

POLLWATCHER CHECKLIST

BE RESPECTFUL OF THE JUDGES AND KNOW ELECTION LAWS!

- ❑ **Pollwatch** if you are a registered voter in Illinois
- ❑ **Get Credentials** from a valid candidate, organization, political party, or ballot position within the jurisdiction
SEE CHART ON BACK
- ❑ **Incident Report**—fill in prior to election
- ❑ **Arrive** at poll as early as judges
- ❑ **Sign in** upon arrival and in and out of the poll during the day and after election
- ❑ **Observe** the equipment and procedures before, during, and after the election
- ❑ **Ask** names and affiliation of judges and *all technicians and couriers*
- ❑ **Document** name of other pollwatchers
- ❑ **Observe** the zero tape, serial number of machines, and memory cards
- ❑ **Observe** judge bias of voting machines
- ❑ **Observe** voter application books, signatures (can go behind judge table)
- ❑ **Observe** that judges initialize ballots
- ❑ **Question** judges if there are unauthorized people in poll. Ask judges if they have pollwatcher credentials.
- ❑ **Authorized personnel**—election authorities, attorneys general, states attorney. A uniformed police officer has **NO** authority over the conduct of election **UNLESS** a criminal violation occurs.
- ❑ **Talk** to voters, judges if they engage you
- ❑ **Make every effort to enfranchise voters if eligible**
SEE BALLOT ENTITLEMENT SHEET:

www.elections.il.gov/Downloads/ElectionInformation/PDF/BallotEntFeb2008.pdf -

- ❑ **Assist** a voter with voting *if they ask you*.
- ❑ Ensure that **assisted** voters and those that assist them fill out an affidavit. If assisted, **in poll booth** one judge from each party must oversee voting
- ❑ If the judges are not following election laws, please politely site the correct law-**SEE VOTERS' RIGHTS SHEET**
- ❑ Once sited, if the judges fail to remedy the legal error, then call an authority of election and / or party or organization
- ❑ **Get names of voters**—if they were harassed, disenfranchised, not informed of poll location / other incident / contest
- ❑ **Fill-in** checklist of machine failures
- ❑ **Fill-in** the election affidavit if needed
- ❑ **Contest a voter**—if they are **not** eligible, already voted, appear to be tampering with an election machine, do not have an affidavit when assisted, take a **VERY LONG** time to vote (especially if they have a cell phone and appear to be getting instruction!) Every effort must be made to allow time to vote, though Illinois law states 4 minutes maximum.

SEE SHEET FOR ELIGIBLE VOTERS

- ❑ Determine if voter card is available
- ❑ **Ask for a print out of the poll tapes at the conclusion of the election.**
- ❑ **During Tabulation**—Illinois law states a **reasonable** number of pollwatchers, are allowed to pollwatch, *but in DuPage one* member from each political party may view tabulation.

A POLLWATCHER MAY OBSERVE:

- ❑ **Lottery procedures for party and candidate placement on the ballot**
- ❑ **At polls on election day or during early voting periods**
- ❑ **At nursing home, or assisted care when votes are cast**

A POLLWATCHER MAY OBSERVE:

- ❑ **Verification of registration of provisional voters after the election**
 - **During the tabulation of the vote**
 - **During absentee ballot counting**
- **May need permission from a political party or organization**

A POLLWATCHER MAY NOT:

- **Interfere** with the election
- **Touch** any election materials or supplies
- **Electioneer** within 100' of polls
- **Take** video or pictures ***unless*** allowed by the jurisdiction
- **Remain** at poll when asked to leave by a judge

| NUMBER OF POLLWATCHERS ALLOWED IN POLLING PLACE | | |
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| DURING ELECTIONS | | |
| APPOINTING AUTHORITY | Consolidated Primary General Primary | Consolidated General General Election |
| CANDIDATE | TWO (2) | TWO (2) |
| POLITICAL PARTY | ONE (1) | TWO (2) |
| QUALIFIED CIVIC ORGANIZATION | ONE (1) | ONE (1) |
| PROponents AND OPPONENTS OF A BALLOT POSITION | ONE (1) | ONE (1) |