

**ELECTIONS SERVICES ASSISTANT I****DEFINITION**

Under supervision, perform a variety of functions relative to the County Clerk-Recorder-Election Division including; performing a variety of technical and general assignments which include processing voter registrations, filing election and legal documents, keeping databases accurate and up to date, assisting with the candidate nomination and filing process and providing a variety of routine administrative support tasks.

**DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS**

This is the entry and first working level in the Elections Services Assistant class. This class is distinguished from the Elections Services Assistant II by the performance of the more routine tasks and duties assigned to positions within the series. Incumbents are expected to enter the work area with office skills and background, are expected to be familiar with the functions of the County Clerk-Recorder-Election Division.

**REPORTS TO**

Reports to the Elections Coordinator.

**CLASSIFICATIONS DIRECTLY SUPERVISED**

None.

## **ELECTIONS SERVICES ASSISTANT I - 2**

### **EXAMPLES OF DUTIES**

Duties may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Performs a variety of complex and specialized support work for the conduct of Federal, State, Local and Special District elections.
- Registers voters; maintains voter registration records; processes Vote by Mail requests; participates in the issuance, acceptance and verification of nomination papers, petitions, candidate and Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) committee filings; compiles a variety of data for special reports, forms and periodic reviews.
- Provides updated information to social media site.
- Responsible for assisting in the operation of the Elections Division voter and election management system, including programing for elections, preparing disks and reports for candidates, committees and the Secretary of State.
- Refers questions regarding election policies and procedures to appropriate staff within scope of authority.
- Performs election activities including preparing, assembling and distributing publications, notices, voter information guides and official ballots, processes and tracks Vote by Mail ballots.
- Assists in testing election and ballot tabulation equipment, conducting official canvass and certification of election and/or recount results.
- Provides proofreading for ballots, voter information guides and other printed election material. May provide voice audio materials for Voters with Specific Needs.
- Provides assistance to the Elections Coordinator.
- Builds and maintains positive working relationships with co-workers, other county employees, and the public using principles of good customer service. Contributes to a positive work environment.
- May be occasionally assigned to perform County Clerk-Recorder duties to meet workload demands.
- May be required to work extended hours and weekends as needed during peak election periods and attend out of county training as needed.

### **TYPICAL PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS**

Sit for extended period; frequently stand and walk; normal manual dexterity and eye-hand coordination; physical ability to lift and carry objects weighing up to 50 lbs; corrected hearing and vision to normal range; verbal communication; use of office equipment including computers, telephones, calculators, copiers, scanners, postage machine and FAX.

## **ELECTIONS SERVICES ASSISTANT I - 3**

### **TYPICAL WORKING CONDITIONS**

Work is performed in an office environment; continuous contact with staff and the public.

### **DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS**

#### **Knowledge of:**

- Basic understanding of voter registration and the election process.
- Current computer systems, applications such as Excel, Word and Power Point, spreadsheets and databases.
- Basic legal terminology.
- Principles of English grammar, spelling and punctuation.
- Basic math skills.
- Office methods, practices, and procedures, including accuracy in filing, letter and report writing.
- Comprehensive public contact techniques.

#### **Ability to:**

- Implement policies and procedures while assuring compliance with department and division goals and objectives.
- Research, reading and understanding relevant Federal, State, County, Municipal, School and Special District statutes, rules, ordinances, codes and regulations.
- Accept direction regarding prioritizing multiple tasks, projects and demands.
- Work within deadlines to complete projects and assignments.
- Effectively identify and recommend solutions to problems.
- Work under pressure of constant deadlines, with multiple priorities in fast-paced conditions.
- Read and follow written and verbal instructions.
- Read and understand geographical mapping terminology.
- Read and compare handwritten signatures rapidly and accurately.
- Efficiently utilize time management skills.
- Ability to understand and apply confidentiality procedures regarding voter files.

## **ELECTIONS SERVICES ASSISTANT I - 4**

### **Training and Experience:**

Qualifications needed for this position:

High school diploma or equivalent GED certificate.

Two (2) years of governmental, computer or administrative experience in a customer service based office.

Substitution: Associate's degree may be substituted for one (1) year of required work experience.

### **Special Requirements:**

Must possess a valid driver's license at the time of application and a valid California Driver's License by the time of appointment. The valid California License issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles must be maintained throughout employment.

Must pass a Department of Justice (DOJ) background check as a condition of employment.

Must possess 40 words per minute typing certificate or pass exam.

All County of Plumas employees are designated Disaster Service Workers through state law (California Government Code Section 3100-3109). Employment with Plumas County requires the affirmation of a loyalty oath to this effect. Employees are required to complete all Disaster Service Work related training as assigned, and to return to work as ordered in the event of an emergency.