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**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**BALLOT LAW COMMISSION**

**NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SECRETARY OF STATE**

**Petition of Joseph S. Haas**

**BLC 2006-3**

**ORDER**

On June 19, 2006, the Secretary of State received a request for hearing from Joseph S. Haas (the "Petitioner"). Petitioner raises two disputes. The first relates to a Declaration of Candidacy and the second relates to the "Green-Paper Application to Become a Delegate to the State Convention." A hearing was held on June 28, 2006 at which the Petitioner was the only person to testify.

The Petitioner's claims are based upon whether the Supervisor of Checklists for the Town of Gilmanton, New Hampshire should have allowed the Petitioner to register as a voter with the Town of Gilmanton. Pursuant to RSA 654:42, "any citizen of the State, may, in term, time or vacation, file a complaint with the Superior Court stating that his name is illegally kept from, or his name or that of some other citizen is illegally placed upon, the checklist of a Town or Ward, and the facts upon which the complaint is based." Jurisdiction on the issue presented by the Petitioner lies exclusively with the Superior Court.

The Commission finds it has no jurisdiction pending a decision of the Superior Court on whether the Petitioner should have been placed on the voter registration list by the Supervisor of the Checklist for the Town of Gilmanton. The Commission urges the

Superior Court to render a speedy decision given the pending deadline for the Secretary of State to publish the ballots.

Pending a decision by the Superior Court, the Commission has no jurisdiction and the Petition is denied.

SO ORDERED.

New Hampshire Ballot Law Commission

Date: 6/28/06

  
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