

## **FAQs: Election Day Duties: Special Topics & Situations**

**Q: Can a candidate assist a voter in marking a ballot?**

A: Yes, they can.

**Q: We just look at it and write down the account number and return the document, correct?**

A: Yes, that is correct.

**Q: Why can't a credit charge statement be used for POR?**

A: It is not a depository account.

**Q: Can an Election inspector or the Clerk assist in marking a ballot?**

A: Yes, any person can assist except for an agent of a labor union or an employer.

**Q: Can a parent take a picture of their 18 year old when first time voting?**

A: Not inside the polling place; this should be done outside, but use your discretion.

**Q: If a candidate can assist a voter, how many voters are they allowed to assist?**

A: There is no limit, but the candidate can't volunteer to assist a voter, the voter must select the assistor.

**Q: If proof of residency is a bank statement, are we required to record an account number - I'm not comfortable having someone's bank account number.**

A: If there is an account number, it should be recorded.

**Q: Are credit card statements issued by a bank acceptable proof of residency?**

A: If it's only a credit card statement, no.

**Q: Where can one get a copy of the letter they are discussing now?**

A: Under Recent Clerk Communications, archived.

**Q: Can observers record the electors checking in? i.e. audio**

A: They have to take it outside. Do you mean when they are in the observer area?

**Q: It was stated that insurance statements are not allowed but would proof of insurance cards that you would carry in your vehicle be allowed? It seems that everyone should have one in their car and would be very convenient to use this as a proof of residence. Thank you!**

A: No, it's not acceptable POR.

**Q: Are the quick poll questions available on the webinar?**

A: This is recorded, but I'll check if the questions can be printed off and added to the materials posted.

**Q: What page on manual?**

A: Page 14 in Absentee Voting in Nursing Homes manual.

**Q: We have one person who is homeless and tried to register. The social worker he gets help from would not give him (or me) a letter on their letterhead stating Privacy Act. What do I need to do in this situation?**

A: They can register in the clerk's office during open registration without POR.

**Q: How do you handle Care Center voters who are not really eligible to vote?**

A: For what reason are they not really eligible to vote?

**Q: If they have dementia.**

A: Have they been adjudicated incompetent to vote?

**Q: If they have a valid DL, does that mean they are a US Citizen?**

A: Check with DMV, but we think there are some ways to attain a WI DL without citizenship.

**Q: Could you accept the new name if the elector has a copy of the marriage license?**

A: If the marriage license was issued by a unit of government it could be used as POR.

**Q: In the case of a voter with disabilities, can a power of attorney sign the poll list, absentee certificate envelope, or registration form?**

A: Please check the absentee voting in nursing home manual for a chart.

**Q: During absentee voting in the Clerk's office, can the clerk's office conduct curbside voting?**

A: Yes.

**Q: When using the EDGE machine, should an Assistor sign the tape?**

A: No, the voter must use a paper ballot if receiving assistance.

**Q: Should the media be treated as observers or can they just come in and stay for 15-20 minutes and leave.**

A: The media are observers but have a separate provision under the rule, as indicated in the handout.

**Q: What if the POA is a family member for marking the ballot; is this acceptable that they help as a family member?**

A: Any person except an agent of a labor union or the employer can serve as the assistant, so it doesn't matter if they are family or not.

**Q: Can voters use cell phones for texting while in the polling location?**

A: Yes, as long as they are not disruptive.

**Q: Does the ballot for an AutoMark look different? Can you explain how that works? Thanks.**

A: AutoMark is an optical scan ballot, reads the ballot to the voter and reads the ballot to the voter. After the voter makes his or her selection, the device will mark those choices.

**Q: How about a Dog License receipt for POR? It is printed by the County.**

A: Yes, as long as it has the full name and address of the voter.

**Q: Is the brochure available on the website?**

A: Yes, type in election observers.

**Q: Are there any discussions about allowing homeowners insurance? Last I heard it was not allowed.**

A: It's currently not on the list.

**Q: What is the penalty for a voter who claims not to have been issued a WI DL or ID card and just offers their SSN? Is there any way this is checked?**

A: Answered live.

**Q: Is a Report Card from a school with 18-year-old's name and address acceptable POR?**

A: Public school, yes.