

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND ETHICS**

In Re:
D.C. Republican Committee

Administrative Hearing
No. 04-19

Re: Waiver Request of Party
Certification Deadline for
Presidential and Vice
Presidential Nominee

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

This matter came before the Board of Elections and Ethics (hereinafter “the Board”) on Wednesday, June 2, 2004. Chairman Wilma A. Lewis, and Board members Stephen G. Callas and Dr. Lenora C. Alexander, presided over the matter. Michael Bayes appeared on behalf of the District of Columbia Republican Committee (“the Republican Committee”).

Pursuant to D.C. Code § 1-1001.08(d), the Republican Committee requested a waiver of the September 1, 2004 deadline announcing Presidential and Vice Presidential party nominees until September 3, 2004, on the ground that nominees will not be selected at the National Republican Party Nominating Convention until September 2, 2004. On June 2, 2004, the Board granted a waiver of party certification until September 3, 2004, for good cause shown.

D.C. CODE § 1-1001.08(d) as amended¹ states in relevant part:

The executive committee of the organization recognized by the national committee of each such party as the official organization of that party in

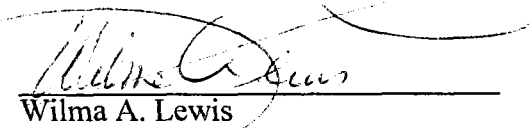
¹ This section was amended by the “Presidential Elector Deadline Waiver Temporary Amendment Act of 2003” (D.C. Law 15-36), which grants the Board authority to waive the September 1, 2004 deadline for nominations made by message.

the District of Columbia shall nominate by appropriate means the presidential electors for that party. Nominations shall be made by message to the Board on or before September 1st next preceding a presidential election, unless the deadline is waived for good cause, by the Board.

By letter dated September 4, 2003, Ms. Betsy Werronen, Chairman of the Republican Committee, requested that the Board waive the September 1, 2004 deadline until September 3, 2004, on the ground that nominees will not be selected at the National Republican Party Nominating Convention until September 2, 2004. Because the Republican Party nominees for President and Vice President will not be selected until September 2, the Board finds good cause to waive the September 1 deadline for nominations.

Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED, that the September 1 deadline for nominations by message of a political party's Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees is hereby waived for the District of Columbia Republican Committee for the November 4, 2004 Presidential General Election. Such nomination shall be due no later than September 3, 2004, at 4:45 p.m.



Wilma A. Lewis
Chairman
D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics

June 14, 2004

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Memorandum Opinion and Order was hand-delivered this 14th of June, 2004 to the following party: District of Columbia Republican Committee, 1275 K Street, NW, Suite 102, Washington D.C. 20012.



Rudolph McGann