

Hand Count Log



Audit Watchers

Watchers are allowed to observe the logic and accuracy demonstration and the auditing process. Clerks are required to publish notices for both the demonstration and the audit, but it is highly recommended to notify candidates and interested constituents directly as well.

Take a look below to see what watchers can and cannot do.

Watchers Can:

- Observe the auditing process
- Make written memos while watching
- Choose another watcher to replace them if they need to be absent (e.g., getting something to eat)

Watchers Cannot:

- Interfere with the auditing process
- Divulge the results of the audit or the count (doing so is a 3rd degree felony)

Counties may establish additional rules (e.g., requiring watchers to surrender their cell phones while observing), and they may designate a particular space within the counting area in which watchers must stay. Counties are encouraged to establish these rules prior to the auditing process and make these rules plainly clear for all watchers.