# STATE OF NEW YORK

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# IN SENATE

February 22, 2021

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:**

Section 1. Subdivision 5 of section 8-500 of the election law, as amended by chapter 418 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

5. Each watcher must be a qualified voter of the city or county in which he or she is to serve. No person shall be appointed 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 the same election in which the watcher is to serve. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as prohibiting any such candidate from visiting a polling place in such district on an election day while the polls are open**, or an attorney who is a New York state resident and is licensed to practice law therein**.

§ 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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