Who is allowed in the polling place? (cont’d)

• Good Samaritans
  – Interpreter for voter (§ 61.032)
  – Person assisting voter (§ 64.032)
  – Person accompanying disabled voter (§ 64.009)

• Law Enforcement
  – IF summoned by presiding judge (§ 32.075)
  – IF appointed as special peace officer by presiding judge (§ 32.075)
Who is NOT allowed in the polling place?

• Candidates (§ 61.001(b))
  — Unless voting, assisting a voter, or conducting official business in the building

• Bystanders (§ 61.001(a))
  — People who are not in the polling place to vote or for one of the other permitted reasons
Assisting a Voter

§§ 33.057, 64.031, 64.032

• Who is eligible for assistance?
  
  — Any voter who is physically unable to mark the ballot.
  
  — Any voter who cannot read the ballot due to visual or other impairment.
Assisting a Voter (con’t)

- What types of assistance are allowed?
  - Reading the ballot to the voter.
  - Directing the voter to read the ballot.
  - Marking the voter’s ballot.
  - Directing the voter to mark the ballot.
Assisting a Voter (con’t)

- Who is eligible to assist a voter?
  - Any person that the voter chooses.
  - Except: the voter’s employer, an agent of their employer, or an officer or agent of the voter’s union.
  - This includes candidates!
Assisting a Voter (con’t)

• Person can provide assistance regardless of:
  – The fact that they have assisted someone else.
  – Their residence.
  – Their citizenship.
  – Their voter registration status.
  – Their age.
Assisting a Voter (con’t)

§§ 33.057, 64.032(b)

• What if the voter doesn’t choose the assistant?
  – Election workers may assist a voter.
  – Two workers must assist together. (One worker may assist during early voting.)
Assisting a Voter (con’t)

- **Who else can be there?**
  - If the voter chooses their assistant, no one else may be present.
  - If election workers are assisting a voter, poll watchers may be present to observe.