

Authorization of Poll Watcher

I hereby authorize _____ to be a poll watcher for the Election to be held on _____. If you have any questions, please call _____(Candidate/Party) at _____(telephone number).

The poll watcher has been made informed, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section § 23-15-577, the poll watcher may:

- Bring copies of redacted pollbooks or voter rolls purchased or otherwise obtained. Pollbooks may be in either print or electronic form.
- Bring paper, notebooks or such other materials to keep notes.
- Challenge the qualifications of any person offering to vote pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section 23-15-571.

Furthermore, the poll watcher has been informed, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-577, they are prohibited from interfering in the election process¹, which includes but is not limited to:

- Communicating with any voter.
- Physically touching or handling any ballot, absentee ballot envelope, absentee ballot application.
- Viewing or photographing the pollbooks while at the polling place.
- Photographing the receipt books with at the polling place.

Sincerely,

(Name)

(Title/Candidacy)

(Date)

****Disclaimer**

This form is being provided by the Mississippi Secretary of State's Office as a model form only. The use of this form does not authorize the individual using this form to act or speak on behalf of the Mississippi Secretary of State. The form must be signed by either a candidate on the ballot at the precinct at which it is presented, or signed by a party executive committee member of a political party which has a candidate on the ballot at the precinct which it is presented, authorizing the bearer to be a poll watcher on behalf of either the candidate or the party.

¹ Engaging in prohibited conduct may result in removal of the poll watcher by the bailiff or local law enforcement.