

Kusper Ad Recruits Poll Judges Here

The Chicago Board of Election Commissioners advertised in the four Chicago newspapers yesterday in an unprecedented attempt to recruit election judges for the November election.

The full-page ads were signed by Stanley T. Kusper Jr., chairman of the board, who told The Tribune that judges are "quitting at a rate of 55 a day."

In the ads, Kusper asks for 1,500 new judges in Chicago. "More than 1,200 Republican vacancies exist and fewer than 275 Democratic judges are needed," the ad says.

On Sept. 13, board records showed that 1,127 Republican judges and 318 Democratic judges were needed for the Nov. 7 election.

1,445 Judges Needed

Mrs. Marie T. Suthers, minority member of the board, said the number of vacancies existing is about normal for this time of the month before a general election.

Kusper blamed resignations on recent federal and grand jury indictments of election judges and an Illinois House Committee investigation, all resulting from Tribune dis-

closures of mass vote theft and collusion between election judges and Democratic precinct captains.

So far, a federal grand jury has indicted 34 election judges named in the Tribune series exposing Democratic control of Republican judges.

"Afraid to Be Judges"

"People are afraid to be judges," Kusper said. "Who wants to take a look at a grand jury? Who wants to face the inquisition of a House committee on election, even if they haven't done anything wrong?"

He said his staff is calling judges who have resigned to encourage them to work on Nov. 7.

Forbes Shepherd, director of Project LEAP, an independent voter's watchdog group, blasted Kusper's ad, charging, "If he [Kusper] would process all our applications, we could fill every damn vacancy he has."

The ad also makes a plea for 7,000 special judges needed for the election to count ballots on the question of retaining Circuit Court judges. It also encourages voter registration today and asks for cooperation during an official canvass of voters tomorrow and Thursday.