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Additional Election Day Poll Workers Needed

Lincoln – Lancaster County Election Commissioner David Shively today said he is looking for a few good men and women to serve as poll workers on Election Day.

Every two years Shively's office needs over 1,000 Election Day poll workers for over 190 precincts in Lancaster County. Poll workers must be a Lancaster County registered voter and able to work on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. until shortly after the polls close at 8:00 p.m. Physical requirements include good eye sight, good hearing and the ability to sit for an extended period of time.

Shively's office appointed permanent poll workers for the 2016-2017 election cycle earlier this year. His office currently needs interested people who could serve as a substitute to replace an appointed poll worker if for some reason he or she is unable to serve on Election Day in November.

Once appointed, Shively indicated that poll workers enjoy the same civil leave protection as those who serve on jury duty. "Employers must allow an employee the time off to serve as a poll worker without threat of or loss of personal or holiday pay, sick leave, overtime pay, or any other form of penalty for absence when serving as an election poll worker," Shively said.

The Election Commission Office will provide Poll Worker training classes prior to the general election. Poll Workers receive minimum wage for the thirteen-plus hours they work on Election Day plus a stipend for attending a training session.

Anyone interested in serving as an Election Day poll worker should contact the Lancaster County Election Commission at 402 441-7311 or stop by the Election Commission Office at 601 North 46th Street.

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