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### **100,000 Poll Workers Needed Across California**

**SACRAMENTO** – With only weeks to go before the November 2 General Election, Secretary of State Debra Bowen encouraged Californians to get involved in the electoral process by signing up to be a poll worker on Election Day.

“Poll workers truly do make an important difference in our democracy,” said Secretary Bowen, the state’s chief elections officer. “Each poll worker helps to protect voters’ rights, secure ballots and ensure polling place accessibility – all crucial to the success of an election.”

The average stipend is \$100 for the day’s work, though rates vary among counties. Interested people may call their county elections offices to sign up, or visit [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/pollworker.htm](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/pollworker.htm) for more information.

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.

Secretary Bowen also highlighted updated poll-worker training standards, which debuted earlier this year to reflect lessons learned from past elections and changes in state law. Developed in collaboration with county elections officials, the 31 pages of standards address voting rights laws, assistance for voters with disabilities, cultural competency and more. The standards do not replace poll-worker training materials or resources; rather, they supplement information already provided by county elections officials. The revised standards can be found at [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/pdfs/poll-worker-training-standards-final-031210.pdf](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/pdfs/poll-worker-training-standards-final-031210.pdf).

The last day to register to vote in the November 2 General Election is October 18. The last day to request a vote-by-mail ballot is October 26.

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