

Appointment of Candidate's Polling Agent

Electoral District	Polling Division
Name of Appointee	Poll Location

APPOINTMENT:

I hereby appoint the person named to act as my representative at polling station number _____.

I have provided my representative with a copy of the *Rules for Polling Agents*.

Candidate Name	<u> x </u>	Candidate Signature
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Date

ACCEPTANCE:

I, _____
(Polling Agent name) accept the position of polling agent and will abide by the rules set forth in the *Rules for Polling Agents (page 2 of this document)*.

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Polling Agent

Rules for Polling Agents

ARRIVAL AT POLLING STATION

Upon arrival at a polling station, a polling agent must present to the deputy returning officer their *Appointment of Candidate's Polling Agent* form (2160) signed by the candidate. They must also take the oath of secrecy. A polling agent is required to present their *Appointment of Candidate's Polling Agent* form and swear/affirm the oath of secrecy once at each polling station they will be observing.

The deputy returning officer will provide an identification tag for the polling agent or candidate in attendance. The tag is to be worn at all times while in the polling station. This does not apply to a candidate or their polling agent who only attends a polling station to vote.

The polling agent or candidate must not wear or carry any badge, ribbon or other object indicating a political statement, or message, or that could be construed as relating to a candidate's campaign.

Candidates or their polling agents must not interfere with the work of election officials nor sit at their table.

Polling agents will be provided chairs, and where space allows tables, off to the side, where they can sit and observe.

POWERS

A candidate's polling agent may:

- look at the poll book during the hours that the poll is open, unless this delays an elector in casting their vote
- give information from the poll book to a candidate's polling agent outside the polling station
- leave and return to the polling station as often as they wish during the hours that the poll is open.

Polling agents do not have the right to witness the marking of any ballot. They must not question voters about who they have voted for, who they plan to vote for, or try to tell people how to vote.

RESTRICTIONS

Candidates and their polling agents must leave the polling station to use a cell phone or other similar communication device.

OBSERVING VOTE COUNT

After the close of polls on polling day, the polling agent may be present during the counting of the ballots. The deputy returning officer will offer each polling agent a tally sheet to record the count.

The decision of the deputy returning officer on any disputed ballot is final and may only be changed by a judge conducting a judicial recount. The deputy returning officer will number each objection, initial the back of the ballot and have the poll clerk record the objection in the appropriate section in the poll book.

Upon the completion of the count, polling agents in attendance will be provided with a *Copy of Statement of the Poll for Candidates and Agents* (form 5060).

Participation by Candidate's Polling Agent(s)		
Poll Type	Attend Polling Station	Observe Vote Count
Absentee Ballot	no	no
Multi-District Poll	no	no
Mobile Poll	no	no
Office of the Returning Officer	yes	yes
Advance Poll	yes	yes
Ordinary Poll	yes	yes

Polling agents may sign the *Official Statement of the Poll* (form 5050), completed by the deputy returning officer, and may sign or initial all seals placed on any envelope or ballot box prepared by the deputy returning officer and poll clerk.

Candidates and their polling agents may be present for the official addition conducted at the office of the returning officer. Once the official addition is completed the returning officer will complete a *Certificate of Voting* (form 1620). A copy of the certificate will be emailed to each candidate.