

UNDERSTANDING OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATION PAPERS

WHAT IS AN OBJECTION?

When an individual or group challenges the qualifications of a candidate, or the adequacy of the candidate's nomination documents.

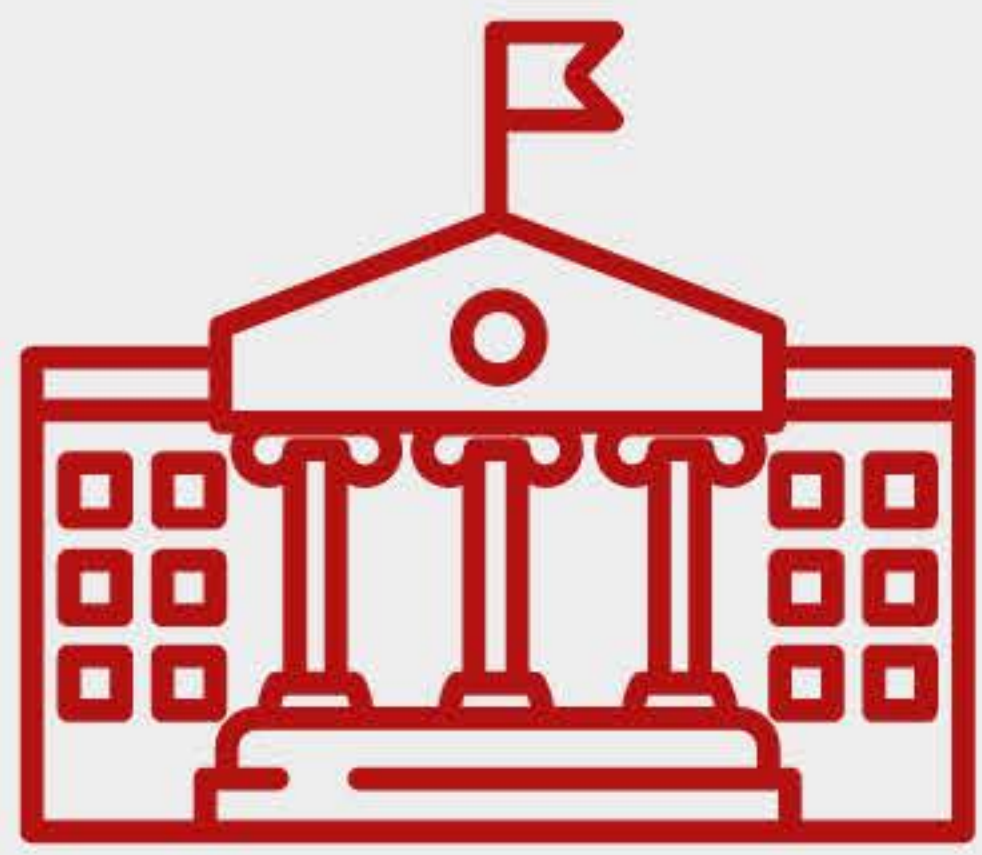
I.E.: They don't think you are eligible to hold the office, or you haven't properly completed your nomination papers.

Objections must include:

- An original and two copies
- Objector's name and residence address
- Full nature of objection to the nomination papers or petitions in question
- Interest of the objector in the matter
- State what relief is sought from the electoral board

WHO FILES AN OBJECTION?

Any registered voter who lives within the same unit of government or district as the candidate can file an objection to a candidate's qualifications or nomination documents.



WHERE IS AN OBJECTION FILED?

In the office of the local election official, election authority, or the State Board of Elections, where the original petition was filed.

WHEN IS AN OBJECTION FILED?

Filed within 5 business days of the end of the candidate filing period.



WHY IS AN OBJECTION FILED? (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO...)



- Candidate doesn't meet office requirements
- Candidate doesn't live in district filed for
- Petition doesn't contain file enough valid signatures
- Candidate didn't properly meet various statutory requirements for their nomination papers

THE RULES OF THE OBJECTION PROCESS ARE REGULATED BY ILLINOIS STATE STATUTE (10 ILCS 5/10-8 THROUGH 10 ILCS 5/10-10.1)