STATE OF ILLINOIS )
) ss.
COUNTY OF COOK )

BEFORE THE ELECTORAL BOARD FOR THE HEARING AND PASSING UPON OF OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR MUNICIPAL AND ALDERMANIC OFFICES, FEBRUARY 24, 1987 ELECTION

IN RE: Objection of )
)
William T. Margalus )
To the Nominating Petition of )
) No. 87-EB-MUN-86
Bernard E. Epton )
Candidate for the Office of )
Mayor of the City of Chicago, )
Cook County, Illinois )

D E C I S I O N

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of MICHAEL E. LAVELLE, JAMES R. NOLAN and NIKKI M. ZOLLAR, 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 Office of Mayor in the City of Chicago, having convened on December 29, 1986 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 1703, Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, Cook County Illinois; and having heard and determined the objections to the petition in the above entitled matter finds 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 29, 1986.

5. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearings: the members of the Electoral Board, the objector, by counsel; and the candidate, 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 the precinct binders was completed;

a. The statutory minimum number of signatures required for placement on the ballot is 3100

b. The number of signatures filed by the candidate total 3921

c. The number of signatures because of objections sustained deemed invalid total 1377

d. The remaining number of signatures deemed valid total 2544

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 the party.

The Board further finds that the number of valid signatures on the nominating petitions falls below the minimum number of signatures required by law to be placed upon the ballot as candidate for Republican nomination to the Office of Mayor in the City of Chicago.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the objections of WILLIAM T. MARGALUS to the Republican nominating petition of BERNARD E. EPTON as candidate for nomination to the office of Mayor, are hereby sustained in conformity with the findings in Paragraph 12 hereof and the said petition is hereby delcared not valid, and the name of BERNARD E. EPTON, as candidate for nomination to the Office of Mayor shall not be printed on the Republican ballot for the Primary Election to be held on February 24, 1987.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois this 14 day of January, 1987.

Michael E. Lavelle
Chairman

James R. Dalen
Member

Vickie M. Zollar
Member