STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF COOK)

ELECTORAL BOARD
FOR THE HEARING AND PASSING UPON OBJECTIONS
TO THE NOMINATION PAPERS OF CANDIDATES FOR
THE OFFICES OF STATE SENATOR, REPRESENTATIVE IN
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND WARD COMMITTEEMAN OF THE
CITY OF CHICAGO FOR THE MARCH 19, 1996
GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Objections of: Leon Stockstill	)	
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To the Nomination	)	
Papers of: Valerie Gibbs	)	**No.: 96-EB-WC-032**
	)	
Candidate for the Office	)	
of Ward Committeeman for the 20th Ward	)	
of the City of Chicago, Republican Party	)	

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 State Senator, Representative in the General Assembly and Ward Committeeman of the City of Chicago, having convened on January 2, 1996, at 10:00 a.m., and having heard and determined the Objections to the Nomination Papers 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 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 Objectors 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 5, 1996.

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

6. The Board ordered an examination of the registration records 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.

7. During this records examination 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.

8. The Candidate and/or her duly authorized representatives having been present during the examination of registration records at all times.

9. The Objector(s) and/or his duly authorized representatives having been present during the examination of registration records at all times.

10. The examination of the registration records was completed and the Board hereby adopts and incorporates by reference the results of the records examination conducted by its clerks and agents.

11. The Board has considered all evidence and arguments tendered by the parties.

12. The Board finds that:

    a. The statutory minimum of signatures required for placement on the ballot is 34;

    b. The number of signatures filed by the Candidate total 115;

c. The number of signatures deemed invalid because of objections sustained total 67;

d. The remaining number of signatures deemed valid total 48;

The written report of the result of the registration records examination is contained in the Board's file in this case and is available upon request of a party.

13. The Board finds that paragraph(s) 9 through 14 of the Objector(s)' Petition are sustained in part and overruled in part as more fully indicated in the results of the records examination.

14. The Board finds that the number of valid signatures on the Candidate's 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 Ward Committeeman for the 20th Ward of the City of Chicago, Republican Party.

15. The Board further finds, by a vote of 2-1, that the Candidate's Statement of Candidacy, which states that the Candidate is a candidate for election to the office of Republican Ward Committeeman for the "Twelth [sic] District" both in the heading and text of that document, and the Candidate's nominating petition sheets, which state that the Candidate is seeking election to the office of "Republican Ward Committeeman of the Twentieth Ward, City of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois," substantially comply with Section 7-10 which requires the Candidate to state the office sought. The typographical error in the Statement of Candidacy, when considered with all the other nomination papers, does not require that the nomination papers of the Candidate be invalidated where the correct designation of the office is clear on the nominating petitions sheets. See e.g., *Lewis v. Dunne*, 63 Ill.2d 48, 344 N.E.2d 443 (1976); *Sullivan v. County Officers Electoral Board of DuPage County*, 225 Ill.App.3d 691, 588 N.E.2d 475 (Second Dist. 1992)

16. The Board, however, by a vote of 2-1, finds that the Candidate did not substantially comply with the provision of Section 7-10 requiring that the pages of the nominating petition be numbered consecutively. The Board finds that the Candidate

failed to number any of the 5 pages of his nominating petition. Therefore, the Candidate's Nomination Papers are found to be invalid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that the Objections of Leon Stockstill to the Nomination Papers of Valerie Gibbs, Candidate for election to the office of Ward Committeeman for the 20th Ward of the City of Chicago, Republican Party, are hereby sustained and that said Nomination Papers are hereby declared INVALID and the name of Valerie Gibbs, Candidate for election to the office of Ward Committeeman for the 20th Ward of the City of Chicago, Republican Party, SHALL NOT be printed on the ballot for the General Primary Election to be held on March 19, 1996.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this 2nd day of February, 1996.

Michael J. Hamblet

MICHAEL J. HAMBLET, Chairman

Arnette R. Hubbard

ARNETTE R. HUBBARD, Member

Richard A. Cowen

RICHARD A. COWEN, Member