

### **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 and
- 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**

By the authority vested in me, I, \_\_\_\_\_, have appointed the bearer  
Person making appointment

of this certificate, \_\_\_\_\_, residing at \_\_\_\_\_  
Appointee's name (Poll Agent) Address

who is (circle one): (a) a registered Johnson County voter (b) a family member  
(c) 14-17 years old, a citizen, and a resident of Johnson County

to be a poll agent for the \_\_\_\_\_ to be held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.  
Type of election Day Month Yr.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title or Position Date Contact Phone #

**Important Information**  
**Please Read Rules for Poll Agents**

Poll agents *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

Poll agents *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

Poll agents *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