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**ELECTORAL BOARD
FOR THE HEARING AND PASSING UPON OBJECTIONS
TO THE NOMINATION PAPERS OF CANDIDATES FOR
THE OFFICES OF MAYOR, CITY CLERK,
CITY TREASURER AND ALDERMAN FOR THE
CITY OF CHICAGO FOR THE FEBRUARY 28, 1995
ALDERMANIC AND MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS.**

**Objection of: Bernette Barnes and)
Rickey Hendon)
To the)
Nomination Papers of: Joseph W. Sneed, Jr.) No.: 95-EB-ALD-216
)
Candidate for the Office)
of Alderman of the 27th Ward.)**

DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of MICHAEL J. HAMBLET, ARNETTE R. HUBBARD, and RICHARD A. COWEN, 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 Nomination Papers of Candidates for the Offices of Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and Alderman for the City of Chicago, having convened on January 3 1995, at 1:00 p.m., in having heard and determined the Objections to the Nomination Papers 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 Nomination Papers of the Candidate herein were duly filed;

3. A Call to the hearing on said Objections was duly issued and 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 January 3, 1995;

5. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing: the members of the Electoral Board, the Objector by counsel, and the Candidate by counsel;

6. The Board finds that Section 10-5 of the Election Code provides that nomination papers filed pursuant to that Section are not valid if the candidate named therein fails to file a Statement of Economic Interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act in relation to his candidacy with the appropriate officer by the end of the period for the filing of nomination papers unless he has filed a Statement of Economic Interests in relation to the same governmental unit with that officer during the same calendar year as the year in which such nomination papers were filed. If the nomination papers of any candidate and the Statement of Economic Interests of that candidate are not required to be filed with the same officer, the candidate must file with the officer with whom the nomination papers are filed a receipt from the officer with whom the Statement of Economic Interests is filed showing the date on which such Statement was filed. Such receipt shall be so filed not later than the last day on which nomination papers may be filed.

7. The Board finds that Statements of Economic Interests required of Candidates for the office of Alderman of the City of Chicago are required to be filed with the County Clerk of Cook County. 5 ILCS 420/4A-106.

8. The Board finds that the Candidate filed with the Board of Election Commissioners on December 12, 1994 his Nomination Papers which included a Statement of Economic Interests filed in relation to his Candidacy. A receipt for said Statement was still attached to the Statement.

9. The Candidate claims that at the time he filed his Nomination Papers with the Board of Election Commissioners, he was told by a Board employee that the employee would file the Candidate's Statement of Economic Interests with the Cook County Clerk. Therefore, the Candidate claims that he believes that he did not personally need to file such statement with the Cook County Clerk's office.

10. The Hearing Examiner considered testimony from the Candidate and from the Board employee alleged to have informed the Candidate that he would file the Candidate's statement for him. The Hearing Examiner concluded that the Candidate's testimony was contradictory and not credible and that the Board's employee's testimony was clear and convincing. Furthermore, the Hearing Examiner concluded that the Board employee did not tell the Candidate that he, the Board employee, would file the Candidate's Statement of Economic Interests with the County Clerk.

11. The Board finds that even if the Candidate did believe that the Board of Elections employee was going to file the Candidate's Statement of Economic Interests with the County

Clerk, that did not excuse the Candidate's failure to file the receipt.

12. Even the Candidate's own evidence shows that he did not file a Statement of Economic Interests with the Cook County Clerk until January 6, 1995.

13. The Board adopts the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Hearing Examiner and finds that the Candidate failed to file with the Board of Election Commissioners before the end of the filing period for Nomination Papers a receipt showing that the Candidate filed a Statement of Economic Interests with the Cook County Clerk's Office. The failure to file such a receipt with the Board of Election Commissioners on or before the last day on which Nomination Papers may be filed invalidates the Candidate's Nomination Papers. Bolger v. Electoral Board of City of McHenry, 210 Ill.App.3d 958, 569 N.E.2d 628 (Second District, 1991).

14. The Board finds that by filing his Statement of Economic Interests with the Board of Election Commissioners, and not with the Cook County Clerk, that the Candidate filed such Statement in the wrong office.

15. The Board finds that the Candidate is ineligible for office due to the fact that he filed his Statement of Economic Interests with the wrong governmental unit or office. Havens v. Miller, 102 Ill.App.3d 558, 429 N.E.2d 1292 (First District, 1981); Beverly v. Electoral Board, 87 CO 20 and 87 CO 23, Cir.Ct. Cook County.

16. Therefore, the Board sustains the Objections to the Candidate's Nomination Papers and declares the Candidate's Nomination Papers to be invalid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that the Objections of Bernette Barnes and Rickey Hendon to the Nomination Papers of Joseph W. Sneed, Jr., Candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the 27th Ward, are hereby sustained and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared invalid and the name of Joseph W. Sneed, Jr., Candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the 27th Ward,

shall not be printed on the ballot for the Aldermanic Election to be held on February 28, 1995.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this 1ST day of February, 1995.

MICHAEL J. HAMBLET, Chairman

ARNETTE R. HUBBARD, Commissioner

RICHARD A. COWEN, Commissioner