

Duties of Challengers and Watchers

"Such challenger and watcher shall have the right to remain in the polling-room from the time the polls are opened until they are closed, and after that time he shall be permitted to remain until the returns are completed." Art. 33, Sec. 15-3 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

"Do not converse with voters, assist a voter in voting or do not operate a machine."

15-4. Record of persons voting.

(a) A registered voter offering to vote at any election, before being permitted to vote, shall identify himself by signing a voting authority card and giving any change of address in the presence of the judges which shall be entered on the voting authority card by the voter. The judge in charge of the precinct registration file shall compare the signature upon such card with the signature upon the registration card. If the same are not identical, the applicant shall not be permitted to vote unless the majority of the judges are of the opinion that he is the same person whose name appears upon the registration card. If the entry "Cannot sign" appears upon the registration card, then the applicant shall state his age, which shall be compared with the age stated upon the registration card; or the applicant shall identify himself by such other means as are referred to upon the registration card. If, upon comparison of the signature or other identification, it is found that the applicant is entitled to vote, then the judge having charge of the registration file shall approve the voting authority card and write his initials thereon. The number of voting authority cards furnished to the judges shall exceed by ten per centum the number of registered voters in the precinct. Each voting authority card shall be numbered and dated, and they shall be handed to the applicants in numerical order, as such applicants shall appear and offer to vote.

(b) At the close of the polls the judges shall account for all voting authority cards surrendered to them, to be returned to the board wrapped and sealed in a package marked "Surrendered Voting Authority Cards" bearing the signature of the judges. The unused and spoiled voters' voting authority cards shall be wrapped and sealed in a separate package, marked "Unused and Spoiled Voting Authority Cards", bearing the signature of the judges; and likewise returned to the said board with other election equipment.

~~(c) In the event a change of address has occurred, the judges shall supply the voter with a form to be completed and returned to the board.~~

15-5. Errors in registration.

No one who is not registered as a qualified voter of the precinct shall be entitled to vote or to receive a ballot; but no vote shall be rejected because of an error in the spelling of the voter's name or because of the wrongful omission or addition of one or more initials of his middle name or names, or because the voter gives the initials, one or more of his Christian or given name or names, instead of his full name, or one or more of his Christian or given name or names, instead of the initial or initials thereof, or because of an error in the