

A POLL WATCHER SHALL NOT:

- Obstruct the orderly conduct of the election.
- Be permitted to touch or come closer to the officials' tables, the voting machines, or the privacy booths than is reasonably necessary to properly perform Poll Watcher functions.
- Talk to voters or election workers (except the Clerk) while in the polling place or within 150 ft. of the polling place.
- Interfere in conversations between election workers and voters.
- Stand so close that the voter feels his/her ballot secrecy is compromised.
- Volunteer to help voters who need assistance. A Poll Watcher may only provide assistance to a voter if specifically requested by that voter and the proper procedures for providing assistance are followed.
- Display partisan or political clothing, jewelry, stickers/signs, or engage in partisan conversations inside the polling location or early voting site.
- Bring cameras, tape recorders, or any other audio/visual recording devices into the polling location or early voting site. You must exit the polling location to make and receive phone calls.
- No photography is permitted in the polling room or early voting area, except an elector may photograph his or her own ballot, F.S. 102.031(5).

Dear Poll Watchers:

Thank you for assisting at our polling locations on election day and during early voting. Poll Watchers contribute to our Office's mission to execute a successful, fair, and secure election throughout Broward County.

Supervisor of Elections
Broward County

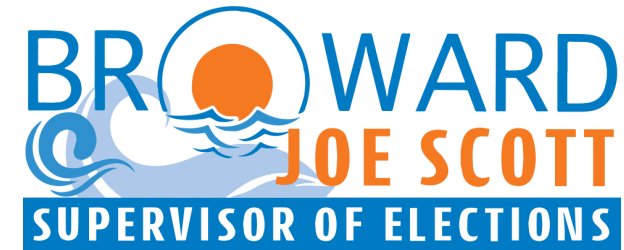
QUESTIONS OR NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you have any questions or would like more information on becoming a Poll Watcher, please contact the Supervisor of Elections office at the email address or phone numbers provided in this brochure or visit www.browardvotes.gov



PLEASE NOTE

Poll Watchers are afforded **ONE WARNING** for a rule's violation. The warning will be documented by the Precinct Clerk. Any further violations will result in the Poll Watcher losing his/her privilege to re-enter any polling location or early voting site in their service as a Poll Watcher.



POLL WATCHERS GUIDE



BROWARD COUNTY
Supervisor of Elections Office
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(954) 405-7919 or
(954) 560-7579

WHAT IS A POLL WATCHER?

A person may be asked by a candidate, political party or political committee to go to a polling place or early voting site to observe. Florida law defines this person as a Poll Watcher. The Poll Watcher observes the polling place to determine if any violations of the election laws occur. If such a violation is alleged, the Poll Watcher is to inform the Clerk on site of the violation.

WHO CANNOT BE DESIGNATED AS A POLL WATCHER?

A Candidate, Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, Police Officer or other Law Enforcement Officer.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO BECOME A POLL WATCHER?

According to Florida law, Poll Watchers must be a registered voter in Broward County. Applications for Poll Watchers may be obtained through the candidate, party headquarters, or political committee.

HOW MANY POLL WATCHERS ARE ALLOWED IN A POLLING PLACE?

Each political party, political committee and each candidate is allowed to have one Poll Watcher at each polling place or early voting site at any one time.

CAN A POLL WATCHER CHALLENGE A VOTER'S RIGHT TO VOTE?

Yes, any registered voter or Poll Watcher may challenge the right of a person to vote. The challenge must be in writing and contain an oath as prescribed by statute, which shall be delivered to the Clerk. The Clerk will provide a copy to the challenged voter. The voter shall be allowed to cast a provisional ballot.

Any voter or Poll Watcher filing a frivolous challenge of any person's right to vote commits a

crime punishable by up to 5 years in prison or \$5,000 for each offence if false information is knowingly used to bring the challenge. Each instance where any voter or Poll Watcher files a frivolous challenge of any person's right to vote constitutes a separate offence.

POLL WATCHER DESIGNATION

Poll Watchers are designated by a Candidate on upcoming ballot, Political Party or Political Committee formed for the specific purpose, of expressly advocating the passage or defeat of an issue on the ballot.

The chair of the county executive committee of a political party, the chair of a political committee, and each candidate desiring Poll Watchers shall submit written authorization for early voting and election day on the Poll Watcher Designation Form (DS-DE 125) prescribed by the division, no later than noon on the second Tuesday prior to election day, or at least 14 days prior to the beginning of Early Voting.

Poll Watcher designation forms must be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections via email to PollWatchers@browardvotes.gov, or in person at 4650 NW 21st Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309. The Supervisor of Elections will then review and notify such parties whether all submitted poll watchers have been approved.

WHERE DOES THE POLL WATCHER GET THEIR AUTHORITY AND APPROVAL ?

Florida law and upon receiving requests for Poll Watchers, the Supervisor of Elections shall certify eligible applicants. This is done on or before the Tuesday before Election Day and no later than 7 days before Early Voting begins. A list of the approved Poll Watchers will be furnished to each precinct or early voting site.

Approved Poll Watchers will receive Identification Badges which identifies the Poll Watcher by name. Each Poll Watcher must wear his or her identification badge while performing his or her duties.

USAGE OF MOBILE DEVICES WITHIN POLLING LOCATIONS

- Devices must be set to silent or low volume vibration.
- Devices may not be used to take photographs or to make any other audio or video recording unlawfully inside the polling room or early voting site.
- Poll Watchers may not have audible telephone conversations inside the polling room or early voting site.
- Poll Watchers may not use their device in any manner to create a specific disruption or disturbance within the polling room or early voting site.

A POLL WATCHER SHALL :

- Be a qualified registered elector of Broward County.
- Report to the Precinct Clerk upon arrival at a polling location or early voting site and present his/her identification badge issued by the Supervisor of Elections and a valid Driver's License or photo identification.
- Pose any questions or concerns regarding procedures to the Precinct Clerk only.
- Be allowed to observe the conduct of electors and officials.
- Supply their own materials needed while at the polls or early voting site, i.e. chairs, tables, writing materials, and the like. Poll Watchers may not use the official elections precinct or early voting supplies.
- Be allowed (as any member of the public) to observe opening and closing procedures, but may not speak to, or interfere with the Poll Workers in any way.