



Nomination Paper Objection Filing
State of Rhode Island Board of Elections

Official use only

INSTRUCTIONS: This form is used for filing an objection as to the following: the eligibility of a candidate, the sufficiency of the nomination papers or the signatures on them. Objections may be filed by the candidate for the office, an individual presenting written authorization from the candidate or a chair of a political party. **Please note that the Nomination Paper Objection Addendum must be included** with this filing. All objections shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State or the local board, as the case may be, by four o'clock (4:00) p.m. on the next business day after the last day fixed for filing nomination papers in the appropriate office.

Objector Information

First Name	Middle Initial/Name	Last Name
Residence Address		Mailing Address (if different)
City/Town	State	Zip Code
Telephone Number		

Candidate Information

Petition Number	Title of Office	District (if applicable)
First Name	Middle Initial/Name	Last Name

Objection Information (please note that you must attach the addendum with detailed information to this form)

The following facts are known to me and lead me to believe that the individual listed above is ineligible to be a candidate for this office (addendum attached):

OBJECTOR CERTIFICATION

I swear or affirm under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing statements are true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Objector's Signature

Date Signed

Objector's Printed Name

*Rejection Reason Codes: N=Voter Not Registered/Not Found; D=Duplicate; NE=Not Eligible; S=Signature Does Not Match; W=Wrong District



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Nomination Paper Objection Filing FAQs – Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What is the step-by-step process for filing an objection to nomination papers?**
Hearings on objections to nomination papers are conducted within 2 days after the deadline to file objections. Hearings for local offices are conducted by the local boards of canvassers. Hearings for state & federal offices are conducted at the Board of Elections (BOE), 2000 Plainfield Pike, Cranston, RI 02921. Please call the BOE at 401-222-2345 for information regarding the hearing date & time. The candidate or political party chair, depending on who filed the objection, **must be present in-person** at the hearing. A candidate or party chair filing an objection cannot authorize another individual to attend the meeting on their behalf, unless the individual representing them is an attorney licensed in the State of RI.
2. **Who can file an objection?**
A candidate for the office or an individual presenting written authorization from the candidate, or a chair of a political party.
3. **What information is required on the objection form?**
Please complete all applicable fields on the objection form. The petition number is located on the upper right hand side of the nomination paper below the box labeled "Total # of Validated Signatures". Prior to the hearing, you must also complete the Nomination Paper Objection Addendum form with corresponding evidence.
4. **What are the reasons a form may be challenged?**
Under RI law, § 17-14-11 nomination forms shall be conclusively presumed to be valid, unless written objections to them are made as to the eligibility of the candidate or the sufficiency (quantity) of the nomination papers or the signatures on them.
5. **What type of evidence may be presented?**
If you are objecting to the disqualification of a signature(s) because the voter was determined by the Board of Canvassers to not be registered to vote, you must submit evidence that the individual was registered:
 - a. You may obtain a list of registered voters from the Secretary of State by calling 401-222-2340 or emailing elections@sos.ri.gov. You may obtain copies of voter registration forms from the Board of Canvassers.
If you are objecting to the disqualification of a signature because the Board of Canvassers determined the signature(s) did not reasonably match any current or previous signature within the voter's registration record, you must provide:
 - b. a copy of the individual's voter registration form containing the voter's signature which must reasonably match the signature invalidated by the Board of Canvassers, or;
 - c. completed Affidavit of Signatory from the individual, which must be notarized, or;
 - d. the registered voter whose signature was invalidated may provide in-person testimony under oath at the objection hearing.
If you are objecting to signatures which were accepted by the Board of Canvassers, you must provide:
 - e. evidence indicating the individual did not sign the nomination paper; or;
 - f. evidence indicating the individual did not sign the nomination paper in the physical presence of the collector; or;
 - g. evidence indicating the individual was deceased at the time the nomination paper was signed.
6. **Must objections be filed on a designated form?**
According to Regulation 410-RICR-20-00-10, objections should be filed on the Nomination Paper Objection Filing form and the Nomination Paper Objection Addendum and must be submitted to the BOE.
7. **How does a voter signer provide evidence they signed the nomination paper?**
The individual may complete Affidavit of Signatory from the individual, which must be notarized, or they may appear at the hearing and provide testimony under oath.
8. **What are the rejection codes?**
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