

History: Bruce Busa

Nov 5, 2024 Election

Readsboro, VT

Bennington 1 VT House of Representatives Candidate

This is [Exhibit I](#)

First Attempt- 2022

- 2022 Aug Primary – Collected sufficient signatures for Independent Candidate.
- Also received sufficient write in votes on the Republican ticket
- Busa decided to accept the win of the Republican Primary and appeared as the Republican Candidate on the General Election.
- Nelson Brownell beat Busa by 26 vote count after the election. After a recount, Brownell remained ahead of Busa by 20 votes. Brownell picked up one vote in Pownal, Busa picked up one vote in Woodford, and switched three votes from Brownell over to Busa in Stamford. Readsboro and Searsburg remained the same.
- Brownell won Pownal and Readsboro, Busa won Stamford, Searsburg and Woodford.
- When Busa put his recount request in to the Superior Court in Bennington, Busa requested a “Hand Count” and for the count of votes be known prior to sending the ballots through the tabulator and to compare the results. [Exhibit A](#) (The request was ignored).
- During the recount process Busa noticed many ways the system could be improved. They will be discussed in [Exhibit B\(1\)](#). 17 § 2602j. (c)

Second Attempt- 2024

- Multiple requests came from community members asking Busa to run for State Rep for Bennington 1 VT House seat. He told them to go ahead and write him in. If he wins, he will look at it as being drafted and will go.
- Busa received enough write in votes to win the Republican Primary for VT House Ben 1 district. He accepted. However he told the People that they would have to do the work, as the previous time that he ran, he did all the work and received very little help on the ground.

- Note – Busa also received enough write in votes to win one of the two Bennington County Senate seat positions in the Republican Primary. Busa turned down this position.
 - Busa had to leave the state for most of the month of October 2024 and spent the time in SW Virginia and NW Tennessee, returning to VT in time for the November election.
 - Cooper beat Busa by 25 votes as of election night. After the recount, Cooper beat Busa by 23 votes. Busa picked up one vote in Pownal and one vote in Stamford.
 - Busa won Stamford, Readsboro, Searsburg and Woodford. Cooper won Pownal.
 - During the recount process Busa noticed many ways the system could be improved. They will be discussed in [Exhibit B\(2\)](#). 17 § 2602j. (c)
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- The election took place on Nov 5, 2024
 - On Nov 6, 2024 Busa posted the results on line. Later that evening there was a post mentioning some people in Pownal did not have Busa’s name on their ballot. I (Busa) just figured they were probably District 5 residents. The next morning Busa received a text from a Pownal resident stating that Busa’s name was not on his ballot. Busa knew this individual was a District 1 resident. Busa first suggested to the voter to go to the town clerk and see what was going on. Soon after, Busa just decided to go to Pownal (for the 45 minute ride) and share what was sent to him with the Pownal town clerk. (He felt her heart sink when they figured out what had happened).
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- Nov 7 - Busa sent the Pownal BCA an email. [Exhibit C](#)
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- How could this election have been “Certified”?
 Canvassing Committee – 17 § 2592 (d), (g), and (h)
 How could the canvassing committee certified a known un-certifiable election?
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- Discussion on the duties of the Board of Civil Authority.
 Could the BCA have canvassed the effected voters to cure the ballots? As in for mailed in ballots as in 17 § 2543 (b), and 17 § 2547

- Nov 8am – Busa requested a recount with Bennington Superior Court. [Exhibit D\(2\)](#)
[Election Interference/ Intimidation](#)
- Nov 8pm - Busa requested a recount with Bennington Superior Court. [Exhibit D\(1\)](#)
- Nov 9 - SOS Recommend. Revote through Superior Court. [Exhibit E\(1\)](#)
- Nov 14 - Lawyer requests change from recount to revote. [Exhibit E\(2\)](#)
- Nov 15 - Judge – Revote NOT the court’s jurisdiction. House of Rep. [Exhibit E\(3\)](#)
- Items of difficulty with the recounts - [Exhibits F\(1-2\)](#) 17 § 2602j. (c)
 1. Reason for counting entry checklist. [Exhibits F\(1\)\(pg 1-2\)](#) [Exhibits F\(2\)](#)
 2. Knowing the hand count prior to entering ballots into tabulator.
 3. Clerk announcing totals as the day progresses. 17 § 2602h. (c)(1)
and as it is done for the primary and general elections: 17 § 2588 (1)&(2)
 4. Check Math vrs. Ballots [Exhibits F\(1\)\(pg 3-5\)](#) [Exhibits G\(1\) & G\(2\)](#)
17 § 2602d. & 17 § 2602h. (c)(1)
 5. Layout of Court counts for each town; [Exhibits G\(2\)](#) & [Exhibits F\(1\)\(pg 3-5\)](#)
 - I. Total Voters Checked off on the Entry Checklist. 17 § 2602d.
 - II. Candidate 1
 - III. Candidate 2
 - IV. Write Ins
 - V. Over Votes
 - VI. Blank Votes
 - VII. Defective Ballots
[For races where the town has multitude districts](#)
 - VIII. [How many purple Ben 5 ballots were in Ben 1 bag?](#)
 - IX. [*How many white Ben 1 ballots are in Ben 5 bag?*](#)
[We had some Ben 5 ballots in the Ben 1 bag at the recount.](#)
[We did not look to see if there are any B1 in the B5 bag!](#)
- Discussion on the **duties of the Board of Civil Authority;**
 1. Record and challenge all ballots returned to the clerk which were “undeliverable”. Share that information with all members of the BCA.

2. In my opinion, as per previous discussions, it is apparent there is too much reliance on a single town clerk while the Boards of Civil Authority are being dis-enfranchised. Review previous discussions by Secretary of State and Town Clerks.

3. 17 § 2457 (c)(2) was not performed in 2023/2024.

Who teaches the teachers?

4. How was 17 § 2501 (d) performed?

- Modification to Title 17 [Exhibit H & Exhibit J](#)
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- Busa filed for the VT House to Judge the Election.
(Covered in Attorney General's Report) (Including *up to* a revote)

The "Pownal 45"

[Exhibit M](#) - Entry Check List Ben 1 A-L

[Exhibit N](#) - Entry Check List Ben 1 M-Z

[Exhibit O](#) - Entry Check List Ben 5

[Exhibit P\(1\)](#) - Pownal Check List Corrections

[Exhibit P\(2\)](#) - Pownal BCA Minutes

[Exhibit Q](#) - Email from Busa to Pownal Clerk & BCA discoveries

[Exhibit R](#) - Corrected Check List Ben 1

[Exhibit S](#) - The submitted list

[Exhibit T](#) - The (apparent) present list (Busa)