



VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

POLL WATCHER'S GUIDELINES

In accordance with the Georgia Election Code, Section 21-2-408 and State Election Board Rules 183-1-13-.03 and 183-1-13-.04, a Poll Watchers must comply with the following guidelines:

- 1) A Poll Watcher must present a letter and badge (**badge must be worn at all times**) bearing his/her name and assigned precinct prior to being permitted inside the polling area.
- 2) No more than two official poll watchers may be appointed by each Political Party or Political Body to serve in each precinct. Only one official poll watcher may be appointed by each Independent or Non-Partisan candidate to serve in each precinct.
- 3) A Poll Watcher may be permitted behind the enclosed area for the purpose of observing the conduct of the election and the counting and recording of such votes as long as he/she does not interfere with the conduct of an election.
- 4) In order to ensure that the conduction of the election is not interfered with, the Poll Manager and the Election Supervisor have the authority to limit access to any election or voting area.
- 5) A Poll Watcher may observe the operations at the various stations set-up in the voting area.
- 6) A Poll Watcher may observe the close-out operations.
- 7) A Poll Watcher shall not interfere with the conduct of the election.
- 8) Poll Watchers are prohibited from talking to voters, checking, or inspecting the electors list, numbered list, or any other documents utilized in the election process.



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- 9) Poll Watchers are prohibited from using cellular phones, photographic or electronic monitoring or recording devices while behind the enclosed area or while observing at a polling place.
- 10) Poll Watchers are not to participate in any form of campaigning while they are behind the enclosed area of a polling place.
- 11) Poll Watchers should report any suspected infractions or irregularities to the Elections Supervisor at (404) 298-4020 immediately.
- 12) Harassment of poll workers will not be tolerated. The Poll Manager has the authority to request that a Poll Watcher leave or be removed if he/she refuses to leave a polling place for interfering with the conduct of an election.