POLL WATCHER AUTHORIZATION FORM [A.C.A. § 7-5-312]

Representative of a Candidate

on the ballot in the
further state that I have designated
representative at the election at polling sites
in person or by absentee for the purpose of challenging any voter in accordance with Arkansa Code §§ 7-5-312, 7-5-416, and 7-5-417. I further state that I have designated and authorized representative named above to be present at the ballot counting locations at
in person or by absentee for the purpose of challenging any voter in accordance with Arkansa Code §§ 7-5-312, 7-5-416, and 7-5-417. I further state that I have designated and authorized representative named above to be present at the ballot counting locations at
7-5-316, 7-5-413, 7-5-416, 7-5-527, and 7-5-615. Representative of a Group I,
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7-5-416, and 7-5-417.
Representative of a Party
I,, state that I am the chair or secretary of the
state/county (circle one) committee for the party with
candidates on the ballot in the election. I further state th
have designated as an authorized party representative at
election at polling sites and absentee ballot processing
sites in County,
Arkansas, to observe and ascertain the identity of persons presenting themselves to vote in
person or by absentee for the purpose of challenging any voter in accordance with Arkansas
Code §§ 7-5-312, 7-5-416, and 7-5-417. I further state that I have designated and authorized
representative named above to be present at the ballot counting locations at
inCounty, Arkansa
for the purpose of witnessing the counting of ballots by election officials and determining whether ballots are fairly and accurately counted in accordance with Arkansas Code §§ 7-5-3 7-5-316, 7-5-413, 7-5-416, 7-5-527, and 7-5-615.
Signature of Candidate, Group Representative, or Chair/Secretary of the State/County Committee
Acknowledged before me this day of, 20
Acknowledged before me this day of, 20 Notary Public: My Commission Expires:
I do hereby state that I am familiar with the rights and responsibilities of a poll watcher as outlined on back of the poll watcher authorization form and will in good faith comply with the provisions of same
Signature of the Poll Watcher
Acknowledged before me this day of, 20 Notary Public: My Commission Expires:
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Signature of County Clerk

POLL WATCHER RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A poll watcher may be:

- (1) A candidate in person, but only during the counting and tabulation of ballots and the processing of absentee ballots;
- (2) An authorized representative of a candidate;
- (3) An authorized representative of a group seeking the passage or defeat of a measure on the ballot; or
- (4) An authorized representative of a party with a candidate on the ballot.

Official recognition of poll watchers:

- (1) Only one (1) authorized poll watcher per candidate, group, or party at any one (1) given time may be officially recognized as a poll watcher at each location within a polling site where voters identify themselves to election officials;
- (2) Only one (1) authorized poll watcher per candidate, group, or party at any one (1) given time may be officially recognized as a poll watcher at each location within the absentee ballot processing site where absentee ballots are processed; and
- (3) Only one (1) authorized poll watcher per candidate or party at any one (1) given time may be officially recognized as a poll watcher at the counting of the ballots.

Poll watcher credentials:

- (1) Except for candidates in person, poll watchers must present a valid affidavit in the form of a "Poll Watcher Authorization Form" to an election official immediately upon entering the polling or counting location.
- (2) Candidates in person attending a counting site or absentee ballot processing site are not required to present a "Poll Watcher Authorization Form" but must present some form of identification to an election official immediately upon entering the site for the purpose of confirming the poll watcher as a candidate on the ballot.

Poll watchers may:

- (1) Observe the election officials;
- (2) Stand close enough to the place where voters check in to vote so as to hear the voter's name;
- (3) Compile lists of persons voting;
- (4) Challenge ballots upon notification to an election official before the voter signs the precinct voter registration list and upon completing a "Challenged Ballot Form";
- (5) Call to the attention of the election sheriff any occurrence believed to be an irregularity or violation of election law. The poll watcher may not discuss the occurrence unless the election sheriff invites the discussion; and
- (6) Be present at the opening, processing, and canvassing of absentee ballots for the purpose of challenging absentee votes in the manner provided by law for personal voting challenges.

Poll watchers representing a candidate or political party may:

- (1) Remain at the polling site after the poll closes if ballots are counted at the poll;
- (2) Be present at the counting of votes by hand or by an electronic vote tabulating device at a central location;
- (3) Be present at the counting of absentee ballots for the purpose of witnessing the counting of ballots by election officials and determining whether ballots are fairly and accurately counted; and
- (4) Upon request made to an election official, inspect any or all ballots at the time the ballots are being counted.

Poll watchers may not:

- (1) Be within six feet (6') of any voting machine or booth used by voters to cast their ballot;
- (2) Speak to any voter or in any way attempt to influence a voter inside the polling site or within one hundred feet (100') of the primary exterior entrance used by voters to the building containing the polling site: or
- (3) Disrupt the orderly conduct of the election.