



Challengers appointed by political parties MUST:

- **Bring a written appointment** from a major political party to present to the Head Election Judge. *(Only one challenger per political party may be in each polling place at the same time.)*
- **Bring proof that they are Minnesota residents** to present to the Head Election Judge. They may use any of the proofs of residence allowed for Election Day registration. They do not have to prove residence in the precinct in which they are serving.
- **Fill out a challenge form** if they have personal knowledge that an individual is not eligible to vote. Challenges must be made in writing, under oath, based upon personal knowledge.

Challengers must not speak to voters and must make all challenges in writing. The statute prohibits challengers from talking to voters *(Minnesota Statutes, section 204C.07, subd. 4 read in combination with Minnesota Statutes, section 204C.12, subd. 2)*. If a challenger has personal knowledge that an individual is not eligible, they should speak directly to the Election Judge to provide notice that they intend to challenge this voter. They should then fill out the form to challenge the voter. Once the grounds for the challenge have been put in writing, the Election Judge will question the voter.

Challengers may not check to see how many people have voted in a precinct, because they may not go within 6 feet of the ballot counter or speak to voters inside the polling place.

Challengers must NOT:

- Be disruptive
- Make lists of who has or hasn't voted
- Handle or inspect registration cards, files or lists
- Attempt to influence voting
- Take pictures within the polling place
- Go within 6 feet of the ballot counter
- Make challenges on the basis of mail sent by a political party that was returned as undeliverable or, in the case of registered mail, was refused by the recipient.

Election Judges have a right to eject a challenger from the polling place for violating any of these provisions after being informed not to do so.

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