

POLL WATCHER INFORMATION AND RULES

General Information: [F.S. 101.131](#)

A candidate or party may have **only one poll watcher at a time** in a polling place or early voting location during voting hours. Failure to comply with any of these rules may result in the revocation of the Poll Watcher's credentials.

A Poll Watcher will:

- 1) Report to the clerk upon arrival to a voting location with your badge.
- 2) Display your identification badge provided by the Supervisor of Elections Office at all times.
- 3) Be allowed within the polling room or early voting area to watch and observe the conduct of electors and officials once the polls are open to voters.
- 4) Pose any questions regarding procedures directly to the clerk for resolution.
- 5) Furnish their materials or necessities (such as a chair) and store any food, drinks or medications in a personal cooler.
- 6) Be a qualified registered elector of Leon County and adhere to the same standards as a poll worker.
- 7) Set their mobile devices to silent or vibrate while inside the voting area. Texting and social media use are allowed, but not taking pictures, audio or video from the voting area.
- 8) Conduct any conversations on a mobile device away from the voting area.

A Poll Watcher will not:

- 9) Be permitted to come closer to the officials' tables, the voting unit or the privacy booths than is reasonably necessary to properly perform his or her functions.
- 10) Interact directly with voters, or disrupt the orderly conduct of any election.
- 11) Be a candidate, sheriff, deputy sheriff, police officer or other law enforcement officer.
- 12) Display partisan or political clothing, jewelry, stickers/signs (including personal coolers and mobile device covers) or engage in partisan or disruptive conversations inside the voting area.
- 13) Take photographic images, audio or video inside a polling location.
- 14) Be guaranteed Wifi connections or device charging access inside the voting area.

COVID rules and requirements for poll watchers:

- Required use face coverings at all time while inside the voting area. Face shield do not substitute for masks.
- Maintain social distancing from voters and election workers.
- Be required to have temperature taken (at EV sites only) using the touchless thermometers we have. All of our Early Voting workers have their temperature taken each day before work begins. Any temperature recorded over 100.4 will require a second attempt. If the person feels their temperature is artificially elevated, they will rest outside the voting area and report back in 10 minutes for a second reading. If after a second attempt, there is a recorded temperature over 100.4 the poll watcher will not be allowed into any early voting location for the remainder of the early voting period.