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 1 APPEARANCES:
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              Office of Donald McTigue
              3886 North High Street
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              Columbus, Ohio 43214
              By Mr. Donald McTigue,
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                On behalf of Ms. Weirdella
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                L. Shawna Gibbs.
 6 ALSO PRESENT:
              Ms. W. Shawna Gibbs
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Page 3 1 2 PROCEEDINGS 3 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I would like 5 to call the Franklin County Board of 6 Elections meeting to order. 7 May we have a roll call? MR. DAMSCHROEDER: Mr. Colley? 9 MR. COLLEY: Here. 10 MR. DAMSCHROEDER: 11 Ms. Marinello? 12 MS. MARINELLO: Here. 13 MR. DAMSCHROEDER: Ms. Petree? 14 MS. PETREE: Here. 15 MR. DAMSCHROEDER: And Chairman 16 Anthony? 17 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Here. 18 MR. DAMSCHROEDER: All members 19 present. 20 Mr. Chairman and members of the 21 Board, the first item on the agenda is to 22 address a resolution that was enacted by 23 the Franklin County Commissioners 24 yesterday morning. The resolution

- 1 requests the removal of the Senior Options
- 2 levy from this spring's Primary and
- 3 General Election ballot.
- 4 As you know had the Senior
- 5 Options levy remained on the ballot, about
- 6 700 precincts in this county would be open
- 7 just for the purpose of voting on that
- 8 single question. The Commissioners felt
- 9 that it was in the interest of fiscal
- 10 prudence to remove that question from the
- 11 ballot this spring and cast ballots on it
- 12 this fall when all precincts would be open
- 13 and not just for this issue. This
- 14 resolution for the Board to accept the
- 15 request of the Commissioners is really a
- 16 formality.
- 17 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I will
- 18 entertain a motion.
- MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman, I
- 20 move to remove the Senior Options levy
- 21 from the May 7th, 2007 Primary and General
- 22 Election ballot pursuant to the request of
- 23 the Franklin County Commissioners.
- 24 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a

- 1 second?
- MS. MARINELLO: I second.
- 3 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in
- 4 favor, say aye.
- 5 (Unanimous aye.)
- 6 MR. DAMSCHROEDER: The motion
- 7 carries.
- 8 The next section of the agenda
- 9 has to do with two letters that were
- 10 received by the Board from candidates who
- 11 filed petitions seeking the office of a
- 12 member of Columbus Board of Education.
- The first letter is from Joy
- 14 Marshall, who was a candidate for Columbus
- 15 Board of Education. In her letter she
- 16 basically asked for an appeal to the
- 17 finding of insufficient valid signatures
- 18 due to lack of voter participation and
- 19 opportunity as many registered voters were
- 20 denied a voice and participation in the
- 21 electoral process because of a change of
- 22 address, and in addition many voters were
- 23 denied because the signature did not match
- 24 exactly that used in registration.

Based upon the foregoing request

- 2 of the appeal against certification of her
- 3 on the ballot the Board staff has reviewed
- 4 the petitions that was submitted by
- 5 Ms. Marshall and it is still the opinion
- 6 of Staff -- and we are talking the County
- 7 Prosecuting Attorney's Office -- that the
- 8 reasons outlined in the recommendation by
- 9 Staff for disqualification of signatures
- 10 based on deciding how many had registered
- 11 not being registered at the address shown
- 12 on the petition as the address the voter
- 13 was registered at, signers printing their
- 14 name, signers living outside the district,
- 15 signers not including addresses, all of
- 16 those are inconsistent with law as
- 17 directed by the Secretary of State's
- 18 Petition Requirements and Candidate
- 19 Qualifications Guide.
- I don't know if Ms. Marshall is
- 21 here today and would like to speak.
- 22 (No audible response)
- MR. DAMSCHROEDER: If not, the
- 24 request for the Board's consideration is

- 1 to put her back on the ballot, but the
- 2 Staff's recommendation would be not to.
- 3 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there
- 4 anyone here representing Ms. Marshall?
- 5 (No audible response)
- 6 MR. DAMSCHROEDER: The next
- 7 candidate who filed a letter asking the
- 8 Board to reconsider its decision against
- 9 certification is Weirdella Shawna Gibbs.
- The question at the time of the
- 11 last Board meeting was that the name that
- 12 appeared on the petition was inconsistent
- 13 with the name that Ms. Gibbs had provided
- 14 on her registration. At the time it was
- 15 the Staff's recommendation to deny
- 16 certification for that reason.
- 17 It is my understanding that
- 18 Ms. Gibbs is here today and represented by
- 19 counsel. I think it would be appropriate
- 20 to have Mr. McTigue make a presentation to
- 21 the Board at this time.
- 22 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes, sir.
- MR. MCTIGUE: Good afternoon. I
- 24 am Don McTique.

- 1 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Good
- 2 afternoon.
- 3 MR. MCTIGUE: Mr. Chairman and
- 4 members of the Board, as the Director
- 5 said, the original Staff recommendation
- 6 was based on an inconsistency in name on
- 7 the petition and the registration form for
- 8 Ms. Gibbs.
- 9 Ms. Gibbs' registration form has
- 10 her first name, which is Weirdella; and
- 11 then I believe it had the middle initial
- 12 L, which is LaRay or stands for LaRay, and
- 13 the last name Gibbs. The petition is
- 14 signed W. Shawna Gibbs.
- What was not known at that time
- 16 by the Board Staff is that Shawna is
- 17 actually part of her lawful name and not
- 18 recently but the day she was born. We
- 19 have her birth certificate, and you should
- 20 have copies of that.
- 21 The birth certificate is a
- 22 little unusual in that she has five names,
- 23 Weirdella LaRay Shawna Marie Gibbs.
- 24 I think that -- and I hope I am not being

- 1 unfair here, but I think that if the Staff
- 2 had had this information prior to the
- 3 Board's meeting that you may have had a
- 4 different recommendation last time,
- 5 because there is nothing in the law that
- 6 says you have to put your name on a
- 7 petition and sign it.
- 8 The law doesn't actually say you
- 9 can't use variations of your full name.
- 10 The law doesn't say you have to register
- 11 your whole name.
- 12 In fact the Secretary of State's
- 13 guidelines on filling out petitions states
- 14 that the name a candidate uses in the
- 15 statement of candidacy may be any
- 16 combination of the first and middle names
- 17 or initials; but then what it says on
- 18 nicknames is you can only use natural
- 19 derivatives.
- We are not talking about a
- 21 nickname here. Shawna is her name. So
- 22 she used the initial on the petition, W,
- 23 she used Shawna, which is a middle name.
- 24 She has a couple of different middle

- 1 names. She used her middle name and she
- 2 used her last name.
- Plus at the time she filed her
- 4 petition she filled out the card that the
- 5 Board asks all candidates to fill out as
- 6 to how they would like their name to
- 7 appear on the ballot. She writes, "I
- 8 would like my name to appear as W. Shawna
- 9 Gibbs. I am registered as Weirdella
- 10 Gibbs." She actually signed it Weirdella
- 11 Gibbs here.
- 12 At the time she filed her
- 13 petition, the Board had who this person
- 14 was. That matches her registration as
- 15 well.
- 16 Although she signed it that way,
- 17 when the Board took her money, the Board
- 18 filled out a receipt for her as Shawna
- 19 Gibbs. And it should also be noted that
- 20 if you compared the signature on the
- 21 petition, the W and the Gibbs, compare
- 22 that to the signature on the voter
- 23 registration card, they match. It's the
- 24 same handwriting. I don't think there is

- 1 any question that it's the same person.
- I would cite, one, there is not
- 3 a whole lot of case law on this point.
- 4 Maybe that's because the law, again,
- 5 doesn't say that you have to put your full
- 6 name.
- 7 One case in particular that some
- 8 of the Board members may remember, or
- 9 maybe this was before any of you were on
- 10 the Board, it's an Ohio Supreme Court case
- 11 Green versus Casey. In that case the
- 12 Supreme Court said with regard to defects
- 13 in names that the standard for reviewing
- 14 technical defects in the declaration of
- 15 candidacy and petition papers is whether
- 16 the defect would cause the signer who
- 17 signed that petition to be deceived or
- 18 misled.
- 19 In fact if she had probably
- 20 filled it out as Weirdella Gibbs that
- 21 would have confused and misled people
- 22 because no one calls her Weirdella Gibbs.
- 23 She was born in Columbus 33
- 24 years ago. Her friends, her family, her

- 1 co-workers, her colleagues, her bosses,
- 2 her neighbors, everybody calls her Shawna
- 3 Gibbs. You could probably count on one
- 4 hand the number of people who even know
- 5 what her first name is.
- 6 She is running for School Board.
- 7 She went through twelve years of school in
- 8 Columbus Public Schools and every single
- 9 teacher called her Shawna, not Weirdella.
- I would also point out just to
- 11 back up what I have just said, we have a
- 12 couple of exhibits. One is her business
- 13 card, her employment. On every business
- 14 card she has ever had -- she is with the
- 15 Girl Scouts right now as Director of
- 16 Public Relations -- it says W. Shawna
- 17 Gibbs.
- 18 E-mail -- I quess e-mail is
- 19 really how we determine a name now. Her
- 20 e-mail is wshawna@cohio.org. Her previous
- 21 employment was at Comocko with a picture
- 22 of W. Shawna Gibbs. Her checking account
- 23 has always been and still is W. Shawna
- 24 Gibbs. When she pays her bills she pays

- 1 as W. Shawna Gibbs.
- So within the community she has
- 3 always used the name open and notoriously
- 4 Shawna Gibbs or W. Shawna Gibbs. That's
- 5 how people know her. No one is misled by
- 6 the way she filled out the petition.
- 7 Based on all this I would ask
- 8 that you respectfully reconsider your
- 9 decision and certify her petition for the
- 10 ballot.
- 11 Ms. Gibbs is here if any member
- 12 of the Board would like to ask some
- 13 questions.
- 14 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Thank you.
- Any questions for legal counsel?
- 16 Ms. Gibbs, would you like to say
- 17 anything?
- 18 MS. GIBBS: Mr. Chairman and
- 19 members of the Board of Elections, just
- 20 very short and sweet, I thank you for the
- 21 opportunity to appeal this decision. As
- 22 Mr. McTigue said, I have been here 33
- 23 years born and raised. You may have seen
- 24 me on TV and numerous places as W. Shawna

- 1 Gibbs.
- 2 I just hope that with the
- 3 evidence that was presented today that you
- 4 will consider this petition favorably and
- 5 that I can continue to work on behalf of
- 6 the students, their families and the staff
- 7 of Columbus Public Schools. Thank you.
- 8 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Thank you.
- 9 Any questions of Ms. Gibbs?
- 10 (No audible response)
- 11 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Any
- 12 discussion?
- MR. DAMSCHROEDER: I would add,
- 14 Mr. Chairman, as Mr. McTigue did raise the
- 15 notation from the Petition Requirements
- 16 and Candidate Qualifications Guide from
- 17 the Secretary of State. Prior to the
- 18 meeting I spoke with Nick Soulas, the
- 19 Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in the
- 20 Prosecutor's Office.
- 21 It was his advice or at the
- 22 conclusion of his research that there was
- 23 nothing in the law that either precluded
- 24 or supported the placement of Ms. Gibbs on

1 the ballot based on the situation and the

- 2 difference between the name by which she
- 3 was registered and the name she placed on
- 4 her petition, and that if the Board either
- 5 tied or voted against placement, that it
- 6 was likely the Secretary of State would
- 7 break the tie in favor of ballot access as
- 8 would the courts under the substantial
- 9 compliance doctrine.
- 10 So in his opinion the Board
- 11 should gave her ballot access. And if
- 12 that was not enough, to avoid unnecessary
- 13 litigation it was almost certain to be
- 14 filed against the Board.
- 15 It was his recommendation to put
- 16 Ms. Gibbs on the ballot as a candidate for
- 17 Columbus School Board, using the name W.
- 18 Shawna Gibbs.
- 19 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Any
- 20 discussion or questions for Matt?
- 21 I just want to go on the record
- 22 to say I have known her since she was a
- 23 very tiny girl. Her dad's name was Weir
- 24 Don. She was fortunate enough to take her

- 1 dad's name, so now if nobody knew it they
- 2 will know now.
- 3 At this point I would like to
- 4 make a motion. I move that the Board
- 5 certify Weirdella L. Shawna Gibbs to the
- 6 ballot as a candidate for Member of the
- 7 Columbus School Board of Education for a
- 8 full term.
- 9 Is there a second?
- MS. MARINELLO: Second.
- 11 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in
- 12 favor, say aye.
- 13 (Unanimous aye)
- 14 MR. DAMSCHROEDER: The motion
- 15 carries.
- We should probably have a
- 17 separate motion, Mr. Chairman, on how she
- 18 will appear on the ballot.
- 19 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I make a
- 20 motion that she will appear on the ballot
- 21 as W. Shawna Gibbs.
- Is there a second?
- MS. MARINELLO: Second.
- 24 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in

- 1 favor, say aye.
- 2 (Unanimous aye)
- MR. DAMSCHROEDER: The motion
- 4 carries.
- 5 It might also be good to note
- 6 for the record, Mr. Chairman, that the
- 7 Board may want to ask Ms. Gibbs to amend
- 8 her voter registration so we don't run
- 9 into this issue in the future.
- 10 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Have you done
- 11 that?
- 12 Have you amended your voter
- 13 registration form?
- MR. MCTIGUE: We are about to do
- 15 that.
- 16 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Thank you.
- 17 (Ms. Gibbs and Mr. McTigue
- 18 exit.)
- 19 MR. DAMSCHROEDER: The next item
- 20 on the agenda, Mr. Chairman and members of
- 21 the Board, is a generic issue relative to
- 22 approval of travel reimbursement for the
- 23 Director.
- I was asked to serve on a

- 1 committee for one day in Washington, D.C.,
- 2 with the United States Elections Systems
- 3 Commission on the committee they have to
- 4 develop Best Practices for Early Voting
- 5 and Absentee Voting. All of the expenses
- 6 for that travel were paid for by the U.S.
- 7 Elections System Commission except for my
- 8 time, which I didn't charge the Board
- 9 overtime for.
- The other request is, I was
- 11 asked last Friday by Minority members of
- 12 the House Committee on Administration to
- 13 testify yesterday before their Elections
- 14 Subcommittee on top of House Bill 811, an
- 15 election reform bill that among other
- 16 things federally mandates voter verifiable
- 17 paper audit trails, as well as creates a
- 18 separate elections bureaucracy in addition
- 19 to the Board of Elections run by the State
- 20 Auditor to audit all the elections that
- 21 the Board runs and certifies.
- I was there testifying on
- 23 Franklin County's experience using the
- 24 VVPAT in the 15 congressional districts.

- 1 I am providing each Board member a copy of
- 2 that testimony.
- I would seek to have both of
- 4 those activities deemed by the Board as a
- 5 proper purpose to receive my normal day's
- 6 compensation as well as travel
- 7 reimbursement.
- 8 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Any
- 9 discussion or questions?
- 10 (No audible response)
- 11 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Matt, we
- 12 really appreciate your doing that. I saw
- 13 you on TV. I think you represented us
- 14 very well and we certainly appreciate it.
- I move that to authorize as a
- 16 proper public purpose the Director's
- 17 travel expenses to Washington, D.C. to
- 18 participate in EAC's Best Practices for
- 19 Early and Absentee Voting Committee and to
- 20 provide testimony at the request of the
- 21 House Committee on Administration
- 22 regarding HR 811.
- 23 Is there a second?
- MS. PETREE: I second.

1 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All in favor,

- 2 say aye.
- 3 (Unanimous aye)
- 4 MR. DAMSCHROEDER: The motion
- 5 carries.
- 6 Thank you for allowing me the
- 7 opportunity to participate.
- 8 MR. WHITE: It puts us on the
- 9 map.
- 10 MR. DAMSCHROEDER: Denny and I
- 11 would like the Board to go into executive
- 12 session to discuss some personnel matters.
- 13 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I move that
- 14 the Board go into executive session for
- 15 discussing personnel matters.
- 16 Is there a second?
- MS. MARINELLO: Second.
- MR. DAMSCHROEDER: Mr. Colley?
- 19 MR. COLLEY: Yes.
- MR. DAMSCHROEDER:
- 21 Ms. Marinello?
- MS. MARINELLO: Yes.
- MR. DAMSCHROEDER: Ms. Petree?
- MS. PETREE: Yes.

1 MR. DAMSCHROEDER: And Chairman

- 2 Anthony?
- 3 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes.
- 4 MR. DAMSCHROEDER: We are in
- 5 executive session.
- 6 (Brief break in proceedings)
- 7 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I move that
- 8 we come out of executive session. No
- 9 votes were taken and no business was
- 10 conducted.
- Is there a second?
- MS. PETREE: Second.
- MR. DAMSCHROEDER: Mr. Colley?
- MR. COLLEY: Yes.
- MR. DAMSCHROEDER: Ms.
- 16 Marinello?
- MS. MARINELLO: Yes.
- MR. DAMSCHROEDER: Ms. Petree?
- MS. PETREE: Yes.
- MR. DAMSCHROEDER: And Chairman
- 21 Anthony?
- 22 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes.
- With no further agenda coming
- 24 before the Board, is there a motion to

Page 22 1 adjourn? MS. PETREE: I move to adjourn. CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a 4 second? 5 MS. MARINELLO: Second. CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All in favor, 7 say aye. 8 (Unanimous aye) CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: We are 10 adjourned. 11 Thank you very much. 12 13 Thereupon, the proceeding was 14 concluded at 4:15 o'clock p.m. 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

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| 16 | March, 2007.                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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ERANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Peggy Howell, Petitions and Filings Franklin County Board of Elections 380 East Broad Street Columbus Ohio, 43215

Dear Board of Elections:

I received your letter on Saturday, March 3. Thank you for informing me of your decision regarding my petitions. I am very disappointed with this error.

Therefore, I humbly and respectfully request an appeal hearing to rectify this situation and hopefully provide any additional information you may need to approve my inclusion on the May 2007 primary ballot.

I can be reach during the day at (614) 340-8830, on my cell phone (614)354-3395 or via email at <a href="wshawnagibbs@yahoo.com">wshawnagibbs@yahoo.com</a>.

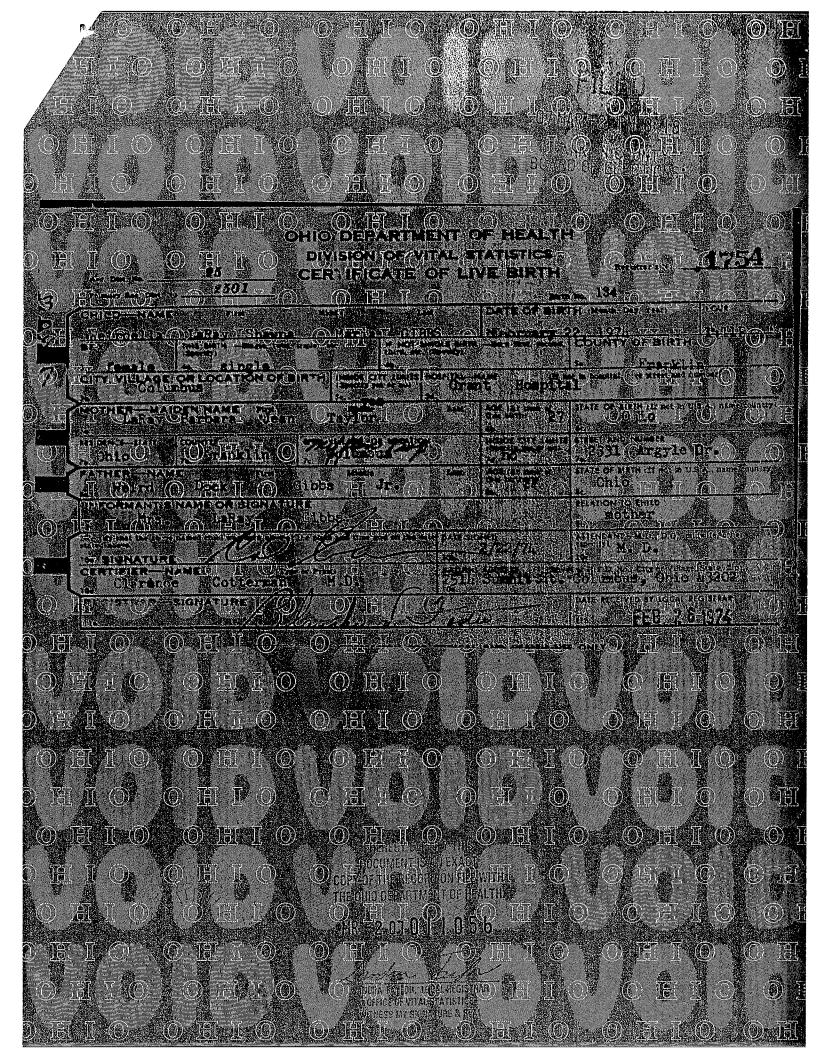
Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely

W. Shawna Gibbs 2331 Argyle Drive

Columbus, Ohio 43219

Cc: Matt Damschroder, Director Dennis White, Deputy Director William Anthony, Chair





### **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

Matthew M. Damschroder, Director

Dennis L. White, Deputy Director

March 1, 2007

W. Shawna Gibbs 2331 Argyle Drive Columbus, Ohio 43219

Dear Ms Gibbs;

This Board met on Thursday, March 01, 2007 and examined your petition of candidacy for Board of Education for the Columbus City School District. The Board was unable to certify your petition due to the following reason/s:

QUESTION REGARDING YOUR REGISTRATION, WE CAN FIND NO REGISTRATION FOR W. SHAWNA GIBBS ON RECORD. IF WEIRDELLA LARAY GIBBS IS YOU THEN YOU MAY APPEAL TO THE BOARD TO HEAR YOUR ARGUMENT AS TO WHY YOU USED A NAME OTHER THAN YOUR REGISTERED NAME.

Therefore your name will not be placed on the 2007 Primary Ballot. If you should have any questions or if we might be of service to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

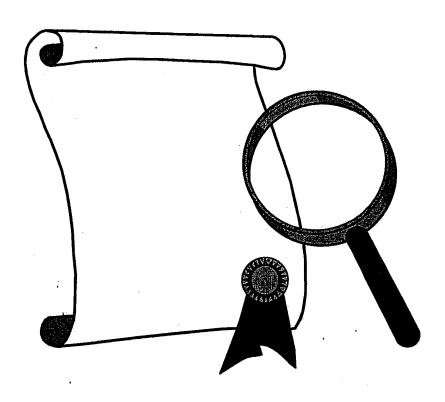
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# PETITION REQUIREMENTS & CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS



DIRECTOR & DEPUTY DIRECTOR TRAINING - AUGUST 2000

Presented by:

Gretchen A. Quinn, Assistant Elections Counsel
Office of Ohio Secretary of State J. Kenneth Blackwell

### 2. Signature Requirement - Intermediate and Minor Political Parties

The minimum number of signatures required for a declaration of candidacy for party nomination or election as a candidate of an intermediate or minor political party is one-half the number required for candidate of a major political party, except for state central committee, which shall be the same as for a major party.

R.C. 3513.05

### 3. Determination of Candidate Qualifications: A Two-Step Process

### a. Is the Candidate's Petition Completed Properly?

- (1) The statement of candidacy must be completed, signed in ink, and dated by the candidate *before* any signatures of electors may be added to the petition.
- (2) An independent or nonpartisan candidate filing a nominating petition may list up to five persons who have consented to serve as a committee to represent the candidate. This committee would be called upon to fill the vacancy created by the candidate's withdrawal prior to the 76th day, or death prior to the 10th day, before the general election. A petition shall not be invalidated because a committee has not been named on the part-petition.
- (3) The name a candidate uses in the statement of candidacy may be any combination of the first and middle names or initials or a nickname, but only if it is a natural derivative from the candidate's given name; i.e., "Bill" for "William," but not "Shorty" for "John."
- (4) "Voting residence address" and "post office box" are not synonymous and cannot be used interchangeably.
- (5) Multiple copies of the petition with the completed statement of candidacy, including the candidate's signature, may be photocopied before the signatures of electors are placed thereon. Original petitions from which the photocopies were made must accompany all petitions at the time of filing. Statements signed and dated on two or more different dates may be accepted as one petition. However, the signatures contained on each part-petition must be obtained on or after the date appearing in the statement of candidacy.
- (6) Determining party affiliation of primary (partisan) candidates:
  - A person who either does not currently hold elective office, or holds a nonpartisan office, may be a candidate in a party primary regardless of how that person voted in any prior primary election. For example, a person who voted in the 2000 Republican primary may be a candidate in a Democratic primary in 2001 and 2002.
  - An elected office holder may be a candidate in a party primary even if he or she voted in another party's primary in the current year or the two preceding calendar years, if the office holder files a "Declaration of Intent to Change Political Party Affiliation" (Form No. 10Y) with the appropriate board of elections by 4 p.m. on

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