OF ILLINOIS)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COOK)

BEFORE THE ELECTORAL BOARD FOR THE HEARING AND PASSING UPON OF OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR THE OFFICES OF REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

IN RE: Objection of)
JAMES MOORE)
To the Nominating Petition of)
MELVIN D. BROWN) CASE NO. 83-EB-RGA 2
Democratic Candidate for the)
Office of Representative in the General)
Assembly 31st Representative District)

D E C I S I O N

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of MICHAEL E. LAVELLE, JAMES R. NOLAN and CORNEAL A. DAVIS, organized by law in response to a Call issued by MICHAEL E. LAVELLE, Chairman of said Electoral Board, for the purpose of hearing and passing upon Objections to Nominating Petitions for the Offices of State Senator, State Representative and Ward Committeeman, having convened on December 28, 1983 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 1707, Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois; and having heard and determined the objections to the petition in the above entitled matter, find that:

1. The said Electoral Board has been legally constituted according to the laws of the State of Illinois;
2. Objections to the nominating petition of the candidate herein were duly filed;
3. A call to the hearing on said objections was duly issued and was served upon the members of the Electoral Board, the objector and the candidate by mail and by personal service as provided by statute;
4. A public hearing was held on these objections commencing December 28, 1983;
5. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearings: The members of the Electoral Board, the objector, ~~pro se (or)~~ by counsel; and the candidate, ~~pro se (or)~~ by counsel;
6. The Board heard and considered all evidence and arguments tendered by those appearing at the hearing;
7. The Board ordered an examination of the precinct binders to be conducted by its clerks and agents under the Board's direction and supervision, in accordance with the laws of Illinois and the rules of the Board;
8. During examination of the precinct binders, the Board directed all parties to appear and to be present, either personally and/or by their authorized representatives, duly appointed and authorized by said parties.
9. The candidate and/or his duly authorized representatives were present during the examination of the binders at all times;

10. The objector and/or his duly authorized representatives were present during the examination of the binders at all times;

11. Examination of precinct binders was completed;

12. The Board having heard oral argument and considered all evidence hereby finds:

a. The statutory minimum number of signatures required for placement on the ballot is 300

b. The number of signatures filed by the candidate total 446

c. The number of signatures because of objections sustained deemed invalid total 175

d. The remaining number of signatures deemed valid total 271

The written report of the Board's findings sustaining signature objections are contained in the Board's file in this cause, and is available upon request of a party.

The Board further finds that the number of valid signatures on the nominating petition ~~exceeds~~ falls below the minimum number of signatures required by law to be placed upon the ballot as candidate for nomination to the Office of Representative in the General Assembly, Democratic Party, 31st Representative District.

~~The Board finds~~

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Objections of JAMES MOORE to the Nominating Petition of MELVIN D. BROWN as Candidate for nomination to the Office of Representative in the General Assembly, Democrat Party, 31st Representative District, are hereby sustained ~~(or) overruled~~ in conformity with the findings in Paragraph 12 hereof and the said petition is hereby declared ~~valid (or)~~ not valid, and the name of MELVIN D. BROWN as Candidate for nomination to the Office of Representative in the General Assembly, Democratic Party, 31st Representative District, ~~shall (or)~~ shall not be printed on the ballot for the Primary Election to be held on March 20, 1984.

DATED: Chicago, Illinois, this 30th day of December, 1983.

Michael E. Lavelle
CHAIRMAN

James T. Dolan
MEMBER

Conrad M. Sauer
MEMBER