

WATCHER CERTIFICATE  
FOR USE ON ELECTION DAY

Section 8-500, Election Law

I/We, the undersigned being \_\_\_\_\_  
(chair/ candidate)

Of the \_\_\_\_\_ party, do hereby appoint  
( political party/ independent body)

\_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_  
(watchers name)

To be a watcher, for the election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ in the  
(date of election)

\_\_\_\_\_ Election District, in the \_\_\_\_\_ Ward (if applicable) of Town, City

or village of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature / Town or City Chairman/ Candidate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

**Guidelines**

Watchers shall be appointed by the chair of any party committee or independent body whose candidate's names appear on the ballot or any two or more candidates in a primary election.

A watcher certificate must be issued for each district.

Each watcher must be a qualified voter of the city or county in which he/she is to serve.

Watchers may not be a candidate in the district they appear on the ballot.

Watchers certificates must be delivered to an inspector at the election district.

Not more than three watchers for any party committees or independent boy or candidates whose names appear on the ballot may be appointed to serve at the same district.

Watchers may be present at the polling site at least fifteen minutes before the unlocking and examinations of any voting machine at the opening of the polls, until after the signing of the inspector's returns and proclamation of the results.

Not more than one watcher appointed by each party committee or independent body may be within the guard rail at anyone time.