Nonpartisan Election Observers

Scoring

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election process, 1 point
- State does not explicitly allow nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election process, 0 points

Note: States with laws allowing the general public access to election proceedings have been categorized as allowing nonpartisan observation. Laws governing partisan election observation are not addressed in this document.

No updates required since October 13, 2021

Alabama (0)

- State does not explicitly allow nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes.

Alaska (0)

- State does not explicitly allow nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes.

Arizona (1)

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (Arizona Election Procedures Manual).

Arkansas (1)

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (Arkansas Code § 7-5-515, 7-5-416, 7-5-603).

California (1)

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (Cal Elec. Code §15004).

Colorado (1)

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (Colo. Rev. State. 1-7-509(2), 1-1.5-104).

Connecticut (1)

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-244, 9-147a).
Delaware (1)

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (Delaware Code, Title 15, § 5008A, 4933, 4913).

D.C. (1)

- Explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (D.C. Mun. Regs. §3-801.2, 706.2).

Florida (1)

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (Fla. Stat. Title IX §101.5612, 101.5614).

Georgia (1)

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (Ga. Code § 21-2-37, 21-2-413).

Hawaii (1)

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (Hawaii Rev. Stat. §11-132).

Idaho (0)

- State does not explicitly allow nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes.

Illinois (1)

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (10 ILCS 5/17-23).

Indiana (1)

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (IC 3-11.5-3-4).

Iowa (1)

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (Iowa Code §49.104, 50.1A).

Kansas (1)

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (Kan. Stat. §25-3005, 3009).

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Kentucky (0)

- State does not explicitly allow nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes.

Louisiana (0)

- State does not explicitly allow nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes.

Maine (1)

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (21-A M.R.S.A. §695).

Maryland (1)

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (Md. Election Law Code Ann. § 10-311).

Massachusetts (1)

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (950 CMR 54.04(22)).

Michigan (1)

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (M.C.L.A. §§ 168.730).

Minnesota (1)

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (Minn. Stat. Ann. §203B.212).

Mississippi (1)

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-581).

Missouri (1)

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (Missouri Rev. Stat. §115.409).

Montana (1)

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (Mont. Code Ann. §12-12-121).
Nebraska (0)

- State does not explicitly allow nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes.

Nevada (1)

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (Nev. Rev. Stat. §293.274).

New Hampshire (1)


New Jersey (1)

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (NJSA 19:53A-8(b)).

New Mexico (1)


New York (0)

- State does not explicitly allow nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes.

North Carolina (1)

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (N.C.S.G.S. § 163-234, 166.10).

North Dakota (1)

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (NDCC § 16.1-05-09).

Ohio (0)

- State does not explicitly allow nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes.

Oklahoma (0)

- State does not explicitly allow nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes.
Oregon (1)

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (Oregon Vote by Mail Procedures Manual).

Pennsylvania (0)

- State does not explicitly allow nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes.

Rhode Island (1)

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (R.I.G.L. § 17-22-2).

South Carolina (1)

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (South Carolina Poll Managers Handbook).

South Dakota (1)

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (S.D.C.L. §12-18-9).

Tennessee (1)

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-7-104).

Texas (0)

- State does not explicitly allow nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes.

Utah (1)

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (UCA 20A-3a-801).

Vermont (1)

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (17 V.S.A. § 2564).

Virginia (1)

- State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (VA Code Ann. § 24.2-604.5).
Washington (1)
  • State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (RCW 29A.60.170).

West Virginia (1)
  • State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (W. Va. Code §3-4A-27).

Wisconsin (1)
  • State explicitly allows nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes (Wis. Stat. § 7.41).

Wyoming (0)
  • State does not explicitly allow nonpartisan observers access to some or all parts of election processes.