

Office of the Kansas Secretary of State
Poll Agent Appointment

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Authorized and Appointed Poll Agents

There are two types of poll agents, and the qualifications are different for each:

- **Authorized** poll agents are persons authorized by law to act as poll agents because of the position they hold;
- **Appointed** poll agents are persons appointed by authorized poll agents to act as poll agents.

Persons holding the following positions are automatically authorized by law to serve as poll agents:

- Chairpersons of state and county party committees;
- Chairpersons of committees concerned with question submitted elections;
- Candidates;
- Precinct committee persons;
- Write-in candidates who have filed affidavits of write-in candidacy.

Any person named above may use this form to designate one appointed poll agent per polling place.

Appointment

Appointments must be filed with the county election office by mail, hand delivery, fax or electronic method before the person may act as a poll agent.

Statement of Appointment

_____ Position
Person Making Appointment

Appointee's Name (Poll Agent)

By the authority vested in me, I have appointed the bearer of this certificate to be a poll agent for the

_____ election to be held in _____
Type of Election County of Jurisdiction

ON Election Date ____ / ____ / _____

SIGN IN THIS BOX

Date ____ / ____ / _____
Month Day Year

! See page 2 for Poll Agent Rules

Poll Agent Rules

MUST

- Carry the appointment form and produce it upon request by an election officer.
- Act in accordance with policies adopted by the county election officer and the supervising judge at the polling place.
- Comply with state laws and regulations and local rules applicable to poll agents
- Wear a badge identifying them as an observer.
- If acting as an appointed poll agent, be a registered Kansas voter or a member of a candidate's family.

MAY

- Observe the voting process at the polling place where appointed.
- Observe the canvass.
- Request to be shown a ballot at the original canvass on election day.
- If acting as an appointed poll agent, be as young as 14 years of age.

MAY NOT

- Approach within three feet of a voting booth or a table used by an election board.
- Touch or handle a ballot.
- Participate in the administration of ballots or ballot counting.
- Hinder or obstruct any voter when entering or exiting a polling place or while voting.
- Hinder or obstruct an election board in the performance of its duties.