

HOUSE BILL NO. 529

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROHIBITING A CANDIDATE FROM SERVING AS A POLL WATCHER; AND AMENDING SECTION 13-13-120, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 13-13-120, MCA, is amended to read:

**"13-13-120. Poll watchers -- announcement of elector's name.** (1) The election judges shall permit one poll watcher from each political party to be stationed close to the poll lists in a location that does not interfere with the election procedures. At the time when each elector signs the elector's name, one of the election judges shall pronounce the name loud enough to be heard by the poll watchers. A poll watcher who does not understand the pronunciation has the right to request that the judge repeat the name. Poll watchers must also be permitted to observe all of the vote counting procedures of the judges after the closing of the polls and all entries of the results of the elections.

(2) A candidate may not serve as a poll watcher AT A POLLING PLACE WHERE ELECTORS ARE VOTING ON BALLOTS WITH THE CANDIDATE'S NAME ON THEM."

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