



**GUIDELINES FOR CAMPAIGNERS AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES (REPS)**

*§§ 24.2-310, 24.2-604 et. seq.*

**CAMPAIGNERS (INCLUDES CANDIDATE) - OUTSIDE POLLING PLACE AND PROHIBITED AREA**

- ↳ Must be outside 40 feet of any entrance to the building in which voting takes place. Only Electoral Board can authorize limited exceptions.
- ↳ No limit to the number of campaigners allowed outside the polling place and prohibited area.
- ↳ Cannot hinder or delay a person from entering or leaving a polling place.
- ↳ Loudspeakers cannot be used within 300 feet of any polling place.
- ↳ Campaign materials, including sample ballots:
  - Must be distributed outside the polling place and prohibited area.
  - Must contain a statement indicating who paid for/authorized the printing (see ELECT website, Campaign Finance)
  - Subject to a civil fine for failure to properly identify any campaign material.
- ↳ Sample ballots cannot be printed on white paper and must contain the words "Sample Ballot".

**AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES (REPS) - INSIDE POLLING PLACE AND PROHIBITED AREA**

- ◆ Must be a qualified Virginia voter.
- ◆ Must present to the chief officer of election a "letter of authorization" signed by the independent or primary candidate or party chair entitled to representation (see below) if list of reps not previously provided. A copy of the signed "letter of authorization" is acceptable.
- ◆ No campaigning is permitted by anyone inside the polling place building without Electoral Board exception.
- ◆ Cannot hinder or delay any officer of election or voter.
- ◆ Cannot sit at the check-in table with officer of election but must be positioned to see and hear the check-in table and what is occurring. (rep may appeal to the local Electoral Board if dissatisfied with the chief officer's decision on placement.)
- ◆ May create their own list of voters and mark their own list (an officer cannot provide any list to reps).
- ◆ Cannot provide assistance to any voter or wear any indicator that he is available to assist any voter inside the polling place or within 40 feet of any entrance to the polling place. □
- ◆ Officers of election have authority to remove any representative who does not adhere to above guidelines.

<b>BEFORE POLLS OPEN</b> §24.2-639	<b>WHILE POLLS ARE OPEN</b> §24.2-604	<b>ASCERTAINING THE VOTE</b> §24.2-655
<p>One rep of each political party having a nominee on the ballot in this election</p> <p>One rep of each independent candidate on the ballot in this election (or in a primary, each primary candidate on the ballot) [may be the candidate]</p>	<p>Candidates may enter polling places only to vote, or to visit for no longer than ten (10) minutes per day per polling place</p> <p>For each pollbook in use in the precinct:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One rep of each political party having a nominee on the ballot in this election</li> <li>• One rep of each independent candidate on the ballot in this election (or in a primary, each primary candidate on the ballot) [cannot be the candidate] ***</li> </ul> <p>If less than three (3) pollbooks in use, the Officers of Election, at their discretion, may allow a maximum of three reps whether or not the pollbook is divided.</p>	<p>Two reps of each political party having a nominee on the ballot in this election</p> <p>One rep of each independent candidate on the ballot in this election (or in a primary, each primary candidate on the ballot) [may be the candidate] ***</p> <p>The representative cannot leave the polling place nor relay in any manner the results of the election until after final results are ascertained and chief officer of election has opened doors and announced the results. There are no exceptions to this rule.</p> <p>Representatives may witness the counting and ascertainment of results and make their own notes but may not touch or handle any ballot, voting equipment or official document, or interfere in any manner.</p>