

### **Watchers and Alternate Watchers**

Each candidate is entitled to have one commissioned watcher at every precinct where his name is on the ballot. Any person who is supporting or opposing a proposition (including the recall of a public officer) and who has filed a report required by R.S. 18:1486 (Campaign Finance) is entitled to have one commissioned watcher at every precinct in which the proposition is on the ballot.

- Verify that watchers or alternate watchers have commissions for your precinct, issued by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors. After verification, return the commission to the watcher.
- A watcher and alternate watcher for the same candidate or proposition may not serve at the same time.
- If the number of watchers inside a polling place interferes with the orderly conduct of the election, the commissioners shall limit the number of watchers by allowing the watchers to draw lots to determine which watchers shall be first to wait outside. Try to make sure the amount of time each watcher spends inside is equal, if possible.
- A watcher or alternate watcher:
  1. Shall be admitted to all parts of the polling place during the election and the counting of votes;
  2. Shall not take part in the counting and tabulation of votes, but may observe;
  3. Shall be subject to the authority of the commissioners;
  4. Shall not interfere with the commissioners in the performance of their duties;
  5. Shall notify the commissioners of any infraction of the law;
  6. Shall not electioneer, engage in political discussions, or unnecessarily delay a voter at the polling place; and
  7. May keep notes on the conduct of the election.