

Name of Form:

Oath of Assistance and Interpreter

Section Reference:

Sections 61.033, 61.035, 64.0322, 64.034, Texas Election Code

Purpose:

To provide the oaths that a voter's assistant or interpreter must repeat aloud and sign prior to rendering assistance or interpretation.

Number of Copies Required:

One

Completed by:

Signed by the person taking the oath and the presiding election official.

Filing Date:

Completed prior to assistance or interpretation is rendered to the voter.

Filed with:

The presiding election official and returned to authority conducting the election with the other election records in the designated container or envelope.

Comments:

Private Assistants

Each person, of the voter's choice, who assists the voter in reading or marking his/her ballot must say the Oath of Assistance aloud prior to rendering assistance. An assistant must repeat the oath aloud for each voter whom he/she will assist. The assistant must sign the oath, provide his or her address and relationship to the voter.

The assistant must also indicate whether he or she received or accepted any form of compensation or other benefit from a candidate, campaign or political committee in exchange for providing assistance to the voter.

Private Interpreters

Each person, of the voters' choice who interprets for the voter must say the Oath of Interpreter aloud prior to interpreting for the voter. An interpreter must repeat the oath aloud for each voter for whom he/she will interpret. An interpreter must also sign the Oath of Interpreter.

Any person other than the voter's employer, an agent of the voter's employer, or an officer or agent of a labor union to which the voter belongs may serve as an interpreter.

If an interpreter also acts as an assistant to the voter by reading or marking the ballot, the interpreter must also take the Oath of Assistance and sign it before rendering assistance. The Oath of Assistance must also be fully completed by the interpreter/assistant.

If the interpreter is appointed to serve as an interpreter for the voter by an election officer, the interpreter must be a registered voter of the county in which the voter needing the interpreter resides or a registered voter of an adjacent county.

Election Worker Assistants

Election workers may take the Oath of Assistance but are not required to do so.

Election Worker Interpreters

Election workers should take the Oath of Interpreter at the beginning of the day. This covers all voters to whom election workers will render interpretation.