

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

In Re:
"GSA Bill HR 429 International
Home Rule Charter Amendment #23."

Administrative Hearing
No. 04-18

Re: Rejection of Proposed
Initiative Measure

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 Mr. Stephen G. Callas and Dr. Lenora C. Alexander, presided over the matter. The proponent of the proposed initiative measure, Mr. Alonzo Crawford, did not appear. The Board determined that the proposed initiative—"GSA Bill HR 429 International Home Rule Charter Amendment #23"—could not be processed because of the proponent's failure to file a verified statement of contributions with the Office of Campaign Finance.

D.C. CODE §1-1001.16(b)(1)(A) provides that the Board shall refuse to accept an initiative if "the verified statement of contributions has not been filed pursuant to [D.C. CODE] §§ 1-1102.04 and 1-1102.06." Pursuant to Title 3 District of Columbia Municipal Regulation (DCMR) §1000.5, "[t]he proposer(s) of an initiative or referendum measure or any political committee organized in support of a measure shall file a verified statement of contributions with the Office of Campaign Finance on or before the submission of the measure for filing." DCMR § 1000.6 further provides: "the phrase 'verified statement of contributions' shall consist of the following: (a) [t]he statement of organization, under D.C. CODE § 1-1102.04 (2001); and (b) [t]he report(s) of receipts and expenditures, under D.C. CODE § 1-1102.06 (2001)."

By letter dated May 28, 2004, the Director of the Office of Campaign Finance informed the General Counsel of the Board that the proponent had failed to file a statement of organization and a report of receipts and expenditures. This failure constitutes grounds upon which the Board shall refuse to accept the proposed initiative measure.

Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED, that the "GSA Bill HR 429 International Home Rule Charter Amendment #23" be rejected on the ground that a verified statement of contributions has not been filed.

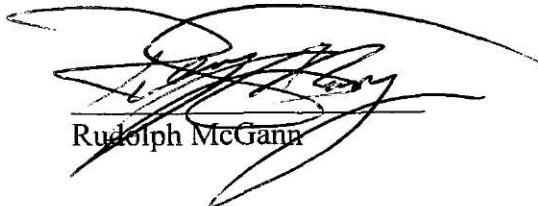


Wilma A. Lewis
Chairman
D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics

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: Alonzo Crawford, 4212 Massachusetts Ave, NW Washington D.C. 21201.



Rudolph McGann