

IN THE COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

In Re: Nomination Petition of	:
Patrick L. Gallagher	:
as a Candidate for the Democratic	:
Nomination for the office of	:
State Representative for the	: No. 144 M.D. 2022
173rd Legislative District	: Heard: April 7, 2022
	:
Objections of: Sean M. Kilkenny	:
and Daniel J. Collins III	:

ORDER

AND NOW, this 8th day of April, 2022, Objectors' petition to set aside the nomination petition of Patrick L. Gallagher is DENIED. The name of Patrick L. Gallagher shall be permitted to appear on the ballot as a Democratic candidate for Representative in the Pennsylvania General Assembly, 173rd Legislative District in the primary election of May 17, 2022. The Chief Clerk of the Commonwealth Court is directed to send a copy of this Order to the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Opinion to follow.


JAMES GARDNER COLINS, Senior Judge*

* Retired Senior Judge temporarily assigned to the Commonwealth Court.

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 5th 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.

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.

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As Of 04/05/2022

Attest: 
Chief Clerk
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania