

**ELECTION BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 8 OF 2010**  
**PROHIBITING CANDIDATES FROM BEING POLL WATCHERS**

On motion of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Lehman;

**WHEREAS**, Section 417 of the Election Code, 25 P.S. Section 287, provides that each candidate for nomination or election at any election shall be entitled to appoint two watchers for each election district in which such candidate is voted for; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 1220(a) of the Election Code, 25 P.S. Section 3060 (a), provides that no person shall be allowed in the polling place outside of the enclosed space at any primary or election, except the watchers, voters not exceeding ten at any one time who are awaiting their turn to vote, and peace officers, when necessary for the preservation of the peace; and

**WHEREAS**, The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has concluded that there is no provision in the law that empowers a candidate to be present in a polling place during the time that the polls are open except for the purpose of casting his or her own individual ballot.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**, as follows:

No candidate shall be appointed as a poll watcher in any election for which voters are voting for that candidate.

This Resolution has been enacted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010.

Motion passed unanimously.

10/27/10