

BLC 2014-5

APPEAL OF THOMAS P. STAWASZ TO THE NEW HAMPSHIRE BALLOTT LAW COMMISSION

In order to fully understand the inequality of the statutory scheme, and its impact on my constitutional rights, along with the rights of over 550 nominators, a full comparison of the supposedly equal avenues to be on the ballot needs to be done. In order to untie this Gordian knot the effect of each statute must be discerned.

MAJOR PARTY 655:17 sign up and pay \$25

MAJOR PARTY by petition for the primary ballot 655:19-c waives the fee if a minimal number of papers under 655:21 are filed by June 17 per 655:26. This section also allows for a quick review and do over rights. Under 655:24 the signers word is all that's needed, there is no review. There is no geographic limitation on signers. Very few bother with the 100 papers in lieu of \$25.

Minor PARTY &/or INDEPENDENTS 655:17-a. Pay \$25 plus 655:40 750 signatures. The restriction begin under 655:40 limiting the pool to just registered voters not qualified inhabitants who maintain their domicile in New Hampshire. 655:42 II imposes a geographic limiting of the pool to voters within the district. After the forms are signed there are the onerous and unnecessary provisions of 655:41 wasting the checklist supervisors time {in light of 655:24} and requiring efforts to distribute and collect them all, while no one seems to be interested in registering those found not to be. Oddly the nominating paper form is the only one not printed in statute; 655:40-a reaffirms voter limitations to registered and assigns that task to the secretary of state.

There are not 3 paths to ballot access only two. The numerous grants of privilege accompanying the supposed petition for printing on the primary ballot is a sham. There is one general election. The question is not whether the bar is too high but why is the bar there?

655:6 655:14 655:14-a 655:19-c 655:21 655:24 655:26 655:40 655:40-a 655:41 655:42 655:43 655:45 in whole or part make up the maze of the state laws presented to any inhabitants. The real problem is deep rooted \$ & Politics. Can this body restore the rights of the largest single group of the State's voters? Is a former State Senator, J. P. & Notary for thirty years, Native son qualified to run? Part First, Article 2 says "equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged" Article 11 is quite clear about qualifications not arbitrary numbers and it specifically states, "The general court shall provide by law for voting by qualified voters", perhaps it's time for equality.

In addition to the violation of my Constitutional rights above I also claim violation of Part First Article 38, Part Second Article 30 and Part Second Article 60.

I ask the BLC to order Tom Stawasz be placed on the November ballot as an Independent.

Thomas P. Stawasz

9/4/2014



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
Nomination Paper
(For State General Election)
RSA 655:40 – 45)

The subscriber, a registered voter in the State of New Hampshire, hereby makes the following nomination to be voted for at the state general election to be held on **November 4, 2014**, and requests that the name of said candidate be placed upon the official ballot to be used in said election as a candidate of the following Political Organization _____.

Candidate's Name _____

Candidate's Domicile _____
(street) (town or city) (ward) (zip)

For the Office of _____ District No. _____

RSA 655:45

No person shall falsely make or file or knowingly deface or destroy any nomination paper, or any part thereof, or sign any nomination paper contrary to the provisions of law knowing the same, or any part thereof, to be falsely made or suppress any nomination paper, or any part thereof, which has been duly filed. Whoever knowingly violates any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor if a natural person or be guilty of a felony if any other person.

Voter's Signature _____ Date: _____

Print Voter's Name _____

Voter's Domicile _____
(street address) (town or city) (ward)

Voter's Mailing Address _____
(street address) (town or city) (ward)

CERTIFICATE OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

The undersigned, a **MAJORITY** of the **SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST** (or Registrars of Voters), hereby certify that the voter signing this nomination paper is a registered voter in the town/ward of

The signer of this paper is **NOT** a registered voter in this town or ward Date signed _____

RSA 655:41, II. The city clerk may certify that the signer is a registered voter, if in a city.

Filing Deadlines:

August 6, 2014 – Last day to submit signed nomination papers to Supervisors of the Checklist in town or city
August 27, 2014 5:00 p.m. – Supervisors must have nomination papers certified for candidates and organizations
September 3, 2014 5:00 p.m. – Last day to file certified nomination papers with Secretary of State's Office