

**IN THE COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

In Re: Nomination Petition of :  
Joe Albert as Republican :  
Candidate for the 22nd :  
Senatorial District :  
: :  
Objections of: Arnold Detrick :  
and Sophie Detrick : No. 176 M.D. 2022

**PER CURIAM**

**ORDER**

NOW, April 6, 2022, upon consideration of the Petition to Set Aside the Nomination Petition of Joe Albert as Republican Candidate for the 22nd Senatorial District (Petition), filed by Arnold Detrick and Sophie Detrick, and upon review of the Stipulation of the Parties that Joe Albert failed to submit the required 500 valid signatures for his name to appear on the May 17, 2022 General Primary Election ballot, the Petition is **GRANTED**, and the hearing scheduled for April 7, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., in Hearing Room 2, Commonwealth Keystone Building, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is **CANCELLED**.

The Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is directed to **REMOVE** the name of Joe Albert as Republican Candidate for the General Assembly for the 22nd Senatorial District from the May 17, 2022 General Primary Election ballot.

The Prothonotary shall serve a copy of this Order on the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Upon receipt, the Secretary shall promptly transmit copies of this Order to the Lackawanna County and Luzerne County Boards of Elections.

Each party shall bear his/her own costs.

Order Exit  
04/06/2022

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

IN RE: TEMPORARY MODIFICATION : No. 571 Judicial Administration Docket  
OF THE RULES OF APPELLATE :  
PROCEDURE ARISING UNDER THE :  
PENNSYLVANIA ELECTION CODE :

**ORDER**

**PER CURIAM**

**AND NOW**, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022, in order to expedite the appellate process regarding appeals from challenges to nomination petitions for **any and all** candidates running for office in the May 17, 2022 General Primary Election, Pa.R.A.P. 903(c)(1)(ii), providing for a ten-day appeal period from an order in any matter arising under the Pennsylvania Election Code, is **TEMPORARILY MODIFIED** to provide for a five-day appeal period.

Additionally, Pa.R.A.P. 107 is **TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED** to the extent it specifies that weekends and holidays are to be excluded from calculating the five-day appeal period.

In appeals arising under the Election Code that fall within this order, appellants shall file briefs within twenty-four hours after filing their notice of appeal and jurisdictional statement. Appellees' briefs are due within twenty-four hours of the filing of appellants' briefs. Further, Pa.R.A.P. 2113 (regarding reply briefs) is **TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED** in these matters; no reply briefs will be permitted.

Notices of appeal, jurisdictional statements, and briefs shall be filed electronically when counsel or the litigants have a PACFile account. Otherwise, counsel or the litigants shall contact the relevant filing office during normal business hours to make alternative arrangements to ensure that the filing office actually receives the submissions by the applicable deadline.

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Pa.R.A.P. 1931(a) and (c) (regarding the deadline for transmittal of the record when complete) are **TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED** in these matters, and the record shall be transferred as soon as practicable. The lower court may transmit partially completed records in the interest of facilitating prompt resolution of any appeal in these matters.

Applications for reconsideration or reargument will not be entertained by this Court on election matters falling under this order.

Any court deciding a matter that arises under the Pennsylvania Election Code in relation to the May 17, 2022 General Primary Election shall append a copy of this order to its decision.