had two from the Republican Party. The Democractic party had two also, but one was not by the deadline, however this person was used as a pollworker, Aug 29, 2013 1:04 PM

292 Individual who agreed to be a pollworker indicated he was not aware of what he was volunteering for when asked by the Republican party to be a pollworker. He thought he was to be a poll observer. Aug 29, 2013 1:04 PM

293 Political parties should not have this option or right to appoint election officials. The appointed election officials may have no training or understanding of the process of elections and that would put an undue burden on the clerks across the state who are already under a lot of stress to run a legal and effective election. Aug 29, 2013 1:04 PM

294 Most appointed election officials are untrained in how we conduct the process at the poll location. Most did not even know they were on the list. All declined to work , and some did not even live in the jurisdiction any longer. This whole process costs us extra training dollars, delays in staffing your polling locations, and inability to staff with trained and qualified workers. I require my poll workers to attend pre-election training before allowing them to work any election. Most nominees are not willing to fulfill these requirements. Aug 29, 2013 1:03 PM

295 We already had most of the people on the list set as election workers. We did not 'hire' any new ones just because they sent their list in. Also, there were several on the list that would not have been capable of working an election. Aug 29, 2013 1:01 PM

296 Since Bush vs. Gore much effort to train and standardize election operations has taken place in Wisconsin and across the country. My recent experience with nominations received from the Jefferson County GOP led me to conclude that their nominations effort, while perhaps well intended, was not thought out. Two names were submitted. One nominee was already serving as an election official the second was deceased. Party volunteers from both major parties have their hands full with GOTV activities on election day. Zealous, well-intended, but sometimes over-the-top political enthusiasts are better suited for campaigning rather than carrying out election day activities as Election Officials. Aug 29, 2013 1:01 PM

297 I have NEVER been contacted by any political party about nominating election officials in the past 24 years that I have worked here. Aug 29, 2013 1:00 PM

298 Ensure lists provided contain current information. Ensure the people on the lists provided are interested in working. I appreciate receiving lists of interested election inspectors, as it helps with recruiting workers. I hope recruiting election workers is never done like jury duty, as that would have an adverse impact on elections--people have to want to do these jobs and get the experience over time. Aug 29, 2013 1:00 PM

299 More and more people indicate they are independent meaning they vote for the individual, not the party, but in order to Aug 29, 2013 12:58 PM

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	serve as poll worker they go with one or the other party. I'm beginning to wonder how wise it is to have nominations of Election Workers by the parties. Give me individuals who CARE about the election process not simply because they are a member of a political party. I have had some absolutely outstanding high school students. Thank you.	
300	I am opposed to any involvement by political parties in the election process. Election officials should be as neutral as possible and not be an instrument of any political party.	Aug 29, 2013 12:57 PM
301	Although our poll workers like to be independent and not associated with a particular party, the best way to prevent fraud is to assign these independent poll workers to work in their own neighborhoods.	Aug 29, 2013 12:56 PM
302	I am absolutely opposed the allowing political parties the ability to appoint election officials. Although I have not been approached here in our township, I have spent hours on the phone talking to other clerks who were having difficulties with election workers appointed by a political party. Many of the horror stories dealt with the workers not following directions, having an attitude making it tough for the clerk to give direction. They do not have the passion, that other election officials do. I have talked to other clerks that were afraid to terminate the appointed person fearing retribution from the political party. I have no problem allowing election observers to be present.	Aug 29, 2013 12:56 PM
303	No	Aug 29, 2013 12:55 PM
304	If political parties are going to nominate election officials, they should first explain to the candidates what will be expected of them as an election official. In our limited experience we have dealt with persons who were reluctant to "play by the rules" as they felt their new "position" was an entitlement and they did not have to fully participate as the "regular" officials were doing.	Aug 29, 2013 12:55 PM
305	no	Aug 29, 2013 12:54 PM
306	In the past 18 years only during the last presidential election a Republican Party rep provided one nomination which we of course needed, and want all nominations to work as election officials, most of our willing election workers are 75-85 years old and have NO real party affiliations and just do a very good job as election workers and enjoy the service to this small town we don't have the distractions and spin of improper conduct in these small rural communities. Trying to fill by party affiliation based on last P or G win is impossible here.	Aug 29, 2013 12:54 PM
307	Must be trained prior to being submitted.	Aug 29, 2013 12:53 PM
308	FEEL THIS IS COMPLETELY WRONG, OUR APPOINTED PEOPLE ARE TRAINED KNOW OUR RESIDENTS & I TRUST THEM. WE DO KNOW THESE PEOPLES BACKGROUND TRAINING ETC.	Aug 29, 2013 12:52 PM
309	The law should be changed so that parties have nothing to do with the appointment of election officials. How is	Aug 29, 2013 12:52 PM

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politicizing the process of running an election a good thing, in any way shape or form? I'm dumbfounded.

310	The Republican Party requests our list of election inspectors each year, then they submit the same list of inspectors that we provided them. We very rarely get new names. The parties should be submitting a list of inspectors that they have contacted, and we should not have to provide a list to them. It would be helpful to receive some new names on the list, not always the same names. One member of the party commented that they do not like to take names off the list, but sometimes that is necessary, especially if the person is no longer able to handle the duties of an election inspector. Also, every year a few new names are submitted that do not wish to serve as election inspectors, and when contacted they did not realize what they were agreeing to when contacted by the party. The parties need to be sure and explain what is expected of the people they are nominating.	Aug 29, 2013 12:50 PM
311	We received only one nomination last year from the Republican Party for an election official nomination but that person did not live in the municipality. There is not enough interest when people consider the long hours, training necessary, and little pay. Please allow me as Clerk to exercise local control by finding, hiring, and training quality workers.	Aug 29, 2013 12:49 PM
312	I respectfully request you lobby to end this practice. We are responsible for having our officials trained to run elections and political party status or any other factor such as race, gender or creed should not be a factor in choosing qualified election workers. And requiring a turnover based on the lists provided by either party is not cost effective due to training requirements, nor provides the continuity that experienced election workers provide.	Aug 29, 2013 12:49 PM
313	no	Aug 29, 2013 12:48 PM
314	To remind them initial and ongoing training is required.	Aug 29, 2013 12:48 PM
315	Only one person ever actually came to training and served as a poll worker, but that person was already serving as a poll worker not affiliated with a declared party	Aug 29, 2013 12:48 PM
316	I would like to feel that Municipal Clerks have the capability to chose competent election workers.	Aug 29, 2013 12:48 PM
317	The current system is fine. I appreciate the help in finding workers. SB 20 may have the unintended consequence for townships as they may lose workers to larger municipalities who pay more.	Aug 29, 2013 12:48 PM
318	I understand the rationale, but think finding workers would be much easier without this requirement.	Aug 29, 2013 12:47 PM
319	I prefer to select my own election officials because in the past they have submitted names of people who were no longer alive or not interested in being election officials.	Aug 29, 2013 12:47 PM
320	I was contacted by the Republican Party the end of 2011 to have one of their people be a poll worker. She started in	Aug 29, 2013 12:47 PM

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	2012 and I guess she will be on my list until they tell me to take her off.	
321	Election Officials appointed by a political party are not always too good at the job. Yet I must have them work an election, rather that more qualified election officials.	Aug 29, 2013 12:47 PM
322	do not want county wide appointments	Aug 29, 2013 12:46 PM
323	It really is difficult enough to just get workers; I can't imagine how difficult it would be to make sure I had some from certain parties. Some also don't want to give out that information.	Aug 29, 2013 12:46 PM
324	Many times the appointed people do not realize how much is involved with the training and have other obligations.	Aug 29, 2013 12:46 PM
325	MANY TIMES WE HAVE TO USE PARTY NOMINATED (NOT SO HELPFUL) ELECTION OFFICIALS BEFORE BETTER QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE NOT NOMINATED. VERY FRUSTRATING. EITHER THEY ARE VERY HARD OF HEARING, DO NOT FOLLOW DIRECTIONS WELL, TALK TOO MUCH, ETC.	Aug 29, 2013 12:46 PM
326	It makes it very difficult to schedule workers when they are from a particular party and maybe don't see eye to eye. We don't need any conflicts during elections. I feel it is better to make this position a non-political one.	Aug 29, 2013 12:44 PM
327	I Believe that politics should stay out of the polling place. We don't care what political party they support or if they even support one because they don't discuss anything political at the polling place anyway. They are there to do a job and to be helpful, courteous, and non-biased in anyway while performing that job.	Aug 29, 2013 12:44 PM
328	I don't feel it's appropriate for parties to appoint election officials. Given the complexities of elections and election law, I feel the need to make sure that we have qualified personnel handling the polls on election day. When parties appoint people, how do I know these people are qualified, or will even "mesh" with my current staff?	Aug 29, 2013 12:43 PM
329	NA	Aug 29, 2013 12:42 PM
330	They should be limited as to how many they can appoint. Or at least a percentage should be set as to how many of the appointed officials work on each election. I don't believe a political party should be able to nominate enough workers to fill an entire election. They just wouldn't have enough experience to properly handle the responsibilities.	Aug 29, 2013 12:42 PM
331	It's tough to find poll workers now. Let's not make it worse. In this area the parties don't care.	Aug 29, 2013 12:42 PM
332	I don't know the party affiliation of our election workers and frankly don't care. They are honest individuals and are very concerned about conducting the election as the law provides and being fair to everyone.	Aug 29, 2013 12:42 PM

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333	Being a City of 15 polling locations, I need the freedom to schedule their appointees wherever they are needed. Often, we use split shifts to accommodate poll workers and the flexibility to use the party nominees at any location is very important. Also, for smaller elections, they have bumped my seasoned workers just because they are party nominees which really is unfair to those who have served the City for several years very effectively. I never get enough nominees to staff any of the poll locations from both parties. Many people, when contacted, have no idea why their name is on a list, stating they just signed up to be "volunteers" and know nothing about volunteering to be poll workers.	Aug 29, 2013 12:41 PM
334	I believe it should be up to each municipality to choose whomever they would prefer to work or only those who are capable of performing the duties of the election inspectors.	Aug 29, 2013 12:40 PM
335	If parties are going to require municipalities to appoint party affiliated people as election officials they NEED to be bipartisan during the election and not make it obvious who they support to anyone! Very frustrating having to referee political signs on vehicles, comments made to voters, comments made to other election officials, etc. They should be required to undergo a GAB certified training prior to the municipal clerk!	Aug 29, 2013 12:40 PM
336	I can't be sure which party it was that made nominations but I believe it was the Republican Party. None of the nominations actually lived in the Village of Waunakee. They were not appointed.	Aug 29, 2013 12:39 PM
337	I want to use election inspectors I have trained and know what I expect of them. I would want them to be not associated with any political party. And inspector who knows electors.	Aug 29, 2013 12:39 PM
338	I cannot get the two parties to offer anyone for election work	Aug 29, 2013 12:38 PM
339	The Republican Party did give me names last time and they happened to be current pollworkers so it worked out well. I haven't had any other names in my 10 years as a clerk. I know that if there were names presented that it might cause hard feelings if I had to remove current people to accommodate new names.	Aug 29, 2013 12:38 PM
340	Walworth County Rep. and Dem. parties have only submitted nominations one time each in the last nine years that I have been the clerk in Fontana. In both cases they have asked me if any of the current pollworkers were members of their respective parties; and I have had at least one of each when the party has sent me inquiry letters. This year I got a letter from the Rep. party president, but not the Dem. party president. Four years ago, I received a letter from the Dem. party president, but not the Rep. party president.	Aug 29, 2013 12:37 PM
341	Yes. It is hard enough to get election officials without trying to ask who is a Democrat or who is a Republican. Also both parties should not be allowed to print out requests for Absentee Ballots. The addresses are often wrong and it just screws up the process.	Aug 29, 2013 12:36 PM
342	I do not understand why the persons nominated by a political party have to be appointed and used during elections when	Aug 29, 2013 12:36 PM

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	we already have trained and reliable poll workers.	
343	They need to make certain those being appointed have had training. just because you are party affiliated, does not mean you know about elections.	Aug 29, 2013 12:35 PM
344	ARE POTENTIAL APPOINTEES SCREENED FOR ROLES AS INSPECTORS. LEGISLATORS CONTINUE TO CREATE A MORE LABOR INTENSIVE PROCESS FOR INSPECTORS THAT REQUIRES PREREQUISTE SKILLS AND ABILITIES SOMETIME POLITICAL ACTIVITY FAILS TO CHURN OUT QUALIFIED INSPECTORS	Aug 29, 2013 12:35 PM
345	One name submitted was not a resident of my community. I have also experienced issues with the people submitted by the parties, as these people like to electioneer while working.	Aug 29, 2013 12:35 PM
346	We have to seek out the parties to get the names. Some years we do not get names and other years we have gotten names of people who do not want to work and wonder how we got their names and they say they are not registered with "that" party, so how did we get their names. We have also received the names of deceased individuals. Given that, I believe the parties do not get the permission of the electors before sending us their names. We have spent many dollars and many hours on training our election officials. We have highly skilled/educated workers and I do not want to loose them to another municipality in the County that does not provide the quality of training we do.	Aug 29, 2013 12:35 PM
347	We did not have appointments in 2013, however we did have appointments in 2012 during the Nov. Presidential Race and During the Governor's Recall We have no problem with this unless it begins to disenfranchise current election officials that have trained and have done this for many years as their civic service. We really aren't sure what current officials designate as their party ( I believe we have an adequate mix for both major parties- this hasn't been a topic or a question that we would ever consider asking. Hope this helps!	Aug 29, 2013 12:35 PM
348	It would be wonderful and save a lot of time if we received lists of people that actually are available for the elections. We choose from the party lists first and many are snow birds and gone for the elections so then we have to go to our list of undeclared.	Aug 29, 2013 12:34 PM
349	No	Aug 29, 2013 12:33 PM
350	For small municipalities like ours it is a waste of any party's time to send us a list. Of course, we will appoint someone they recommend, but for many years they've only sent us a list with one name, and that person has been a pollworker anyway for many years.	Aug 29, 2013 12:33 PM
351	I would prefer to choose my own election workers. Several that were recommended did not follow regulations Were very interested in voters parties.	Aug 29, 2013 12:33 PM

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352	Individual nominated by Democratic Party literally put his head down on the table and slept during the Presidential Election! Mechanism to determine whether there is a real interest in assisting with the election process versus just making a few dollars would be helpful.	Aug 29, 2013 12:33 PM
353	I stopped requesting lists from the parties many years ago, because they never responded.	Aug 29, 2013 12:32 PM
354	I have always been concerned that a party could instruct election officials not to appear for duty in a ward that they expected to lose.	Aug 29, 2013 12:32 PM
355	This could make it very difficult for municipalities if there are more on the list than the municipality needs and that list does not include your Chief's.	Aug 29, 2013 12:32 PM
356	normally we get lists from both parties. Lists only contain names for about half the number of workers we need. Several names on the list were never contacted by party officials regarding their interest in serving as an election worker: We contact them and they ask what we are talking about.	Aug 29, 2013 12:32 PM
357	None	Aug 29, 2013 12:31 PM
358	Would be nice if the political parties would explain the duties and expectations of poll workers as most are not interested when they receive a phone call or unavailable to work once accepted and contacted to work	Aug 29, 2013 12:31 PM
359	I mail out a letter to the political parties asking for nominations and I usually don't receive any.	Aug 29, 2013 12:30 PM
360	The political parties tend to give names and addresses of people they have never spoken with and who are not interested in being poll workers. The rest of the names provided already are on our listing of active poll workers.	Aug 29, 2013 12:30 PM
361	I would prefer to not have to work off a list from any political party.	Aug 29, 2013 12:30 PM
362	The Republican Party has submitted a list of nominations and not one has EVER worked. Of course, everyone wants to work the Prez elections but they do not want to take the time to be properly TRAINED or work the small elections. We could get someone completely not capable of working. Appointing officials should be left to the municipal clerks.	Aug 29, 2013 12:30 PM
363	Gathering a name on a piece of paper does not mean that the individual has the desire to be trained or to be scheduled to work at elections. Parties need to make sure that names submitted understand that training is a requirement before being assigned to work and yes, the day begins early at 6:30 am.	Aug 29, 2013 12:29 PM