

# Poll Watcher

## *Guidelines and Regulations*

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# Who can be a Poll Watcher

- Candidate Representatives
- Political Parties
- Political Committees
  - Only political committees formed for the specific purpose of expressly advocating the passage or defeat of an issue on the ballot

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# Number of Poll Watchers

Candidate Representatives

Political Parties

Political Committees

- May have one poll watcher in each polling room or early voting area at any one time during the election

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# Who cannot be a Poll Watcher

- Candidates
- Sheriff
- Deputy Sheriff
- Police officer
- Or other Law Enforcement Officer

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# Poll Watcher Designation

- Each party, each political committee and each candidate requesting to have poll watchers shall designate their intentions in writing to the Supervisor of Elections



**DESIGNATION OF POLL WATCHERS FOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Specify Applicable Election)

Pursuant to Section 101.131, Florida Statutes, I request that the following persons (none of whom is a candidate or a sheriff, deputy sheriff, police officer or other law enforcement officer), who are qualified and registered voters of the county in which they will serve, be approved as poll watchers for *(check only one)*:

☐ **EARLY VOTING**☐ **ELECTION DAY**

1. Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Polling Room or Early Voting Site: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Polling Room or Early Voting Site: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Polling Room or Early Voting Site: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Polling Room or Early Voting Site: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** If more lines are needed to designate poll watchers, use DS-DE 125 continuation page(s) and attach to this page. Only sign this top form, but the page count entry must be completed on the bottom of this page.

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**Check applicable box and fill in the blank lines:**

- ☐ I am a **candidate** for \_\_\_\_\_ in this election.  
☐ I am the **chair** of the County Executive Committee of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party.  
☐ I am the **chair** of \_\_\_\_\_ Political Committee.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

**Attention:** This form is due to the Supervisor of Elections:

- For Early Voting, no later than noon of the 14<sup>th</sup> day before early voting begins.
- For Election Day, before noon of the second Tuesday preceding the election.

(This form becomes a public record when submitted to the Supervisor of Elections.)

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**DESIGNATION OF POLL WATCHERS – Continuation Page**  
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	Address: _____	
	Location of Polling Room or Early Voting Site: _____	
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# Poll Watcher Approval

- Poll watchers must be approved by the Supervisor of Elections prior to each election
- Each poll watcher shall be a qualified and registered elector of the county in which he/she serves



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# Becoming a Poll Watcher

## Early Voting

- Designations for poll watchers for early voting must be submitted in writing to the Supervisor of Elections prior to **noon** at least 14 days before early voting begins
- **Friday, August 1, 2014 – Primary**
- **Tuesday, October 7, 2014 - General**

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# Becoming a Poll Watcher

## Early Voting

- Poll watchers for early voting areas shall be approved by the Supervisor of Elections no later than 7 days before early voting begins
- **Friday, August 8, 2014 – Primary**
- **Tuesday, October 14, 2014 - General**

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# Becoming a Poll Watcher

## Election Day

- Designations for poll watchers for election day must be submitted in writing to the Supervisor of Elections prior to **noon** on the second Tuesday preceding the election day
- **Tuesday, August 12, 2014 – Primary**
- **Tuesday, October 21, 2014 - General**

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# Becoming a Poll Watcher

## Election Day

- Poll watchers for election day shall be approved by the Supervisor of Elections on or before the Tuesday before the election
- **Tuesday, August 19, 2014 – Primary**
- **Tuesday, October 28, 2014 - General**

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# Approved Poll Watcher List

- The Supervisor of Elections shall furnish to each election board a list of the poll watchers designated and approved for such polling rooms and designated voting areas



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# Approved Poll Watcher List

- The Supervisor of Elections shall provide to each designated poll watcher a poll watcher **identification badge** that identifies the poll watcher by name
- Each poll watcher also must present photo ID to the Deputy to gain access to the polling location
- Each poll watcher must wear his or her **identification badge** while in the polling room or early voting area

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# Guidelines

- Poll watchers are allowed within the polling room to observe the conduct of the election. They may not obstruct the orderly conduct of the election
- Poll watchers observe the conduct of electors and officials
- Poll Watchers shall pose any questions regarding polling place procedures to the precinct Clerk for resolution

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# Guidelines

- Poll watchers may observe the check-in process. They may not come closer to the EVID operator's table than is reasonably necessary to perform their functions
- Poll watchers may not speak to or otherwise interact with voters

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# Guidelines

- Poll watchers may make written voter challenges with the precinct Clerk
- Poll watchers are not allowed to wear campaign buttons, shirts, hats, or other campaign items while they are in the polling room

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# Guidelines

- Poll watchers shall furnish their own materials and necessities
- Poll watchers may not interact with voters



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# Guidelines

- Park away from the polling location so voters have convenient access to the polling location
- One poll watcher for each candidate, political party or political committee must leave the polling room before their replacement enters the polling room

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# Email List of Voters

- Candidates
- Political Parties
- Political Committees

May request an email list of all election day voters

List will be provided approximately every 2 hours

Please submit email address to – Tricia Boyle

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# Important Dates to Remember

## Primary Election

- Poll watcher designations for Early Voting due
- **Noon – Friday, August 1, 2014**
- Last day for Supervisor of Elections to approve poll watchers for Early Voting
- **Friday, August 8, 2014**
- Poll watcher designations for Election Day due
- **Noon – Tuesday, August 12, 2014**
- Last day for Supervisors of Elections to approve poll watchers for Election Day:
- **Tuesday, August 19, 2014**



# Primary Election

- Early Voting will be held at the following 3 locations from Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Supervisor of Elections Office  
4375 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Vero Beach

Indian River County Main Library  
1600 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Vero Beach


Sebastian City Hall Council Chambers  
1225 Main Street, Sebastian

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# Primary Election

- Election Day – August 26, 2014
- Polls open from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.



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# Important Dates to Remember General Election

- Poll watcher designations due for Early Voting due
- **Noon – Tuesday, October 7, 2014**
- Last day for Supervisor of Elections to approve poll watchers for Early Voting
- **Tuesday, October 14, 2014**
- Poll watcher designations for Election Day due
- **Noon – Tuesday, October 21, 2014**
- Last day for Supervisors of Elections to approve poll watchers for Election Day
- **Tuesday, October 28, 2014**

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# General Election

- Early Voting will be held at the following 3 locations from Tuesday, October 21st – Saturday, November 1st from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., including Sunday

Supervisor of Elections Office  
4375 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Vero Beach

Indian River County Main Library  
1600 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Vero Beach

Sebastian City Hall Council Chambers  
1225 Main Street, Sebastian

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# General Election

- Election Day – November 4, 2014
- Polls open from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.