

**BEFORE THE OKLAHOMA STATE ELECTION BOARD**

**PETITION FOR CONTEST OF CANDIDACY**

I, Trish Ranson, Candidate, for the office of State Representative, for House District 34, by and through her undersigned Attorney, Alana Haynes, Esq., by virtue of having lawfully filed a Declaration of Candidacy during the filing period held April 1-3, 2026 hereby contests the candidacy of Mr. Ted Riley aka Theodore Marvin Riley, hereinafter referred to as Contestee) for the same office pursuant to Title 26 Section 5-118, of the Oklahoma Statutes. I accompany this protest with a cashiers check or certified check in the amount of \$250.00

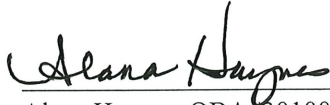
The basis for this contest is that the Contestee was not qualified by law to become a candidate for the office for the reasons shown below:

1. Mr. Ted Riley aka Theodore Marvin Riley, prospective candidate, (*Exhibit 1 - Declaration of Candidacy attached*) was not a registered voter of District 34 for the six months immediately preceding the filing period and is therefore not qualified to be a candidate in District 34.
2. Title 14 O.S. 108 provides in pertinent part:  
To file as a candidate for the House of Representatives in any representative district, a person must have been a registered voter in such district and a resident residing within such district for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the filing period prescribed by law.
3. Mr. Ted Riley aka Theodore Marvin Riley, changed his registration to District 34 on November 5, 2025. In order to be registered six months immediately preceding the filing period the registration change to District 34 was required to be filed on or before September 30, 2025. (*Exhibit 2 Change in Voter Registration attached.*)
4. The State Election Board has long interpreted the clause “*immediately preceding the filing period*” to mean just that. See, *In the Matter of the Contest of Chris Harrison, Cause 2018-12, In the Matter of the Contest of Daniel Arnett Cause 2012-08, In the Matter of the Contest of Mark Faulk, Cause 2012-06.*

WHEREFORE, premises considered, Trish Ranson, by and through her attorney,

Alana House, Esq. prays that her petition be sustained.

Respectfully Submitted,



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