

Board of Elections Validates Skeele's Republican Petitions, but...

Guest Column

I refer to Albany as needing more "Seeds of Common Sense." Friday, Aug. 6, the state Supreme Court was no exception. Let me summarize the lawsuit filed against the state Board of Elections and me by my opponent, challenging the description of the office on my petitions that I am running for and it causing confusion to the 806 petition signers, you the voter and the BOE.



Obviously, the BOE, who validated my petitions, was not confused. If permitted time to get affidavits from the minimum number of signatures required, 500, stating my petition signers were not confused, I am confident I could have but was not permitted opportunity by the judge.

With three days notice of the court date, I had three hours one evening available to obtain affidavits. The 40 I obtained were dismissed as irrelevant. Recent case law was cited on the thinking that there was a "probability of confusion" as to the office the candidate was running for with other petitions being passed in the same district for other offices, and yet the court would not allow me to eliminate that "probability of confusion" with affidavits from my petition signers.

This offer to obtain the affidavits stipulates agreeing that my description of the office I was running for was inadequate to begin with!

On my petition under the public office I am seeking, I wrote "NYS 111th Assembly District" stating the office, being the Assembly, and the district, being the 111th. Because I didn't write, "Member of Assembly," this somehow causes confusion as to the office I am running for and reason for my petitions to be invalidated by the Supreme Court though validated by the BOE.

Pamphlets or my campaign card were handed out to every person who signed my petition stating who I was running against. For those reading this or keeping up with the campaign, did you honestly have any doubt as to the office I am seeking?

Just as courts have struck down propositions defying the people's will who voted in favor of, so has our Supreme Court.

Let your hearts not be troubled though. Endorsed by the Conservative Party, I will be on the ballot for that line provided voters get out for the primary vote Sept. 14 to insure I can be on the ballot for the general election Nov. 2.

Here are some reasons why you should vote for me: I believe in...

1) A state that is just for all, not free or favored for some

- 2) Free market solutions, not a socialist fusion
- 3) Cut spending, taxes and debt...not deals
- 4) Private sector jobs over public sector jobs
- 5) Private sector profit over political profit for the career politician
- 6) Districts that make logical sense, not political sense
- 7) Term limits
8. Stiff consequences for legislators if unable to pass an on time balanced budget with no increases. Visit skeeleforassembly.com to see my 2011 Balanced Budget Pledge specifying those consequences I will hold myself to even if others will not. It will make it easy for you to spot the true statesman vs. the career politician or one who is in it for the pay and benefits.