

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**

Person Making Appointment	Position

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.