

- (a) on the request of the returning officer, provide the returning officer with information and assistance, and
 - (b) on the vote results being declared by the returning officer, take custody of election materials and provide for their destruction in accordance with this Act.
- (2) The secretary may delegate any powers and duties of the secretary under this Act to the returning officer.

RSA 2000 cL-21 s19;2003 c27 s7

Administration of oaths

20 The returning officer, a presiding deputy or a commissioner for oaths is authorized to administer an oath to a person making an oath that is authorized or required by this Act.

RSA 2000 cL-21 s20;2003 c27 s8;2006 c22 s12

Qualification of candidates

21(1) A person may be nominated as a candidate in any election under this Act if on nomination day the person

- (a) is eligible to vote in that election,
 - (b) has been a resident of the local jurisdiction and the ward, if any, for the 6 consecutive months immediately preceding nomination day, and
 - (c) is not otherwise ineligible or disqualified.
- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), in the case of a city, a candidate for councillor is not required to be a resident of the ward in either a general election or a by-election, but must be a resident of the city.
- (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a candidate for trustee of a board of a school district that is wholly or partly within the boundaries of a city is not required to be a resident of the ward in either a general election or a by-election, but must be a resident of the school district.
- (4) If the boundaries of a local jurisdiction are altered by the addition of land, a person who has been a resident of the added land for at least the 6 months immediately preceding nomination day is deemed, for the purposes of this Act, to have been a resident, during that time, of the local jurisdiction to which the land was added.

1983 cL-27.5 s21;1985 c38 s6;1988 cS-3.1 s247;1990 c36 s52;
1991 c23 s2(10)