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AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to qualifications for poll watchers

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 8-500 of the election law is amended by adding a new subdivision 5 to read as follows:

5. NO PERSON SHALL BE APPOINTED, CERTIFIED OR ACT AS A WATCHER WHO IS A CANDIDATE FOR ANY PUBLIC OFFICE TO BE VOTED FOR BY THE VOTERS OF THE ELECTION DISTRICT IN WHICH HE OR SHE IS TO SERVE, OR THE SPOUSE, PARENT OR CHILD OF SUCH A CANDIDATE. PROVIDED, THAT NO PROVISION OF THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE DEEMED TO PROHIBIT A CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE, OR HIS OR HER SPOUSE, PARENT OR CHILD, FROM BEING PRESENT AT A POLL PLACE AFTER THE POLLS HAVE CLOSED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE ELECTION RESULTS FOR THE ELECTION.

S 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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