



# DEBRA BOWEN

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### **Secretary of State Debra Bowen Urges Citizens to Serve As Poll Workers for February 5 Presidential Primary Election**

**SACRAMENTO** – Secretary of State Debra Bowen today encouraged registered voters and high-school students over the age of 16 to sign up to work at the polls on Election Day.

“Some county elections officials still need poll workers for the February 5 Presidential Primary Election, and I want people to know there is still time to sign up and get involved on the front lines of democracy,” said Secretary Bowen, the state’s chief elections officer. “I worked at the polls for a number of years before I ran for office. I can say from first-hand experience that being a poll worker is a fun and easy way to get involved in the electoral process.”

A Californian can serve as a poll worker if he or she is:

- A registered voter, or
- A high-school student in good standing who is a United States citizen, at least 16 years old, and has a grade-point average of at least 2.5.

Poll workers earn an average stipend of \$100 for the day, though rates vary among counties. Interested people should call their county elections office to sign up.

For more information about how to be a poll worker, including a county elections office contact list, go to the Secretary of State’s website at <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/pollworker.htm>.

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