

## **CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT OF POLL WATCHER BY A CANDIDATE**

To the Presiding Judge or Early Voting Clerk:

The following person has been appointed as a poll watcher in accordance with Sec. 33.002, Texas Election Code.

Name of Poll Watcher	Name of Candidate
Residence Address of Poll Watcher	Title and Date of Election
Voter Registration VUID Number of Poll Watcher	Location Poll Watcher is to serve

Signature of Candidate or  
Signature of Campaign Treasurer

Printed Name of Signer

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### Signature of Poll Watcher

## OATH OF A POLL WATCHER

The following oath must be repeated aloud by the poll watcher before being accepted for service.

“I swear(or affirm) that I will not disrupt the voting process or harass voters in the discharge of my duties”

## **AFFIDAVIT OF POLL WATCHER**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a poll watcher for the above appointing authority, do hereby  
(printed name of watcher)  
swear or affirm that I do not have, in my possession, any type of mechanical or electronic means of recording images or sound while serving as a watcher or I will disable or deactivate the device while serving as a watcher; and swear or affirm that I have not been finally convicted of a felony of the first or second degree or a felony offense in connection with conduct directly attributable to an election.

## TRAINING REQUIREMENT

I understand that I must present a physical copy of the Certificate of Completion of the Secretary of State Poll Watcher Training before being accepted for service. [Sec. 33.051(a), Texas Election Code]

### Signature of Poll Watcher

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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**Signature of Election Judge/Deputy**

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**Printed Name of Election Judge/Deputy**

## INSTRUCTIONS

Watchers may be appointed by each candidate whose name appears on the ballot or the list of declared write-in candidates in an election for:

- (1) a public office other than the office of vice-president of the United States; or
- (2) an office of a political party.

In an election for an office of the state government that is filled by voters of more than one county, watchers may also be appointed by the candidate's campaign treasurer.

In an election for an office of the federal government that is filled by voters of more than one county, watchers may also be appointed by the chair or treasurer of the candidate's principal campaign committee or by a designated agent of the chair or treasurer.

A watcher appointed to serve at a precinct polling place or at the Post-Election Hand Count Audit under Section 127.201, must deliver the following materials to the presiding judge of the polling place or the presiding judge of the EVBB for the Post-Election Hand Count Audit, as applicable, at the time the watcher reports for service:

- (1) a certificate of appointment; and
- (2) a certificate of completion from training completed by the watcher under [Section 33.008]

A watcher may not be accepted for service if the watcher has possession of a device capable of recording images or sound unless the watcher agrees to disable or deactivate the device. The presiding judge may inquire whether a watcher has possession of any prohibited recording device before accepting the watcher for service. A watcher also may not be accepted for service if the watcher has been finally convicted of a felony of the first or second degree or a felony offense in connection with conduct directly attributable to an election.

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If a watcher is not accepted for service, the certificates shall be returned to the watcher with a signed statement of the reason for the rejection.

On accepting a watcher for service, the election officer shall provide the watcher with a form of identification, prescribed by the secretary of state, to be displayed by the watcher during the watcher's hours of service at the polling place.

An election officer commits an offense if the officer intentionally or knowingly refuses to accept a watcher for service when acceptance of the watcher is required by this section. An offense under this subsection is a Class A misdemeanor.

Before accepting a watcher, the officer presented with a watcher's certificate of appointment shall require the watcher to take the following oath, administered by the officer: "I swear (or affirm) that I will not disrupt the voting process or harass voters in the discharge of my duties."