

Petition for Recount

Friday November 8, 2024

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Candidate for VT State Representative for Bennington District 1

(1) (ITEM 1) As set forth in 17 V.S.A. §2602, where as the current vote count as posted by the VT Secretary of State's office shows a vote total of 1265 for Johnathan Cooper and 1240 for Bruce Busa, a difference of 25 votes of 2619 casted, the difference being approx 0.95%, and thereby being below the threshold as set in §2601. I do hereby request a recount of votes.

(1a) As §2602e (a)(3) sets the minimum standard that the ballots be placed into stacks of 50 ballots, I am also requesting those ballots be "candidate specific", thereby persons representing the different candidates will know the expected vote count that the tabulator is expected to count. The final stack with less than fifty, the hand count of each candidate will be known prior to sending through the tabulator. Any discrepancies will need to be investigated.

(2) (ITEM 2) The distribution of ballots in the Pownal Poling place is believed to have been done in error for Vermont House races for Bennington District 1 and Bennington District 5.

The distribution of ballots is believed (through discussion with the Pownal Town Clerk)(and from the input from one voter) to have been done by distributing Bennington 5 ballots to residents on both sides of Barber Pond Rd and South Stream Road instead of using the centerline of the road as the boundary, where- as the south side of both roads should have received Bennington District 1 ballots. The distribution of ballot along the Route 7 line was not investigated by the candidate at the time of this writing. The number of ballot distribution errors greatly exceeds the difference of votes per candidate. The description of the line between districts is found in the Boundary of Bennington District 1 according to Vermont Election Law as stated in Title 17 Chptr 34, § 1893 Initial Division Bennington District 1.

(3) (ITEM 3) The violation of Article 8 of the Vermont State Constitution in combination with Article 16 of the Vermont State Constitution. Both Rights exist simultaneously.

The passing and posting of a sign denying a Vermont Citizen from exercising their Article 16 Right as a Citizen before they can exercise their Article 8 Right as a Citizen is a violation of the Vermont Constitution at its core.

In addition, 17 V.S.A. Chapter 41 §2102 Purposes the purpose of this act is to carry out the mandate of Article 8. The first “specific purpose” mentioned is “to provide equal opportunity for all citizens of voting age to participate in political processes”. Another point is stated, “to encourage citizens to become more actively involved in the political process which effects the quality of life”. In section §2017 the influence of “threats” or “undue influences” to “control or alter” the vote of a voter is addressed.

I propose that 13 V.S.A. § 4027 & 17 V.S.A § 2510 are both in violation of the above State Articles of the Vermont State Constitution and §2017 and §2102. And may have caused an “undue influence” on the voter, and thereby their vote, of the electorate in my election.

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