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Overview

Allows a media representative to enter a polling place as an observer during voting hours. Strikes a prior restriction that allowed the media to enter a polling place for up to 15 minutes with prior written authorization of the county auditor or municipal clerk. 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.

Retains prior law that the media must not get within six feet of an election judge, and must not converse with a voter in the polling place.

Effective May 18, 2005.