

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. PARKER, BAILEY, COMRIE, KAVANAGH, KRUEGER, MAYER --  
read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to  
the Committee on Elections

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to watchers

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 Section 1. Subdivision 5 of section 8-500 of the election law, as  
2 amended by chapter 418 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as  
3 follows:  
4 5. Each watcher must be a qualified voter of the city or county in  
5 which he or she is to serve. No person shall be appointed or act as a  
6 watcher who is a candidate for any public office to be voted for by the  
7 voters of the election district in the same election in which the watch-  
8 er is to serve. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as  
9 prohibiting any such candidate from visiting a polling place in such  
10 district on an election day while the polls are open, or an attorney who  
11 is a New York state resident and is licensed to practice law therein.  
12 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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