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Massachusetts Election Laws Summary for the Media

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 Folders are distributed to each polling location for voter convenience.

No photos of anyone actually voting & no photos of the actual ballot.	MGL Ch 56 § 25 & 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
No electioneering activities* within 150 ft of a polling location. Click here for maps showing the 150 ft radius.	MGL Ch 54 § 65

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

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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