

Election Challengers

Reasons they can and cannot challenge

There are four permissible reasons for election challengers to challenge a voter's eligibility:

1. The person is not registered to vote;
2. The person is less than 18 years of age;
3. The person is not a United States citizen; or
4. The person has not lived in the city or township in which they are attempting to vote for 30 or more days prior to the election.

The challenger **must cite one of the four listed permissible reasons** that the challenger believes the person is not a registered voter, and the challenger **must explain the reason the challenger holds that belief**. If the challenger does not cite one of the four permitted reasons to challenge this voter's eligibility, or cannot provide support for the challenge, the challenge is impermissible.

The challenger must make the challenge in a discrete manner not intended to embarrass the challenged voter, intimidate other voters, or otherwise disrupt the election process.

Impermissible reasons for election challengers:

1. Challenge something other than a voter's eligibility or an election process;
2. Challenge without a sufficient basis, and
3. Challenge for a prohibited reason.

Improper reasons for making a challenge to a voter's eligibility include, but are not limited to, the following:

- the voter's race or ethnic background;
- the voter's sexual orientation or gender identity;
- the voter's physical or mental disability;
- the voter's inability to read, write, or speak English;
- the voter's need for assistance in the voting process;
- the voter's manner of dress;
- the voter's support for or opposition to a candidate, political party, or ballot question;
- the appearance or the challenger's impression of any of the above traits; or
- any other characteristic or appearance of a characteristic that is not relevant to a person's qualification to cast a ballot.

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