

## **POLLING PLACE REGULATIONS**

It shall be the duty of the Judge of Election to keep order in the voting room and limit the number of electors therein; and to enforce the following regulations:

1. Until the polls are closed no person shall be allowed in the polling place outside the enclosed space at any primary or election except the watchers, voters not exceeding ten at any one time, who are awaiting their turn to vote and peace officers when necessary for the preservation of the peace.
2. No elector shall be allowed to occupy a voting compartment or voting machine booth already occupied by another, except when giving assistance as permitted by law.
3. No elector except an election officer or clerk shall be allowed to re-enter the enclosed space after he/she has once left it, except to give assistance as provided by law.
4. No person when within the polling place shall electioneer or solicit votes for any political party, political body or candidate, nor shall any written or printed matter be posted up within the said room, except as required by law.
5. All persons except election officers, clerks, watchers, persons in the course of voting, persons lawfully giving assistance to voters, and peace and police officers, when permitted by law, must remain at least ten (10) feet distant from the polling place during the progress of the voting.
6. When the hour for closing the polls shall arrive, all qualified electors who have already qualified, and are inside the enclosed space, shall be permitted to vote; and, in addition thereto, all those qualified electors who are in the polling place outside the enclosed space waiting to vote and all those voters who are in line either inside or outside the polling place waiting to vote, shall be permitted to do so, if found qualified.
7. Not more than twice as many electors waiting to vote as there are voting compartments or voting machines in use in the district, shall be admitted within the enclosed place at one time. This does not include persons who are rendering assistance.
8. No elector shall remain in a voting compartment or voting machine booth an unreasonable length of time, and in no event for more than three minutes, and if he shall refuse to leave after said period he shall be removed by the election officers, provided; however, that they may grant him/her a longer time if other electors are not waiting to vote.
9. Secrecy in voting must be maintained at all times.
10. An elector may permit his or her minor child or children to accompany him or her into the polling place and may permit one such minor child to accompany him or her into the voting compartment or voting machine.

**The judge of election may call upon any constable, deputy constable, police officer or other peace officer to aid him/her in the performance of his/her duties.**

**PER DECISION OF THE BOARD OF ELECTION: A TEN (10) FOOT BARRIER OF THE POLLING ENTRANCE WILL BE MARKED OFF USING TAPE, CHALK, ROPE ETC.**

## **Constables**

The constable of each borough, township or ward, or his/her deputy, may be present at the polling place in each election district of such borough, township or ward, at each primary and election during the continuance thereof, and while the votes are being counted for the purpose of preserving the peace.

## **Police Officers**

No police officer in commission, whether in uniform or in citizen's clothes, shall be within one hundred (100) feet of a polling place during the conduct of any primary or election unless in the exercise of his privilege of voting, or for the purpose of serving warrants, or unless called upon to preserve the peace.

## **Watchers**

Each candidate at a primary or election may appoint two watchers for each election district where that candidate is on the ballot. Each political party and political body which has nominated candidates may appoint three watchers at any general, municipal or special election for each election district where a candidate of such party or body is on the ballot.

Each watcher so appointed must be a qualified registered elector of the county in which the election district for which the watcher was appointed is located. Each watcher so appointed shall be authorized to serve in the election district for which the watcher was appointed. Only one watcher for each candidate at primaries, or for each party or political body at general, municipal or special elections, shall be present in the polling place at any one time. Watchers have the right to be present in the polling place from the time that the election officers meet before the opening of the polls, until the counting of votes is completed and the district register and voting checklist have been locked and sealed. During those intervals when voters are not present in the polling place the judge of elections shall permit watchers, upon request, to inspect the voting check list or the two numbered lists of voters.

After the close of the polls and while the ballots are being counted or voting machine canvassed, all the watchers shall be permitted to be in the polling place outside the enclosed space.

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