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BALLOT LAW COMMISSION

Petition of Joseph S. Haas Jr.

DECISION

On June 18, 2002, Joseph S. Haas Jr. filed a complaint with the Ballot Law Commission ("the Commission") alleging that all of the candidates who declared their candidacy for Governor did not comply with the statutory requirement of RSA 655:19-C which requires that each candidate must pay an administrative assessment fee of One Hundred Dollars ($100) to the Secretary of State at the time the candidate files his declaration of candidacy.

A Motion to Disqualify the three members of the Ballot Law Commission was also filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction to hear this complaint pursuant to RSA 665:5 and/or 665:7.

On July 11, 2002 the Commission held a hearing on this matter.

The Commission first heard testimony from Petitioner Haas as to his Motion to Disqualify.

The Commission found no merit to Petitioner's argument and denied the Motion to Disqualify.

The Commission then heard testimony from Petitioner Haas and Richard Marple as to the issue of the candidates' form of payment of the administrative assessment fee.

The Commission hereby rules that no arguments were presented which would persuade the Commission to overturn its December 21, 1999 ruling on the same issue.

Therefore, the Commission hereby dismisses the Petition.

Ballot Law Commission,

Date: 7/12/02

By: Emily Riee, Commissioner
Hugh Gregg, Commissioner
Gary B. Richardson, Chairman

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