

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

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

Poll watchers shall enter only their assigned designated polling location

Who cannot be a poll watcher

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

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 shall be made by the chair of the county executive committee of a political party, the chair of a political committee, or the candidate requesting to have poll watchers

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 office 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 14th 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: _____
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Address: _____
Location of Polling Room or Early Voting Site: _____

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Location of Polling Room or Early Voting Site: _____

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 or she serves

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, February 5, 2016 – PPP
- Friday, August 5, 2016 – Primary
- Monday, October 10, 2016 - General

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, February 12, 2016 – PPP
- Friday, August 12, 2016 – Primary
- Monday, October 17, 2016 - General

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, February 16, 2016 – PPP
- Tuesday, August 16, 2016 – Primary
- Tuesday, October 25, 2016 - General

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, February 23, 2016 – PPP
- Tuesday, August 23, 2016 – Primary
- Tuesday, November 1, 2016 - General

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 must wear his or her identification badge while in the polling room or early voting area
- The Supervisor of Elections shall furnish to each election board a list of the poll watchers designated and approved for such polling rooms and designation voting areas

Guidelines

- Poll watchers must wear the ID badge that was provided by the SOE and must also present the deputy with a picture ID
- Each poll watcher must report to the Clerk upon entering the polling place
- The Clerk will decide where the poll watchers are to be located in the polling place

Guidelines

- Poll watchers must furnish their own materials and supplies
- Poll watchers may not touch any election equipment or record
- Poll watchers may not speak to, assist or otherwise interact with voters
- Poll watchers may make written voter challenges with the precinct clerk

Guidelines

- Any poll watcher may enter the polling location or early voting site prior to opening of the polls and may remain after the polls close, but cannot interfere with the process. They ***may not*** obstruct the orderly conduct of the election

- Poll watchers may observe the voter check-in process. They ***may not*** come closer to the EViD Operators table or the voting booths, voting machines than is reasonably necessary to perform the poll watchers functions

Guidelines

- Poll watchers are not allowed to wear any campaign related clothing, jewerly, buttons, shirts, or hats, or any other political advertising into the polling room

- Poll watchers ***may not talk on cell phones*** inside the polling location

- Poll watchers must either turn their cell phones off or place them on vibrate (Ringing cell phones are a distraction to voters.)

Guidelines

- Poll watchers should pose any questions regarding polling place procedures to the clerk and clerk only

- Poll watchers may not disrupt the election process in any manner. Violators are subject to removal by the SOE Office

- Poll watchers may not have political discussions regarding issues or candidates while in the polling room

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

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 – Brian Moore

bmoore@voteindianriver.com

Important Dates to Remember

- **Poll watcher designations for Early Voting locations due:**

  Noon – Friday, February 5, 2016 – PPP

  Noon – Friday, August 5, 2016 – Primary

  Noon – Monday, October 10, 2016 - General

- **Last day for Supervisor of Elections to approve poll watchers for Early Voting:**

  Friday, February 12, 2016 – PPP

  Friday, August 12, 2016 – Primary

  Monday, October 17, 2016 - General

Important Dates to Remember

- **Poll watcher designations for Primary Election Day due:**
  - **Noon – Tuesday, February 16, 2016 – PPP**
  - **Noon – Tuesday, August 16, 2016 – Primary**
  - **Noon – Tuesday, October 25, 2016 - General**

- **Last day for Supervisors of Elections to approve poll watchers for Election Day:**
  - **Tuesday, February 23, 2016 – PPP**
  - **Tuesday, August 23, 2016 – Primary**
  - **Tuesday, November 1, 2016 - General**

General Election

- **Early Voting dates & times:**

PPP: February 20 – 27, 2016	7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Primary: August 20 – 27, 2016	7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
General: Oct. 24 – Nov. 5, 2016	7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Supervisor of Elections Office
4375 43rd Avenue, Vero Beach

Indian River County Main Library
1600 21st Street, Vero Beach

Sebastian City Hall Council Chambers
1225 Main Street, Sebastian

Election Dates

- PPP – March 1, 2016
- Primary – August 30, 2016
- General – November 8, 2016

Polls open from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.