

WATCHER GUIDELINES

- A watcher must be a qualified registered elector of the county in which the election district to which the watcher has been appointed is located (25 P.S. §2687). Candidates CANNOT be watchers (25 P.S. §3060 n1).
- A Watcher must show a *Watcher Certificate* to the Judge of Elections in order to enter a polling place (25 P.S. §2687).
- A candidate may appoint up to two (2) watchers at each polling place in which the candidate is running for office (25 P.S. §2687).
- In a November or special election, a political party or political body may appoint up to three (3) watchers at each polling place in which candidates of that party or body appear on the ballot (25 P.S. §2687). Political parties and bodies cannot appoint watchers in a primary.
- Watchers may serve at polling places other than the polling place to which they are initially assigned on their *Watcher Certificate*.
- Only one (1) watcher per candidate and one (1) watcher per political party or body is allowed inside the polling place at any one time while the polls are open; after the close of polls, all watchers are permitted inside the polling place (25 P.S. §2687).
- Watchers cannot wear or bring political materials inside a polling place, solicit votes, or engage in any other activity inside a polling place that could be construed as electioneering (25 P.S. §3060).
- Watchers inside a polling place must stay outside the enclosed voting area at all times (25 P.S. §2687).
- Watchers inside a polling place are allowed to keep a list of voters (25 P.S. §2687); challenge an elector and require proof of the elector's qualifications (25 P.S. §2687); and inspect the Numbered List of Voters under the supervision of the Judge of Elections when the polling place is not busy (25 P.S. §2687).
- Watchers shall not mark upon or alter official election records (25 P.S. §2687).
- Smoking, mobile phones, cameras, and video recorders are PROHIBITED within all Lawrence County polling places. Please place mobile phones on silent mode while inside of the polling place; and if you need to take or make a call, please step outside of the polling place.
- The Judge of Election is obligated to remove a watcher who is engaging in any prohibited activities.