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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

In the Matter of a Referral by Hon. Stephanie Thomas,
Secretary of the State, Hartford

File No. 2024-095

AGREEMENT CONTAINING CONSENT ORDER

This Agreement, by and between Jessica Krenesky (hereinafter "Respondent"), of the Town of Beacon Falls, County of New Haven, State of Connecticut, and the authorized representative of the State Elections Enforcement Commission is entered into in accordance with Section 97b54 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and Section 4177(c) of the General Statutes of Connecticut. In accordance herewith, the parties agree that:

1. Secretary of the State Thomas referred this matter indicating that Respondent, as Beacon Falls Registrar of Voters, violated General Statutes § 9-50b by updating the voter history for an individual beyond the 60 days after the November 3, 2020 election as provided for by that section.
2. Specifically, Secretary Thomas indicated:
Pursuant to C.G.S. Sec. 9-50b(c), a Registrar is required to update CVRS history no later than 60 days after the election or primary. There is no vehicle for changing voter history outside this statutory 60 day window. Therefore, a revision to a voter history after the 60 day following the election or primary is unlawful. Here, a voter history is confirmed to have been changed approximately 3 years after an election. In support of this assertion, I have attached several emails between my staff and Mr. Evans, including emails that show that the voter history of the candidate changed between May 2, 2024 and June 27, 2024, a voicemail from the registrar of voters, and several other relevant emails.
3. At all relevant times, Respondent was the Republican Registrar of Voters for the Town of Beacon Falls.
4. General Statutes § 9-50b, provides in pertinent part:
(a) As used in this section, "state-wide centralized voter registration system" means a computerized system designed and maintained by the Secretary of the State which includes: (1) Voter registration information prescribed by the Secretary, (2) information contained in applications for admission as electors described in section 9-20, (3) information needed to compile

registry lists and enrollment lists under sections 9-35 and 9-54, (4) information required by section 9-50a, and (5) other information for use in complying with the provisions of this title.

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(c) Not later than sixty days after each election or primary, the registrars of voters shall update the state-wide centralized voter registration system and indicate whether the eligible voters on the official registry list for such election or primary voted and, if so, if they voted in person or by absentee ballot.

Facts After Investigation

5. Respondent cooperated fully with this investigation and admitted that she updated voter registry history in CVRS after 60 days for Gerard F. Smith. At his request she checked whether he had voted at the November 3, 2020 election. After confirming that he had voted in-person, by reviewing the checkers' list for that election, she changed his "Election History" to reflect the same.

6. Specifically, Respondent indicated that:

I was the one who updated the record as requested by Mr. Smith, however I do not recall the exact date. In talking with Mr. Smith after I sent that letter, I had emailed him the documentation that he had voted on 6/25 when he came to my office, but had asked me prior to that to see if I still had records from the 2020 election. He had also asked the town clerk Lenard Greene. I believe that was when I made the update, not on 6/25. The CVRS system does not appear to capture a time stamp of when an update occurs. Respondent provided supporting documentation from the Beacon Falls Registrars office to support her response and explanation to this referral.

Analysis and Conclusion

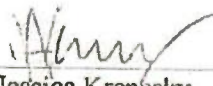
7. General Statutes § 9-50b provides that the voter history of an eligible voter, within 60 days of an election, be changed to reflect whether the eligible voter voted in such election and, if they voted, whether they did so in-person or by absentee ballot.
8. Secretary of the State Thomas referred this matter indicating that Beacon Falls Registrar of Voters Jessica Krenesky (hereinafter "Respondent") violated General Statutes § 9-50b (c) by updating voter registration history after 60 days from an election.

9. In the course of the investigation, Respondent admitted that she had changed the voter history for Gerard F. Smith later than 60 days for the November 3, 2020 election to indicate that he had voted in that election and did so in-person.
10. The Commission concludes that Respondent did not update the voter history indicated by this referral within 60 days of the November 3, 2020 election as required by General Statutes § 9-50b. The Commission concludes therefore that Respondent violated General Statutes § 9-50b.
11. The Respondent admits all jurisdictional facts and agrees that this Agreement and Order shall have the same force and effect as a final decision and Order entered after a full hearing and shall become final when adopted by the Commission. The Respondent shall receive a copy hereof as provided in Section 9-7b-56 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.
12. It is understood and agreed that this Agreement will be submitted to the Commission at its next meeting and, if it is not accepted by the Commission, it is withdrawn by the Respondent and may not be used as an admission by either party in any subsequent hearing, if the same becomes necessary.
13. The Respondent waives:
 - a. Any further procedural steps;
 - b. The requirement that the Commission's decision contain a statement of findings of fact and conclusions of law, separately stated; and
 - c. All rights to seek judicial review or otherwise to challenge or contest the validity of the Order entered into pursuant to this Agreement.
14. Upon the Respondent's compliance with the Order hereinafter stated, the Commission shall not initiate any further proceedings against Respondent pertaining to this matter.


ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Respondent shall henceforth strictly comply with general statutes § 9-50b.

The Respondent:

By: 
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Beacon Falls, Connecticut

For the State of Connecticut:

BY: 
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Hartford, Connecticut

Dated: 12/10/24

Dated: 12/17/24

Adopted this 13th day of December of 2024 at Hartford, Connecticut



Stephen T. Penny, Chairman
By Order of the Commission