STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 9, 2023

Introduced by M. of A. WEPRIN, OTIS, PAULIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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**; provided, however, a qualified voter who is a New York state resident and is licensed to practice law therein may serve as a watcher at any polling place**. 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.

§ 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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