

## **PRECINCT ELECTION OFFICIALS ETHICS**

All precinct election officials (including rovers, scouts, and other similar, temporary election day positions) appointed by the boards of elections must comply with Ohio ethics laws and the provisions of the Secretary of State's Ethics Policy applicable to them. All current and future precinct election officials shall complete the Ethics Policy Acknowledgment Form (Form 351). The board of elections shall keep the completed form for the precinct election official on file at the board office.

### **As outlined in the Secretary of State's Ethics Policy:**

1. R.C. 3501.15 prohibits precinct election officials from serving in any precinct where the precinct election official is a candidate on the ballot, except for unopposed candidates for a political party county central committee.
2. Precinct election officials (including rovers, scouts, or similar, temporary election workers) may not serve in any precinct in which a family member or business associate is a candidate for elected office.
3. Precinct election officials (including rovers, scouts, or similar, temporary election workers) shall not wear or distribute shirts, buttons, stickers, or other campaign paraphernalia for or against any candidate or issue at the office of the Secretary of State, at the office of the board of elections, or at any polling location.
4. Precinct election officials (including rovers, scouts, or similar, temporary election workers) shall not engage in any political activity while on board of elections time.
5. Precinct election officials (including rovers, scouts, or other similar, temporary election workers) should avoid actions and associations that create an appearance of impropriety, that undermine public confidence in Ohio elections officials, or that interfere with the performance of duties by Ohio elections officials.

115 R.C. 3501.33; R.C. 3501.35.

For precinct election officials (including rovers, scouts, or other similar, temporary election workers), violations of this policy may be reported to the director or deputy director of the board of elections. Reports also may be made anonymously by mailing a written statement in a sealed envelope to the board of elections to the attention of the director or deputy director.

Violations of this ethics policy by a precinct election official (including rovers, scouts, or other similar, temporary election workers) may result in dismissal from service and no opportunities for further service as a precinct election official.