

## DESIGNATING PETITION OBJECTIONS – IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

- General objections must be filed no later than three days after the petition files with the Board of Elections.
- Specific objections must be filed no later than six days after the general objections are filed with the Board of Elections.
- For an objection to a designating petition for a public office, the objector only needs to be a registered voter in the appropriate political subdivision.
- For an objection to a designating petition for a party position, the objector must be registered to vote in the appropriate political subdivision and enrolled in the appropriate political party.
- An objector is not qualified to file specific objections if he or she has not already filed general objections.
- If the last day to file general or specific objections falls on a Saturday or Sunday, Monday becomes the last day to file.
- The Board of Elections is obligated to hold a hearing on any objections that have been filed and are in proper form.
- The Board of Elections is required to provide notice of a hearing to both the candidate against whom the objection has been filed as well as the objector to the petition.
- Be sure to review the local rules of any Board of Elections at which you are filing objections.

## JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS TO VALIDATE OR INVALIDATE A DESIGNATING PETITION – IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Proceedings to invalidate a designating petition must be commenced no later than fourteen days after the last day to file a designating petition.
- Proceedings to validate a designating petition must be commenced no later than fourteen days after the last day to file a designating petition or within three days of the Board of Elections' invalidation of the petition, whichever is later.
- Only duly qualified objectors, aggrieved candidates or, in very limited circumstances, party chairs have standing to commence a proceeding to invalidate a designating petition.
- In a proceeding to validate or invalidate a designating petition, the Board of Elections at which the petition was filed is a necessary party.
- In a proceeding to invalidate a designating petition, the candidate whose petition is at issue is a necessary party.