## Commission denies request for election funding

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On Monday the Elmore County Commission denied Probate Judge John Enslen's request to hire an election specialist; a decision Enslen believes could produce an elections disaster.

Enslen made a request at the July 22 meeting of the Elmore County Commission for additional funding to hire an Election Specialist as a county employee under Enslen's direction. The commission tabled the issue until this week. On August 12 the commission denied Enslen's request. The motion to deny was made by Commissioner David Bowen and seconded by Commissioner Mark Hragyil.

Cindy Mann previously held the position as Election Specialist, as a contractor, rather than an employee of the county. Mann resigned in April. Commission Chairman Joe Faulk said that Enslen expressed to him that he would rather have an Election Specialist as an employee rather than a contractor. Enslen says most counties in the state use an employee for this work.

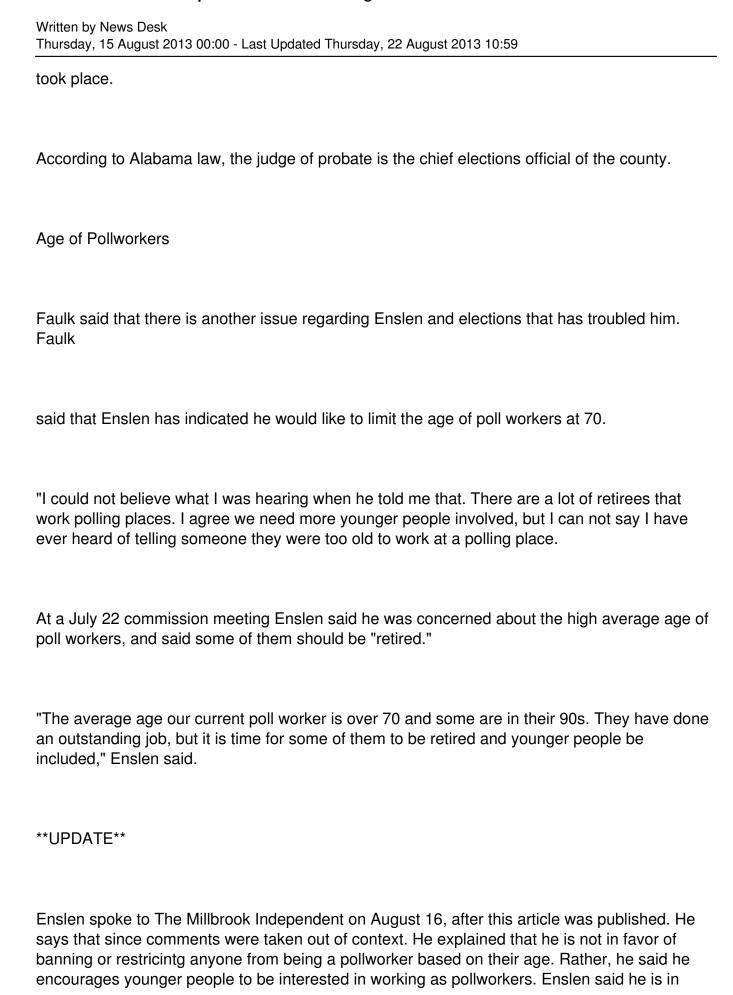
"My recomendation to Judge Enslen was that he go through an election cycle with Ms. Mann, evaluate the process, and make the position an employee after the next election. He did not want to do it that way," Faulk said.

After Mann resigned, and after Representative Barry Mask took a job as CEO of Alabama's Realtor association, Faulk said he spoke to Enslen again, this time accompanied by Commissioner Mark Hragyil.

"We asked him, 'what are you going to do if Barry Mask resigns from his House seat and you must conduct a special election?' He (Enslen) told us that he could handle it without any problems. I think his words were, 'It is not rocket science,'" Faulk said.

Faulk said that prior to the August 12 commission meeting, Enslen sent e-mails to some county employees refuting Faulk's quotes and denying the meeting between Enslen, Faulk and Hragyil

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discussion with Superintendent Jeff Langham of the Elmore County School system to encourage high school students, who are age to work polls, to do so on election day.