

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

In the Matter of a Complaint by  
Rae Tramontano and Sharon Ferrucci,  
Registrars of Voters, New Haven

File No. 2009-014

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Complainants, City of New Haven Registrars of Voters, filed this complaint with the Commission, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §9-7b(a)(1), alleging that Tiffany Nicole Wilson voted in both Mansfield and in the New Haven at the November 4, 2008 presidential election.

After an investigation of this matter, the following findings and conclusions are made:

1. The Respondent's name appeared on both the Town of Mansfield and City of New Haven official active list of voters for the November 4, 2008 presidential election. Tiffany N. Wilson completed voter registration applications for New Haven dated July 22, 2006, and subsequently, two registrations for Mansfield dated December 3, 2007 and October 21, 2008.
2. The voter history section of the Connecticut Voter Registry System (CVRS) for both Mansfield and New Haven indicate that Tiffany N. Wilson voted in person in both locations at the November 4, 2008 presidential election. The Respondent's name is physically crossed off at each address on the official voter registry list at her registration address in each town, District 1 in Mansfield and Ward 29 in the City of New Haven.
3. Voting District 1 in Mansfield is reserved for University of Connecticut students and campus residents and is called "University of Connecticut District 1." The District is organized alphabetically on the checkers list for purposes of voting at each election. The polling place is the Mansfield Community Center.
4. General Statutes § 9-360 provides:

Any person not legally qualified who *fraudulently votes in any town meeting, primary, election or referendum in which the person is not qualified to vote*, and any legally qualified person who, at such meeting, primary, election or referendum, *fraudulently votes more than once at the same meeting, primary, election or referendum*, shall be fined not less than three hundred dollars or more than five hundred dollars and shall be imprisoned not less than one year or more than two

years and shall be disfranchised. Any person who votes or attempts to vote at any election, primary, referendum or town meeting by assuming the name of another legally qualified person shall be guilty of a class D felony and shall be disfranchised. [Emphasis added.]

5. The Respondent, a student at the University of Connecticut at the time, denies voting in New Haven, and asserts that she voted only in Mansfield at the November 4, 2008 election. A witness, also a student at the university, accounts for Ms. Wilson's presence in Mansfield most of the day, including going to vote together, and confirms that Ms. Wilson did not make a trip to New Haven that day.
6. The Respondent's mother noticed her daughter's name crossed off on the registry list in New Haven when she presented herself to vote on November 4, 2008, and questioned it since she knew her daughter was out of town. The investigation did not reveal what caused the Respondent's name to be crossed off in New Haven.
7. There is insufficient evidence to conclude that the Respondent voted in New Haven in person on November 4, 2008, and therefore insufficient evidence to prove a violation of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 9-360.
8. When Respondent completed her voter registration application for Mansfield in 2007, she left the "Previous Voting Address" section blank. Had she completed said section, which is prescribed by Conn. Gen. Stat. § 9-23h(5), the Mansfield Registrars of Voters would have known to notify the New Haven Registrars of Voters to remove her from their list, thus avoiding the confusion that resulted from Ms. Wilson's name appearing on and being crossed off on checkers' lists in Mansfield and New Haven for the November 4, 2008 election, which resulted in the instant complaint.

ORDER

The following order is issued on the basis of the aforementioned findings and conclusions:

That the complaint is dismissed, and based upon the evidence gathered in this matter, the Complainants should remove Tiffany N. Wilson from the New Haven voter registry list.

Adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2009 at Hartford, Connecticut.



Stephen F. Cashman  
Chairman  
By Order of the Commission