

(C) AUTHORITY TO KEEP ORDER IN THE POLLING PLACE.

AN ELECTION JUDGE SHALL:

(1) KEEP THE PEACE; AND

(2) ORDER THE ARREST OF ANY PERSON WHO:

(I) BREACHES THE PEACE;

(II) BREACHES ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE; OR

(III) INTERFERES WITH THE WORK OF THE JUDGES IN CONDUCTING THE ELECTION AND CARRYING OUT THEIR ASSIGNED TASKS.

(D) PROTECTION OF CHALLENGERS AND WATCHERS.

(1) AN ELECTION JUDGE SHALL PROTECT A CHALLENGER OR WATCHER IN THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHTS OF A CHALLENGER OR WATCHER AS PROVIDED IN § 10-311 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) (I) AN ELECTION JUDGE IS NOT REQUIRED TO ADMIT A CHALLENGER OR WATCHER TO A POLLING PLACE BEFORE THE POLLS OPEN IF THE CHALLENGER OR WATCHER WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE POLLING PLACE AT LEAST ONE-HALF HOUR BEFORE ITS OPENING.

(II) AN ELECTION JUDGE MAY REQUIRE CHALLENGERS AND WATCHERS TO LEAVE A POLLING PLACE BEFORE IT OPENS IF A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTION JUDGES PRESENT AGREES THAT THE PRESENCE OF THE CHALLENGERS AND WATCHERS WILL PREVENT THE TIMELY OPENING OF THE POLLING PLACE.

(3) AN ELECTION JUDGE SHALL DESIGNATE REASONABLE TIMES FOR CHALLENGERS AND WATCHERS TO EXAMINE POLLING LISTS.

DRAFTER'S NOTE: The requirement of subsection (b) of this section extends statewide a provision that applies currently only to Baltimore City.

10-304. DUTIES OF POLICE OFFICERS.

(A) GENERALLY.

(1) A POLICE OFFICER WHO IS ON DUTY AT A POLLING PLACE SHALL OBEY THE ORDER OF AN ELECTION JUDGE FOR THAT POLLING PLACE.

(2) A POLICE OFFICER MAKING AN ARREST UNDER AN ORDER OF AN ELECTION JUDGE IS FULLY PROTECTED IN SO DOING AS IF THE POLICE OFFICER RECEIVED A VALID WARRANT TO MAKE THE ARREST.

(B) PROTECTION OF CHALLENGERS AND WATCHERS.

A POLICE OFFICER WHO IS ON DUTY AT A POLLING PLACE SHALL PROTECT A CHALLENGER OR WATCHER IN THE DISCHARGE OF THE DUTIES OF THE CHALLENGER OR WATCHER.