

Interpretation Request

05-261-301

A request for an interpretation of Title III, Chapter 101, Article III, section 1 of the S.G.C. has come to the Election Board, specifically regarding the word “announcement”. The code 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 [sic.] announcement.”

Without a formal layout of the decision in question, it is more difficult to file an appeal that could possibly be detrimental to a campaign. Therefore, it is the majority opinion of the board that “announcement” as stated in the code, is to be interpreted as the posted opinion following the adverse decision made at a hearing. For further clarity, Advisory Opinion 04-251-300 states that “forty-eight (48)” is to be interpreted as “forty-eight (48) hours”. Together, with this interpretation request, Title III, Chapter 101, Article III, section 1 of the S.G.C should be interpreted as “...within forty-eight (48) *hours* of the adverse decisions *posted* announcement.”

Summary

By the powers for interpretation vested in the Election Board, it is the majority opinion of the board that “announcement” as stated in the code, is to be interpreted as the posted opinion following the adverse decision made at a hearing.

It is so ordered.