

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF COOK)

**BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS SITTING AS THE STATE
OFFICERS ELECTORAL BOARD
FOR THE HEARING AND PASSING UPON OF OBJECTIONS
TO CERTIFICATES OF NOMINATION AND NOMINATION PAPERS
OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MARCH 20, 2012
GENERAL PRIMARY**

IN THE MATTER OF OBJECTIONS BY)
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Michael Jackson,)
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) Objector)
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v.) **No. 12 SOEB GP 104**
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Barack Obama,)
)
) Candidate.)

DECISION

The State Board of Elections, sitting as the duly constituted State Officers Electoral Board pursuant to Sections 10-9 and 10-10 of the Election Code (10 ILCS 5/10-9 and 5/10-10), and having convened on February 2, 2012 at 100 W. Randolph, Chicago, Illinois, and having heard and considered the objections filed in the above-titled matter, hereby determines and finds that:

1. The State Board of Elections has been duly and legally constituted as the State Officers Electoral Board for the purpose of hearing and passing upon the objections filed in this matter and as such, has jurisdiction in this matter;
2. On January 13, 2012, Michael Jackson filed an objection to the nominating petition of Barack Obama for President of the United States as a Democratic Party candidate.
3. A call for the hearing on said objection was duly issued and was served upon the Members of the Board, the objector and the candidate by registered mail as provided by statute.
4. Candidate filed a Motion to Strike and Dismiss the Objector's Petition. A copy of the Candidate's birth certificate was attached to the Motion.

5. On the basis of the findings of the Board's appointed hearing examiner and the recommendation of the General Counsel, the Board finds that:
 - A. The copy of the Candidate's birth certificate establishes the Candidate's eligibility for the office of President of the United States as a "Natural Born Citizen" as is required by Article II, Section 1 of the United States Constitution.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Candidate's Motion to Strike and Dismiss the Objector's Petition is GRANTED, based on the findings contained in Paragraph 5 above, and the name of Barack Obama, Democratic Party Candidate for nomination to the office of President of the United States, be certified for the March 20, 2012 General Primary Election ballot.

DATED: 2/2/2012


William M. McGuffage, Chairman