Election Night Access to the Office of the Board of Elections

There will be three areas within the offices of the St. Louis County Board of Elections where election night activities may be viewed by interested persons, including party representatives, candidates, press/media and the public.

HOWEVER THERE WILL BE NO LIVE RESULTS AVAILABLE.

Starting at 7:30 pm and every 30 minutes thereafter, on the hour and half-hour, an updated report will be run and will be provided to the Missouri Secretary of State's Office and posted on the St. Louis County Board of Election website as soon as feasible thereafter.

After being posted, paper copies will be made available to any observers in the Board of Elections office if requested.

Public-Press/Media Room – The large training room, in the adjacent Training center, will be the primary Public-Press/Media room where representatives will be provided with periodic updated reports on approximately 30 minute intervals.

Absentee Voting Area – The glass enclosed area used for absentee voting will allow the opportunity for interested persons to view the flow of the election media and ballots as they are received and processed. This area will generally accommodate all interested persons who desire to be in this area without limitation.

Viewing Room – The Viewing Room, adjacent to the Tabulation Room, allows for the observation of the activities in the Tabulation Room through a glass window. Due to the limited capacity of the Viewing Room, it may be necessary to rotate and/or limit access to the Viewing Room, by group, as follows:

A. (1) If the election is a partisan election, no more than 2 representatives from each of the parties on the ballot may be in the Viewing Room at any time. The Chairman of the Central Committee of the respective party, or his designee, shall decide who may occupy their party's allocated spaces in the Viewing Room. Members of the central committee, candidates and designated watchers, pursuant to section 115.107 R.S.Mo, shall count against the 2 person party limitation. If there are only representatives from the two major parties present, they may each have 3 representatives.

(2) If the election is a nonpartisan election, a total of 6 spaces shall be allocated in the Viewing Room to representatives of the entities and candidates on the ballot. If there are more representatives of the entities and candidates desiring access to the Viewing Room than the 6 spaces available, they will be allocated, by group, 4 to representatives of the municipalities and 2 to representatives of the other entities on the ballot. If there are more members of either group desiring access to the Viewing Room than the spaces allotted to their respective group, the time in the Viewing Room will be limited to 15 minutes and rotated on a first-come basis, by group, with persons going to the end of their respective line at the conclusion of their allotted 15 minute period.

B. A total of 4 spaces shall be allocated to the press/media and the public in the Viewing Room. If there are representatives of the press/media and the public desiring access to the Viewing Room in excess of the 4 allotted spaces, they will be allocated, by group, 2 to the press/media and 2 to the public. If there are more members of the press/media or the public desiring access to the Viewing Room than the spaces allotted to their respective group, the time in the Viewing Room will be limited to 15 minutes and rotated on a first-come basis, by group, with persons going to the end of their respective group's line at the conclusion of their allotted 15 minute period.

C. The four members of the St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners and the Board's attorney shall have access to any of the Viewing areas without limitation.

These procedures are subject to modification by the Directors of Elections as may be necessary on a case-by-case basis.

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