

IN THE COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

In Re: Nomination Petition of :
Andre R. Reames, Sr. as :
Democratic Candidate for :
State Representative of the 189th :
Legislative District :
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Objections of: Donna Heath-Gonzalez : No. 173 M.D. 2022
and Taheem Gonzalez :

PER CURIAM

ORDER

AND NOW, this 7th day of April, 2022, upon consideration of Donna Heath-Gonzalez’s and Taheem Gonzalez’s Petition to Set Aside (Objection Petition) the Nomination Petition of Andre R. Reames, Sr. (Reames) as Democratic Candidate for State Representative of the 189th Legislative District (Nomination Petition), and upon receipt of the parties’ stipulation that Reames’ Nomination Petition lacks the requisite number of valid signatures, the Objection Petition is hereby GRANTED. Each party shall bear his/her own costs.

The Prothonotary shall send a copy of this Order to the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The Secretary shall not place Reames’ name on the primary ballot.

The hearing scheduled for Thursday, April 7, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. in Courtroom 3001 of the Pennsylvania Judicial Center, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania is hereby CANCELLED. The Prothonotary is directed to mark this matter as CLOSED.

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.

A True Copy Nicole Traini
As Of 04/05/2022

Attest: 
Chief Clerk
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania