

# Authorized Representative Designation

\_\_\_\_\_ is a qualified voter of the Commonwealth and is hereby designated as an authorized representative at the \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Election.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Primary Candidate and Signature

## Relevant Provisions of the Code of Virginia

~ **24.2-604.4:** The officers of election shall permit one authorized representative of each political party or independent candidate in a general or special election, or one authorized representative of each candidate in a primary election, to remain in the room in which the election is being conducted at all times. A representative may serve part of the day and be replaced by successive representatives. The officers of election shall have discretion to permit up to three authorized representatives of each political party or independent candidate in a general or special election, or up to three authorized representatives of each candidate in a primary election, to remain in the room in which the election is being conducted.

The officers shall permit one such representative for each poll book station. However, no more than one such representative for each poll book station or three representatives of any political party or independent candidate, whichever number is larger, shall be permitted in the room at any one time. Each authorized representative shall be a qualified voter of any jurisdiction of the Commonwealth. Each representative shall present to the officers of election a written statement designating him to be a representative of the party or candidate and signed by the county or city chairman of his political party, the independent candidate, or the primary candidate, as appropriate. If the county or city chairman is unavailable to sign such a written designation, such a designation may be made by the state or district chairman of the political party.

However, no written designation made by a state or district chairman shall take precedence over a written designation made by the county or city chairman. Such statement, bearing the chairman's or candidate's original signature, may be photocopied, and such photocopy shall be as valid as if the copy had been signed. ... Authorized representatives shall be allowed, whether in a regular polling place or central absentee voter precinct, to be close enough to the voter check-in table to be able to hear and see what is occurring; however, such observation shall not violate the secret vote provision of Article II, Section 3 of the Constitution of Virginia or otherwise interfere with the orderly process of the election. Any representative who complains to the chief officer of election that he is unable to hear or see the process may accept the chief officer's decision or, if dissatisfied, he may immediately appeal the decision to the local electoral board or general registrar. Authorized representatives shall be allowed, whether in a regular polling place or central absentee voter precinct, to use a handheld wireless communications device, but shall not be allowed to use such a device to capture a digital image inside the polling place or central absentee voter precinct.

~ **24.2-639:** Before opening the polls, each officer shall examine the equipment and see that no vote has been cast and that the counters register zero. The officers shall conduct their examination in the presence of the following...: one authorized representative of each political party or independent candidate in a general or special election ... if such representatives are available.

~ **24.2-655:** Before proceeding to ascertain the vote, the officers of election shall determine whether no more than two representatives of each political party having candidates in the election ... request to be present while the absentee ballots are cast, votes are counted, and returns are completed. ... Such representatives shall be entitled to be present while the votes are counted and shall remain until the returns are completed. ... The representatives ... lawfully present shall have an unobstructed view of the officers of election and their actions while the absentee ballots are cast, votes are counted, and returns are completed. The representatives and bystanders lawfully present are prohibited from interfering with the officers of election in any way.