

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BALLOT LAW COMMISSION

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Petition of
Howard L. Wilson
Nomination Papers, Town of Benton and Hancock
BLC-2004-11

ORDER

On September 24, 2004, the Ballot Law Commission (the "Commission"), held a hearing on Petitioner Wilson's claims against the Supervisors of the Checklist in the towns of Benton and Hancock.

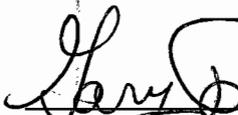
In his petition and at the hearing, Petitioner complained about the inconsistent way nominating petitions gathered pursuant to RSA 655:40 were either rejected or certified by local officials. The Petitioner also argued that the timelines in RSA 655:42 were not being adhered to in a meaningful way.

While the Commission appreciates the issues raised by the Petitioner, because the Commission does not have jurisdiction, the petition is hereby dismissed.

New Hampshire Ballot Law Commission

Dated: _____

10/7/04



Gary Francoeur, Chairman