

ERIE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
RULES AND REGULATIONS
ON FILING GENERAL OBJECTIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS TO OBJECTIONS

Pursuant to Section 6-154 of the New York State Election Law, the Erie County Board of Elections has adopted the following rules and regulations governing the filing of General Objections and Specifications to Objections.

(A) Any person filing general objections to any certificate of designation or nomination or to a nominating or designating petition for opportunity to ballot, shall file the said objections in the following manner:

1. The objector shall file one copy of the objection with the Erie County Board of Elections on the third floor at the counter.
2. The objector must serve a copy of the objection, either (a) personally or by (b) certified mail, or (c) registered mail, to each candidate named on the petition who is the subject of the objection. Such service shall be made on or before the date of filing with the Erie County Board of Elections. Proof of service must be filed with the Erie County Board of Elections prior to the filing of any specifications.

(B) Any person filing specifications to objections shall do so in accordance with the provisions of Section 6-154 of the New York State Elections Law. All such specifications shall additionally comply with the following requirements.

1. The volume number, page number, and line number on any signature objected to on any petition shall be set forth in detail. In addition, any portion of any petition, or any signature line or witness statement objected to shall be specifically identified, and the reasons for said objections clearly given.
2. The total number of signatures objected to shall be set forth and all objections relating to a single signature line shall be grouped together.
3. Symbols and/or abbreviations may be used to set forth objections, provided that a sheet explaining the meaning to any such symbols and/or abbreviations is attached to the specifications.

(C) No specifications of objections to any petition will be considered by the Erie County Board of Elections unless the objector filing the specification mails, by registered or certified mail, a duplicate copy of the said specifications to each candidate who is the subject of the objection. Service shall be made on or before the date of filing any specifications with the Erie County Board of Elections and proof of such service shall be filed with the Erie County Board of Elections prior to the hearing on the specifications.

(D) Any notice and/or determination relating to a petition for which specifications of objections have been filed shall be transmitted by the Erie County Board of Elections to the objector filing the specifications, provided that any such objector may designate an attorney or agent to receive any such notice and/or determination on their behalf. Any such designation shall be in writing and shall include the name, address, and telephone number of any such attorney or agent, and any proceeding conducted by the Erie County Board of Elections relating to the specifications.

(E) In accordance with the provisions of Section 1-106 of the New York State Elections Law, all papers sent by mail in an envelope postmarked prior to midnight on the last day of filing shall be deemed timely filed and accepted for filing when received, except that all certificates and petitions of designation or nomination, certificates of acceptance or declination of such designations or nominations, certificates of authorization for such designations or nominations, certificates of disqualification, certificates of substitution for such designations or nominations and objections and specifications of objections to such certificates and petitions required to be filed with the state board of elections or a board of elections outside of the city of New York shall be deemed timely filed and accepted for filing if sent by mail or overnight delivery service pursuant to subdivision three of this section, and received no later than two business days after the last day to file such certificates, petitions, objections or specifications. Failure of the post office or any other person or entity to deliver any such petition, certificate or objection to such board of elections outside the city of New York no later than two business days after the last day to file such certificates, petitions, objections or specifications shall be a fatal defect.