

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

EVERYTHING A VOTER NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT THEIR POLLING PLACE BEFORE ELECTION DAY



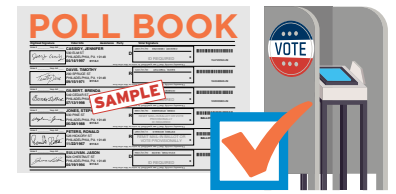
POLL WORKERS AT A GLANCE

The people who operate the polling place include the following: **Judge of Elections, Majority Inspector, Minority Inspector, Clerk and Machine Inspector.** The Judge of Elections serves as the supervisor of the precinct and is responsible for resolving any issues.



Poll Workers

- » must carry out their responsibilities according to the law in a non-partisan manner.
- » verify that an individual is on the list of registered voters for that polling location, then let them sign in before allowing them to vote on a ballot or voting machine.
- » may ask voters for ID **only when the poll book indicates that ID is required.**



VOTER ELIGIBILITY CHALLENGES

A voter's eligibility can only be challenged based on a question of their identity or continued residency in the election district.

- These challenges must be made in **good faith**, meaning based on evidence.
- Such challenges must be directed to, and only to, the Judge of Elections.
- The poll workers have the responsibility of determining the qualifications of the person presenting themselves to vote. In the event of disagreement, the Judge of Elections decides.
- Knowingly refusing a qualified, registered voter is a felony offense.

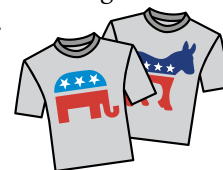


VOTER RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Voters are entitled to vote free from interference and may not be interfered with within 10 feet of the room where the voting machines are located.

Voters may:

- **Ask a poll worker** if they don't understand the ballot materials or voting procedures.
- **Cast a provisional ballot for any reason**, such as when eligibility to vote is unclear. A provisional ballot records the vote while the county board of elections determines whether it can be counted.
- **Vote if they do not speak English.** Under federal law, voters who have difficulty reading or writing English may receive in-person assistance at the polls from anyone **except their employer, an agent of their employer or union, and the Judge of Elections.**
- **Request assistance and anyone can assist a voter** except their employer, an agent of their employer or union, and the Judge of Elections. The voter and the person assisting must complete and sign a **voter assistance form**, which the poll workers can provide.
- **Request** a new ballot from a poll worker if they make a mistake.
- **Vote while wearing partisan clothing.**



POLL WATCHERS

Poll watchers, like poll workers, play an important role in ensuring elections are administered properly. A poll watcher is someone who is appointed by a candidate or party to observe the election process.

WHO: Must be a qualified voter from the county they are serving as a poll watcher in and must obtain a certificate from the County Board of Elections that includes their name, as well as the name of the candidate, party, or political body they represent.

- » **Certificate:** They are required to show their completed certificate to poll workers.
- » **Number per Party:**

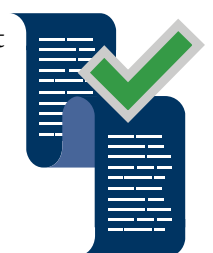
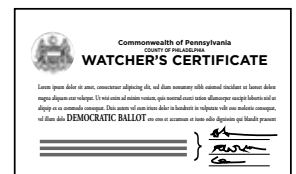
- ~ Each candidate may appoint two poll watchers per precinct at primary, general and special elections.
- ~ Each party may appoint three at general and special elections. Parties cannot appoint watchers at primary elections.
- ~ **Only one per candidate and one per party may be inside of the polling place at a time.**

WHAT:

- » Are allowed to review the voting check list and numbered lists of voters only when no voters are present in the polling place.
- » Should notify the Judge of Elections immediately if they observe any improper behavior; if they don't believe the issue has been addressed properly, they should then notify the county election office.

WHEN: Poll watchers can observe the set-up of the polling place and may remain in the polling place after polls have closed and the precinct breakdown has been completed.

WHERE: Must stay in the area designated for poll watchers by the Judge of Elections



HELPFUL REMINDERS

Poll watchers

- **Are not permitted to speak with voters in the polling place** or interfere with the orderly process of voting.
- **Cannot engage in electioneering** while within 10 feet of the entrance to the polling room where the voting machines are located. This includes soliciting votes and posting or displaying campaign materials.
- **May only lodge good faith challenges to a voter's eligibility based on identity or continued residency in the election district.** Such challenges must be directed to, and only to, the Judge of Elections.

While the Judge of Elections at the polling place may not deter or interfere with a duly appointed watcher who is exercising their privileges as a watcher, the Judge of Elections is obligated to remove a watcher who is engaging in activities that are prohibited.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

If you run into any problems or have questions on Election Day, call the **Election Protection Hotline:**
English: 1-866-OUR-VOTE / 1-866-687-8683
Spanish: 1-888-VE-Y-VOTA / 1-888-839-8682
Arabic: 1-844-YALLA-US / 1-844-925-5287
For Bengali, Cantonese, Hindi, Urdu, Korean, Mandarin, Tagalog, or Vietnamese: 1-888-274-8683