

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT OF POLL WATCHER FOR PROPOSITIONS OR MEASURES

To the Presiding Judge/Deputy Early Voting Clerk:

The following person has been appointed as a poll watcher in accordance with Sec. 33.005, Texas Election Code.

Name of Poll Watcher	Name or Number of Proposition on Ballot
Residence Address of Poll Watcher	Name and Date of Election
Voter Registration VUID Number of Poll Watcher	Polling Place or Location at which Watcher is to Serve

Name of the Specific Purpose Political Committee		
The Specific Purpose Political Committee favors or opposes the proposition or measure	Favors	Opposes

Signature of Campaign Treasurer

Printed Name of Campaign Treasurer

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.

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_____.

Signature of Election Judge/Deputy Printed

Name of Election Judge/Deputy

INSTRUCTIONS

In order to appoint poll watchers under Section 33.005, Texas Election Code, the specific-purpose political committee has to be officially formed.

In an election on a measure, watchers may be appointed by the campaign treasurer or an assistant campaign treasurer of a specific-purpose political committee that supports or opposes the measure.

This section does not apply to a non-binding referendum measure submitted at a primary election.

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.

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."