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Overview

Allows a media representative to enter a polling place for up to 60 minutes as an observer during voting hours. Allows the head election judge to extend this time limit. Requires the media representative to provide a recognized media credential or written acknowledgement from a local election official of the media representative's credentials. Prohibits a media representative from interfering with the voting process.

Under current law the media may enter a polling place for up to 15 minutes with prior written authorization of the county auditor or municipal clerk, must not get within six feet of an election judge, and must not interview a voter in the polling place.

Effective immediately.