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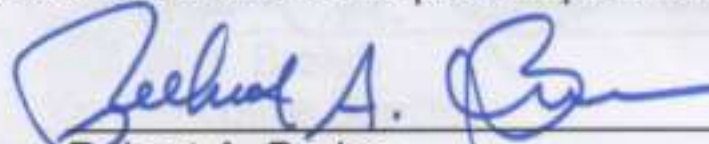
In the Matter of the objections of ROBERT C. LAITY, to the designating certificate of the Republican Party purporting to designate delegates for PIYASH "BOBBY" JINDAL as a candidate for the office of President of the United States

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**DETERMINATION**

After an examination of the specific objections of ROBERT C. LAITY to the designating certificate of the Republican Party purporting to nominate delegates for PIYASH "BOBBY" JINDAL as a candidate for the office of President of the United States, and the matter having been considered by the Commissioners of the State Board of Elections on February 23, 2016, the State Board finds that the objection raises issues which are beyond the ministerial scope of the State Board to determine and such objection is made in the incorrect venue, as no direct election for President of the United States occurs via election day ballots. Rather, the April 19, 2016 Presidential Primary is the ballot access process which provides for the election of delegates to a national party convention or a national party conference in 2016. Furthermore, no designating certificate was filed with the New York State Board of Elections seeking ballot access for Mr. Jindal, rendering this objection moot. Additionally, no proof of service of the objection was provided as required by statute. For the reasons cited herein, the objection is determined to be invalid and the designating certificate retains its presumption of validity.

  
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