

Village of Menands

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Challenging Petitions

Individuals wishing to object to the legal sufficiency of an independent nominating petition, designating petition, or certificate of nomination must file a written objection in the Village Clerk's office no later than one day after the last date to file the petition or certificate, or no later than one day after the clerk receives the petition or certificate if the papers were timely mailed as permitted by law.⁷⁴ Within two days of filing the written objection, the challenger must also file in the Clerk's Office written specifications that form the basis of the objection. Failure to file the written specifications renders the original objection null and void.⁷⁵

When a Village Clerk receives the written specifications of the objection, he or she must immediately notify both the candidate(s) named in the petition or certificate and the county board of elections.⁷⁶ The clerk must then forward the materials on to the county board of elections. The County Board of Elections must render a determination as to the merits of the challenge, including issuing a finding as to whether the petition is sufficient or insufficient. Once the county board renders its determination, it must immediately notify the Village Clerk, each candidate named in the petition or certificate, and, if the determination was made on an objection, the objector.⁷⁷