

623-14, regarding watchers at places of registration; privileges, was repealed in 1995, replaced by 961.101 *et seq.*, which was subsequently repealed in 2002.

**§ 299. Right to vote at primary**

**United States Supreme Court**

Freedom of association—

Political parties, blanket primary allowing voters to vote for any candidate regardless of voter's or candidate's party affiliation, state interests, see *California Democratic Party v. Jones*, 2000, 120 S.Ct. 2402.

Semiclosed primary election system, requirement that only registered party members and invited independents vote in party primary, see *Clingman v. Beaver*, 2005, 125 S.Ct. 2029, 161 L.Ed.2d 920, on remand 139 Fed.Appx. 936, 2005 WL 1638736.

**IN CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS**

**PERMANENT REGISTRATION ACT**

**§§ 623-1 to 623-17. Repealed. 1995, June 30, P.L. 170, No. 25, § 5106(a), imd. effective**

**Historical and Statutory Notes**

For subject matter of the repealed sections, see, now, 25 P.S. § 961.101 *et seq.*

**§§ 623-19 to 623-22. Repealed. 1995, June 30, P.L. 170, No. 25, § 5106(a), imd. effective**

**Historical and Statutory Notes**

For subject matter of the repealed sections, see, now, 25 P.S. § 961.101 *et seq.*

**§§ 623-24 to 623-46. Repealed. 1995, June 30, P.L. 170, No. 25, § 5106(a), imd. effective**

ed the provisions relating to commercial or improper use of commission records and to photocopies of records.

#### Library References

P.L.E. Records § 5.

### § 623-14. Watchers at places of registration; privileges

(a) Any party or body of electors which now is, or hereafter may be, entitled to have watchers at any election, may recommend not more than three electors to act as watchers, without expense to the county, at any place of registration or any office of the commission during the time when it shall remain open for the registration of electors. The commission shall appoint such persons as watchers, and provide them with proper certificates, stating their names and the party which they represent respectively, unless any be shown to have previously been convicted of any crime.

(b) Any watcher shall be entitled to remain at any place of registration or any office of the commission during the time when it shall remain open for the registration of electors, and to keep a list or other memorandum of or concerning the persons applying for registration, and to challenge any person regarding his right to be registered and to inspect any papers produced by such person. The registrars, clerks or employes of the commission acting as registrars, commission, and commissioners shall give every watcher ample opportunity and afford him every convenience for the discharge of his duties: Provided, however, That a registrar, clerk or employe of the commission acting as registrar, inspector, commissioner or the commission may, at any time, require any watcher to show his certificate of appointment: And provided, That not more than one watcher for each party or body of electors represented shall be allowed in a place of registration or an office of the commission at any one time, unless the commission by regulation shall provide otherwise.

1937, March 30, P.L. 115, § 14. Amended 1941, July 31, P.L. 710, § 8.

#### Cross References

Watchers at elections, see 25 P.S. § 2687.

#### Library References

Elections ¶¶101.  
WESTLAW Topic No. 144.

C.J.S. Elections § 42.  
P.L.E. Elections § 25.

### § 623-15. Watchers or attorneys at sessions of commission

(a) Any party shall be entitled to appoint watchers, who are qualified electors of the city, or attorneys to represent such party at any public session or sessions of the commission.

(b) Any party or body of electors which now is, or hereafter may be, entitled to have watchers at any place of registration or at any election, may recommend not more than three (3) qualified electors of the city, or attorneys to serve as watchers or to represent such party or body of electors at any public session or sessions of the commission. The commission shall appoint such electors or attorneys to serve as watchers or to represent such parties or bodies at such sessions of the commission.

(c) All watchers or attorneys appointed or selected, in the manner provided by subsections (a) and (b) of this section, may exercise the same rights under the same conditions at any public session or sessions of the commission as watchers at places of registration or offices of the commission open for the registration of electors.

1937, March 30, P.L. 115, § 15. Amended 1941, July 31, P.L. 710, § 9.

#### Library References

Elections ¶¶209.  
WESTLAW Topic No. 144.

C.J.S. Elections §§ 192, 200.  
P.L.E. Elections § 8.

### § 623-16. Candidates may be present at proceedings

Every candidate for nomination or election to any office shall be entitled to be present in person or by attorney in fact duly authorized, to participate in any proceeding before any commission whenever any matters which may affect his candidacy are being heard.

1937, March 30, P.L. 115, § 16.

### § 623-17. Day and hours of registration; places of registration; use of polling places; payments of rentals; use of school buildings; public notice

(a) The commission, or any commissioner, employe or clerk assigned for that purpose shall at the main office of the commission, during ordinary business hours, and during such additional hours as the commission shall from time to time prescribe, on each day, and on such days and during such hours as the commission may from time to time designate at other offices in the city which the commission shall from time to time have power to establish and discontinue, the days hereinafter provided for the registration of electors in the districts or wards, the day of each election and each primary, the thirty days next preceding each general, municipal and primary