

Summary of Rules for Appointment of Monitors

These are new rules. These rules:

- Set out requirements for persons to request that SBEC send election monitors to a county (§1001);
- Provide for the Director to determine if the request meets the requirements and for the SBEC to determine whether to send monitors (§1002);
- Set out the qualifications of monitors: 1) registered voter in Arkansas; 2) read and write English; 3) not an election-law violator; 4) not a paid employee of a campaign or party; and 4) not closely related to a candidate. The SBEC may waive the relationship restriction if the Director determines that the relative is not on the ballot in the county and the monitor can fairly observe the election despite the relationship (§1003);
- Provide that monitors are to be trained and certified (§1004);
- Provide that monitors' duties include: 1) be impartial; 2) not interfere with the election process; 3) carry and present documentation of their status as monitors; 4) not electioneer; 5) ; base reports on verifiable facts; 6) not talk to the media or others about findings, and 7) prepare a report for the director (§1005); and
- Provide for reimbursement of expenses and compensation (\$100 per day).