

Poll Watchers F.S. 101.131

- Political parties and candidates each may have one watcher in each polling place or early voting site at any one time during the election.
- A political committee formed for the specific purpose of expressly advocating the passage or defeat of an issue on the ballot may have one watcher for each polling place or early voting site at any one time during the election.
- No watcher shall be permitted to be near the Clerk's table or the voting booths but each shall be allowed within the polling place or early voting site to watch and observe the conduct of electors and officials.
- The poll watchers shall furnish their own materials and necessities and shall not obstruct the orderly conduct of any election.
- The poll watchers shall pose any questions regarding polling place procedures directly to the Clerk for resolution. They may not interact with voters.
- Each poll watcher shall be a qualified and registered elector of Marion County.
- Parties, political committees, and candidates requesting to have poll watchers shall designate in writing to the Marion County Supervisor of Elections, before noon of the second Tuesday preceding the election, poll watchers for each polling place on Election Day.
- Designations of poll watchers for early voting sites shall be submitted in writing to the Marion County Supervisor of Elections before noon at least 14 days before early voting begins.
- Poll watchers for polling places shall be approved by the Marion County Supervisor of Elections on or before the Tuesday before the election.
- Poll watchers for early voting sites shall be approved by the Marion County Supervisor of Elections no later than 7 days before early voting begins.
- The Marion County Supervisor of Elections shall furnish to each election board a list of the poll watchers designated and approved for such polling places or early voting sites.
- Designation of poll watchers shall be made by the chair of the county executive committee of a political party or political committee, or the candidate requesting to have poll watchers.
- No candidate or sheriff, deputy sheriff, police officer, or other law enforcement officer may be designated as a poll watcher.
- All poll watchers shall be allowed to enter and watch polls in all polling places and early voting sites within Marion County in which they have been designated if the number of poll watchers at any particular polling place does not exceed the number provided.
- The Marion County Supervisor of Elections shall provide to each designated poll watcher a poll watcher identification badge that identifies the poll watcher by name.
- Each poll watcher must wear their identification badge while in the polling place or early voting site.