

## **POLLING PLACE ACTIVITIES**

*Electors, Poll Workers and Poll Watchers*  
(101.131 and 102.031 Florida Statutes)

### **PERSONS ALLOWED**

The polling room or early voting site is the place where electors actually cast their votes. The list of persons permitted in the polling place is defined in 102.031, Florida Statutes as: Official Poll Watchers, Inspectors, Election Clerks, the Supervisor of Elections or his or her Deputy, Persons there to vote, Persons in the care of a voter or Persons caring for such voter, Law Enforcement Officers or Emergency Service Personnel there with permission of the clerk or majority of the inspectors OR a Person, whether or not a register voter, who is assisting with or participating in a simulated election for minors as approved by the supervisor of elections. Election boards have the full authority to maintain reasonable control and decorum at the polls including directing or removing persons within the polling room who otherwise are disrupting the electoral process.

Poll Watchers shall pose any questions regarding polling place procedures directly to the **Precinct Clerk** for resolution. They may not interact with voters. Each poll watcher shall be a qualified and registered elector of Brevard County.

### **SOLICITATION AREA**

No person, political committee, committee of continuous existence, or other group or organization may solicit voters inside the polling place or early voting site or within 100 feet of the entrance to any polling place or early voting site.

### **WEARING OF CAMPAIGN OR POLITICAL PARAPHERNALIA**

**Poll watchers** are not permitted to wear political advertisements or campaign paraphernalia while acting in their official capacity within the polling place or room. They are approved initially by the supervisor of elections and are subject to the reasonable control of local election boards as are other individuals within the polling room. As a poll watcher, they are acting in an official capacity within the polling place and should look, act and be impartial and fair, thus avoiding any thought or suggestion of undue influence or impropriety. **Electors'** wearing of campaign or political advertisements is not a violation unless the wearer makes overtures at the polling place of advocacy of a particular candidate or his/her views regarding an issue on the ballot.

### **PROHIBITED CAMPAIGN MATERIAL**

Prohibited political advertisements or campaign paraphernalia for both **poll workers** and **poll watchers** include the following: clothing, campaign buttons, hats, wristbands, badges, and other similar items that promote the election or defeat of a candidate or issue or engages in campaign sloganeering associated with any party, any candidate or any issue. For example, any letter (e.g., "W"), phrase (e.g., "Every Voter Counts" or "Flip-Flop"), or any other indications that is or has become directly or indirectly associated with a political party, candidate or group.

## EXCEPTIONS FOR ELECTORS

**Electors** may take papers or other aids into the voting booth to refresh their memory and assist in expediting the voting process provided such use does not appear to be part of a concerted effort by any individual or group to subvert the normal election process. According to 104.19(1)(a), it is unlawful for any person casting a ballot to use stickers or rubber stamps or to carry into a voting booth any mechanical device, paper or memorandum which might be used to affect adversely the normal voting election process. Violation is punishable as a second degree misdemeanor.

## POLL WATCHER INSTRUCTIONS

1. Upon arrival, give the Precinct Clerk the **approved** copy of the Poll Watcher Application.
2. Do not walk around the voting area; may only watch and observe the conduct of the electors and officials
3. Poll Watchers may not use the precinct phone and must furnish their own materials and necessities including chairs.
4. Precinct registers may be inspected **only** when electors are not being processed.
5. A poll watcher must inform the Precinct Clerk if they wish to challenge an elector's right to vote. Then they must fill out the "Oath of Person Entering Challenge of Voter."
6. If a poll watcher should see or hear anything that does not comply with the election laws, they should inform the clerk. If that does not satisfy their complaint, they may call the Elections office at 321-264-6746.
7. A poll watcher **may not** interact with the voters. They must pose any questions regarding procedures directly to the clerk for resolutions.
8. No radios, televisions, cell phones, or newspapers are allowed in the polling room or early voting site; nor is photography allowed.
9. Poll Watchers may not wear any political party, candidate's name or other pertinent campaign materials.
10. No poll watcher may come closer to the officials' table or the voting booths than is reasonably necessary to perform their functions.
11. **A POLL WATCHER MAY NOT OBSTRUCT THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION.**

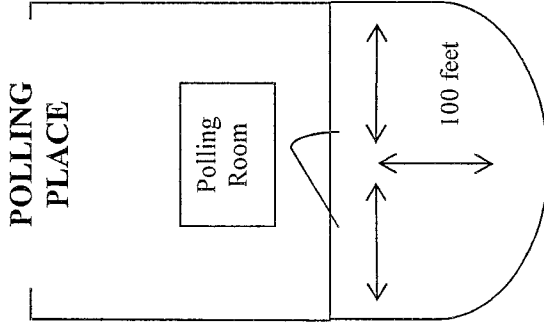
# SOLICITATION AT POLLS ON ELECTION DAY

(Section 102.031 F.S.)

## POLLING ROOM

Persons allowed inside Polling Room:

- A) Clerks and Inspectors
- B) Supervisor of Elections or Deputy Supervisor
- C) Official Poll watchers (Section 101.131, F. S.)
- D) Persons there to vote
- E) Persons in care of a voter or persons caring for a voter
- F) Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, City Policeman, or Emergency Service Personnel there with permission of Clerk or majority of inspectors



## SOLICITATION OF VOTERS

No person, candidate, political committee, committee of continuous existence, group or organization may solicit voters inside the polling place or within 100 feet of the entrance to any polling place or early voting site.

Before opening the polling place or early voting site, the clerk or supervisor shall designate the no-solicitation zone and mark the boundaries. Solicitation shall not interfere with access to building. Disruptive and unruly persons may be removed from the 100 foot area.

## SOLICITATION MEANS:

Seeking or attempting to seek any vote, fact, opinion, or contribution; distributing or attempting to distribute any political or campaign material, leaflet or handout; conducting a poll; seeking or attempting to seek a signature on any petition; selling or attempting to sell any item; however, this does not prohibit exit polling.

## ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES:

The Clerk may take any reasonable action necessary to ensure order at the polling place, including, but not limited to, having disruptive and unruly persons removed by law enforcement officers from the polling room or place or from the 100 foot zone surrounding the polling place.

**NO PHOTOGRAPHY** is permitted in the polling room or early voting area.