



Massachusetts Election Laws Summary for the Media
State Election, November 6, 2012

Within the Polling Place and the Voting Precinct during voting hours (7 am to 8 pm) to preserve the Massachusetts Constitutional Right to Privacy and Right to a Secret Ballot, (Mass General Laws Referenced):

- Ballot Privacy Folder will be used by the voter
- No photos of anyone actually voting. MGL Ch 56 § 25 and MGL Ch 56 § 16
- No photos of the actual ballot MGL Ch 56 25 and MGL Ch 56 § 16
- No sound recordings MGL Ch 54 § 76
- No interference with voters or election workers accessing or voting in the polling place. MGL Ch 56 § 29
- Only registered voters of that voting precinct and sworn election workers may advance beyond the guard rail of the precinct MGL Ch 54 § 69
- Within 150 Feet of a polling location on Election Day, electioneering activities are prohibited, such as posting, exhibiting, or circulating campaign materials, campaign buttons, gathering signatures on nomination papers or initiative petitions, media interviews, personal appearances by the candidate other than when she/he is actively voting at that precinct. Radius maps for each polling place are available on the Town Clerk's website. MGL 54 § 65
- Questions must be addressed to the Precinct Warden. Any violation will result in immediate removal from the polling place and enforcement by Belmont Police

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