



COUNTY OF BERKS, PENNSYLVANIA

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1. Each candidate for nomination or election at any election shall be entitled to appoint two watchers for each election district in which such candidate is voted for. Each political party and each political body which has nominated candidates in accordance with the provisions of this act, shall be entitled to appoint three watchers at any general, municipal or special election for each election district in which the candidates of such party or political body are to be voted for.
2. The Pennsylvania Election Code states that “Each watcher so appointed must be a qualified registered elector of the COUNTY in which the election district for which the watcher was appointed is located. Each watcher so appointed shall be authorized to serve in the election district for which the watcher was appointed and, when the **watcher is not serving in the election district for which the watcher was appointed, in any other election district in the county in which the watcher is a qualified registered elector.**

Only one watcher for each candidate at a primary or for each party or political body at a general, municipal, or special election, can remain in the polling place at any one time prior to the opening of the polls, throughout the day until the time that the counting of the votes is complete and the district register is locked and sealed.

3. After the polls close and during the canvassing of the votes, all watchers may be in the polling place, but outside the enclosed space.
4. Every person who acts in the capacity of a watcher must upon request show his or her certificate. Watchers shall be permitted to keep a list of voters and shall be entitled to challenge any person making application to vote to require proof of his qualifications.

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