

POLLWATCHER CREDENTIALS

TO THE JUDGES OF ELECTION:

In accordance with the provisions of the Election Code, the undersigned hereby appoints

_____ who resides at _____
(name of pollwatcher) (address)

in the County of _____, _____ of
(township or municipality)

_____, State of Illinois and who is duly registered to vote from this address,
 _____, State of Illinois and who is duly registered to vote from this address,
 to act as a pollwatcher in the _____ precinct of the _____ ward of the
(if applicable)

_____ of _____ at the _____ election to be
(township or municipality) (general or primary)

held on _____.
(insert month, day, year)



(Signature of Election Authority)

Madison County Clerk

TITLE: (County Clerk, Executive Director)

(Signature of Appointing Authority)

TITLE: (party official, candidate, civic organization president, proponent or opponent group chairman)

Under penalties provided by law pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/29-10 the undersigned pollwatcher certifies that he or she resides at _____
(address)

in the county of _____, _____
(township or municipality)

of _____, State of Illinois and is duly registered to vote in Illinois.

(Precinct and/or Ward in which Pollwatcher resides)

(Signature of Pollwatcher)

POLLWATCHER CREDENTIAL - PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION

All pollwatcher credentials shall be ISSUED under the facsimile signature of the appropriate election authority to candidates, political parties, civic organizations and proponent or opponent proposition groups.

All credentials shall be AUTHORIZED under the real or facsimile signature of the person specified below.

QUALIFICATIONS

PRIMARY ELECTION

Each established political party shall be entitled to appoint one pollwatcher per precinct. Such pollwatcher must be affiliated with the political party for which they are pollwatching, and must be a registered voter in the State of Illinois.

Each candidate shall be entitled to appoint two pollwatchers per precinct. The pollwatchers must be registered to vote in Illinois.

Each organization of citizens within the county or political subdivision, which has among its purposes or interests the investigation or prosecution of election frauds, and which shall have registered its name and address and the names and addresses of its principal officers with the proper election authority at least 40 days before the primary election, shall be entitled to appoint one pollwatcher per precinct. The pollwatcher must be registered to vote in Illinois.

Each organized group of proponents or opponents of a ballot proposition, which shall have registered the name and address of its organization or committee and the name and address of its chairman with the proper election authority at least 40 days before the primary election, shall be entitled to appoint one pollwatcher per precinct. The pollwatcher must be registered to vote in Illinois.

GENERAL ELECTION

Each established political party shall be entitled to appoint two pollwatchers per precinct. Such pollwatchers must be affiliated with the political party for which they are pollwatching, and must be a registered voter in the State of Illinois.

Each candidate shall be entitled to appoint two pollwatchers per precinct. The pollwatchers must be registered to vote in Illinois.

Each organization of citizens within the county or political subdivision, which has among its purposes or interests the investigation or prosecution of election frauds, and which shall have registered its name and address and the names and addresses of its principal officers with the proper election authority at least 40 days before the election, shall be entitled to appoint one pollwatcher per precinct. The pollwatcher must be registered to vote in Illinois.

Each organized group of proponents or opponents of a ballot proposition, which shall have registered the name and address of its organization or committee and the name and address of its chairman with the proper election authority at least 40 days before the election, shall be entitled to appoint one pollwatcher per precinct. The pollwatcher must be registered to vote in Illinois.

AUTHORIZATION

The CANDIDATE who has AUTHORIZED the pollwatcher shall sign the credentials for that candidate pollwatcher.

The CHAIRMAN of the appropriate political party organization shall sign the credentials for political party watchers.

The CHAIRMAN or PRESIDING OFFICER of the civic organization shall sign the credentials for civic organization pollwatchers.

The CHAIRMAN of the proponent or opponent proposition group or committee shall sign the credentials for proponent or opponent proposition groups.

Such authorizing signatures shall appear on the face of the credential. Additionally, the pollwatcher shall affix his or her signature on the face thereof and certify the precinct or ward in which he resides and the county in which he is registered as a voter.

The holder of this credential is not permitted to handle or touch the ballots or any election materials at any time for any reason. To do so is illegal. The holder may protest to the Election Judges against any action which he regards as a violation of the law and/or the regulations of the State Board of Elections, but must not interfere UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, with the orderly conduct of the Election.

You will be protected in the discharge of your duties by the Election Judges and peace officers and shall be permitted to remain within the polling place in such a position as will enable you to see each person as he offers his vote, and you may remain within the polling place throughout the canvass of the vote and until the returns are signed.