A request for an advisory opinion has come to the Election Board for an interpretation of Title III, Chapter 101, Article III, Section 1 which states “any party seeming to be adversely affected by a ruling of the Election Board may file an appeal with the Supreme Court within forty-eight (48) of the adverse decisions is announcement.” The request by the Petitioner is as follows: Is it the intention of the court to interpret the above excerpt of the Election Code (Title III, Chapter 101, Article III, Section 1) as to mean forty-eight (48) hours? Whereas in section 3 of the same Title, Chapter, and Article states, in the same format as above, “… within twenty-four (24) hours [emphasis added] after etc.”

The Election Board took into account that “forty-eight (48)” could mean a variety of things: days, weeks, minutes, etc. However, it is unreasonable to assume that the appeal must be filed within forty-eight (48) anything other than “hours” considering that 48 days is longer than the campaign period in whole and 48 minutes would be too short of a time to appeal. It is the majority opinion of the Board that “forty-eight (48)” is to be interpreted as “forty-eight (48) hours” which follows the format of that in Title III, Chapter 101, Article III, Section 3 which states “…twenty-four (24) hours…”.

Summary
In summary, the Board has a majority opinion that “forty-eight (48)” is to be interpreted as “forty-eight (48) hours” which follows the format of that in Title III, Chapter 101, Article III, Section 3 which states “…twenty-four (24) hours…”.

It is so ordered.