STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COOK)

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ELECTORAL BOARD
FOR THE HEARING AND PASSING UPON OF OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR THE OFFICES OF STATE SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE MARCH 17, 1992 PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

IN RE: Objection of: Jerry Washington, Jr.
To the
Nominating Petition of: Jimmie Williams

NO: 92-EB-REP-31

Candidate for the Office of Representative in the General Assembly of the 23rd Representative District, Democratic Party.

DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of MICHAEL J. HAMBLET, ARNETTE R. HUBBARD and CHRISTOPHER ROBLING, organized by law in response to a Call issued by MICHAEL J. HAMBLET, Chairman of said Electoral Board, for the purpose of hearing and passing upon Objections to Nominating Petitions for the Office of State Senator and Representative in the General Assembly for the State of Illinois, having convened on February 7th, 1992 at 12:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Chicago, 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 on February 7, 1992;

5. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearings: the members of the Electoral Board, the Objector pro se, and the Candidate by Counsel;

6. The Board having heard and considered all evidence and arguments tendered by those appearing at the hearing;

7. The Board having 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 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 having been present during the examination of the binders at all times;

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

11. Examination of the precinct binders was completed;

12. The Board finds that:

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

    b. The number of signatures filed by the candidate total 586;

    c. The number of signatures deemed invalid because of objections sustained total 247;

    d. The remaining number of signatures deemed valid total 339;

    The written report of the Board's finding overruling 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 the minimum number of signatures required by law to be placed upon the ballot as a candidate for election to the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the 23rd Representative District, Democratic Party.

The Board overrules paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the objections finding that the absence of notarial seals on 5 sheets of the petition does not invalidate the nomination papers (see Young v. Cook County Officers Electoral Board, Circuit Court of Cook County, 90 CO 20, January 24, 1990) and that the use of "election" in the Statement of Candidacy does not invalidate said statement as it is in substantial compliance with 7-10 of the Election Code.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the objections of Jerry Washington, Jr. to the nominating petition of Jimmie Williams, candidate for nomination to the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the 23rd Representative District, Democratic Party, are hereby overruled and said petition is hereby declared valid and the name of Jimmie Williams, candidate for nomination to the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the 23rd Representative District, Democratic Party, shall be printed on the ballot for the Primary Elections to be held on March 17th, 1992.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this 10th day of February, 1992.

Michael J. Hamblet

MICHAEL J. HAMBLET, CHAIRMAN

Arnette R. Hubbard

ARNETTE R. HUBBARD, COMMISSIONER

Christopher Robling

CHRISTOPHER ROBLING, COMMISSIONER