

15-3. Challengers and watchers.

(a) Each political party or other body of voters having a candidate or candidates shall have the right to designate and keep a challenger and watcher at each place of registration and election. Said persons shall be assigned to such position near the judges, inside the registration or polling room, as to enable them to see each person as he offers to register or vote. They shall be protected in the discharge of their duty by the judges and the police.

(b) A certificate signed by any party or candidate shall be sufficient evidence of the right of such challenger and watcher to be present in the registration or polling room.

(c) Such challenger or watcher shall have the right to remain in the polling place from the time the polls are opened until the returns are completed. It shall be unlawful for any such challenger to inquire or ascertain for what candidate or candidates any voter may intend to vote, or has voted, or to converse in the polling place with any voter or to assist him in the preparation of his ballot or in the operation of the voting machine. Any challenger offering or attempting to do so may lawfully be ejected by the judges and shall also be subject to the punishment hereinafter in this article provided.

(d) A challenger or watcher may be removed at any time by the same person who appointed him.

(e) Persons other than accredited challengers or watchers who desire to challenge the vote of any person shall be permitted to enter the polling place for that purpose, but a majority of the judges may limit the number of persons to be allowed in the polling place at any one time for such purpose; and all such persons shall leave the polling place as soon as the right to vote of the person challenged by them has been decided.

(f) The form for the certificate of a challenger and watcher shall be supplied by the party, candidate or other organization and shall be in substantially the following form:

CHALLENGER'S AND WATCHER'S CERTIFICATE

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To the Judges of Election:

This is to certify, That
has been designated by me to act as Challenger and Watcher, and
..... to act as substitute Challenger
and Watcher, for the Precinct District
(Ward), (County) (City), during the
..... Election to be held on, 196..

Respectfully submitted,

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(Name of Candidate)

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(Office)