



## **Candidates' Representatives FAQ January 2022**

### **How many candidates' representatives are permitted at a poll?**

- In the case of regular or advance polls, the number of allowable representatives is reduced from 2 per candidate per polling division to 1.
- In the case of special polls, the number of representatives is reduced from 1 to zero.

### **Does a candidate representative need to have an E-417 for each poll in a polling location?**

- No. A candidate representative only needs one E-417 for each polling place. In the case where a building has polls in multiple rooms, the candidate representative should present the E-417 to the first DRO they encounter.

### **Does the E-417 need to be an original?**

- No, the candidate representative can have a copy of an E-417 signed by the candidate.

### **Where does a candidate representative get their name badge?**

- Name badges will be provided to candidate representatives at the polling place.

### **Does a candidate representative need to stand in line to collect bingo sheets on election day?**

- It depends. If the polling location configuration will allow the candidate representative to approach the information officer table while still maintaining physical distancing, the candidate representative does not need to stand in line.
- If the candidate representative cannot approach the information officer table while still maintaining physical distancing, the candidate representative must stand in line.

### **Does a candidate representative need a new E-417 for each day of advance voting?**

- No. A candidate representative can use the same E-417 for the same location for all five days of advance voting.



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**Can a candidate representative get copies of the poll book daily during advance voting?**

- No. A candidate representative can ask for a copy of the poll book at the end of advance voting the day after Advance Polls close. Candidate representatives who want a copy should call the returning officer to make arrangements to pick up a copy.

**Can a candidate representative take a picture of the poll book?**

- Yes. Candidate representatives may take photos of the poll book when no voters are present in the polling place. No other photos are permitted without the express permission of the Chief Electoral Officer.

**How many candidates' representatives are permitted to observe the count on election night**

- Candidates' representatives are not permitted to attend at the Returning Office to observe the calling in and recording of results for the constituency. The exception to this is if there are PCF ballots being counted at the returning office. In this circumstance, one representative per candidate may attend.

**How many candidates' representatives are permitted to observe Final Count?**

- The number of representatives per candidate allowed to attend at the final count is 1 per candidate.



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**Can a candidate representative sit down at a polling place? Will chairs be provided?  
Can a candidate representative bring their own chair?**

- It depends. Candidate representatives must follow the instructions from the DRO or poll supervisor with respect to where they must stand or sit. In some polling locations, there may not be enough room for chairs for candidate representatives or chairs may not be provided for candidate representatives.
- If they choose, candidate representatives may bring their own chairs but they must follow the instructions from the DRO or poll supervisor with respect to where they must stand or sit and must not sit in their chair if the DRO or poll supervisor determines that there is not enough room.
- In polling places that do have chairs for candidate representatives, candidate representatives are responsible for disinfecting chairs both before and after using them.

**How will candidates be informed of changes to polling locations?**

- Information about polling location changes will be posted on the Elections Saskatchewan website. Registered political parties will be informed by the Chief Electoral Officer and returning officers should contact all candidates in their constituency using the contact information provided by the candidate.