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Walker v. Agpawa

Supreme Court of Illinois - August 26, 2021 - N.E.3d - 2021 IL 127206 - 2021 WL 3776296

Objectors sought review of decision of municipal officers electoral board finding that mayoral candidate was duly qualified candidate for office despite federal felony conviction for mail fraud.

The Circuit Court affirmed. Objectors appealed. The Appellate Court reversed. Candidate petitioned for leave to appeal, which was allowed.

The Supreme Court held that:

- Governor’s certificate to restore rights restored right to hold municipal office;
- Statutory amendment concerning restoration of rights as to public office following conviction was not void for vagueness;
- Statutory amendment did not violate First Amendment rights to object to a candidacy; and
- Statutory amendment did not violate separation of powers principles.

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