

POLL WATCHER APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

(Section 101.131, F.S.)

Poll watcher forms must be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections at least 14 days before early voting begins and **no later** than noon on the second Tuesday preceding the election. Forms must have original signatures. Facsimiles or copies will not be accepted.

All forms must be completed in full using one form per polling room and provided in precinct order. The candidate, committee or party chairman must sign each form submitted. If a campaign has designated a person as the poll watcher coordinator, that person's name and telephone number must also be provided.

A copy of the form will be returned to the candidate, committee or party after verification of the applicant's status as a qualified registered voter. The poll watcher must present that copy as authorization to enter the polling place on election day.

Each poll watcher must be a qualified and registered voter of Brevard County.

No candidate, sheriff, deputy sheriff, policeman or other law enforcement officer may be designated as a poll watcher.

Only one (1) poll watcher per candidate, committee and political party permitted in the polling room at a time during the hours the polls are open.

Poll watcher appointment forms must be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections at:

Brevard County Government Complex North
400 South Street Suite 1F
Post Office Box 1119
Titusville, FL 32781-1119
321-264-6746

GUIDELINES FOR POLL WATCHERS

Poll Watchers shall:

1. Upon their arrival at the site, give their approved copy of the Poll Watcher Application to the Precinct Clerk.
2. Be allowed within the polling room to watch and observe the conduct of the electors and the officials. They may not walk around the voting area.
3. Furnish their materials and necessities including chair if required. Use of polling room phone is prohibited.
4. Inspect the precinct registers only when the officials are not processing electors.
5. Inform the Clerk if they wish to challenge an elector's right to vote. Poll watcher must then fill out the "Oath of Person Entering Challenge of Voter". The Clerk will follow the procedures for a challenged voter.
6. Inform the Clerk if they see or hear anything that does not comply with election laws. If they are not satisfied with the explanation of action taken, they may call the Elections Office at 321-264-6746.
7. Not volunteer to help electors who need assistance to vote. A poll watcher may only provide assistance to an elector if specifically requested by that elector.
8. Not take radios, televisions, cell phones or newspapers into the polling room.
9. Not wear or display any political party, candidate's name or other pertinent campaign materials.
10. Not obstruct the orderly conduct of the election.
11. Not come closer to the officials' table or the voting booths than is reasonably necessary to perform their functions.

Any member of the public may witness the opening and closing procedures, but may not speak to or interfere with the Election Board in any way.