

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

In the matter of a Complaint by File No. 2012-155
Parole Officer Jack Wallace, Bridgeport

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Complainant brings this Complaint pursuant to General Statutes § 9-7b, and alleged that Mr. Joe Hill of the City of Bridgeport, Connecticut (hereinafter the "Respondent"), violated General Statutes § 9-140 (j) by being paid to distribute absentee ballot applications in the City of Bridgeport and that he completed an absentee ballot application for himself when he was not eligible to do so. After an investigation, the Commission makes the following findings and conclusions:

1. The Complainant specifically alleged that Respondent, a parolee, was being paid to distribute absentee ballot applications and assist people with completing such applications prior to the November 6, 2012 election. Complainant also alleged that he completed an absentee ballot application for himself when he was not eligible to do so.
2. General Statutes § 9-140, provides in pertinent part:
 - (a) Application for an absentee ballot ***shall be made to the clerk of the municipality in which the applicant is eligible to vote*** or has applied for such eligibility. Any person who assists another person in the completion of an application shall, in the space provided, sign the application and print or type his name, residence address and telephone number. ***Such signature shall be made under the penalties of false statement in absentee balloting. ...***

(j) No person shall pay or give any compensation to another and *no person shall accept any compensation solely for (1) distributing absentee ballot applications* obtained from a municipal clerk or the Secretary of the State or (2) *assisting any person in the execution of an absentee ballot.*

[Emphasis added.]

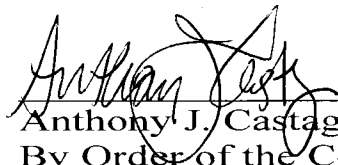
3. Upon investigation, the Commission finds that the Bridgeport city clerk's office did not issue absentee ballot applications to Respondent or agents the facility identified by the complaint prior to, or in connection with, the November 6, 2012 election.
4. The Commission finds that the Bridgeport city clerk's office reported that Respondent did not apply for an absentee ballot with that office prior to the November 6, 2012 election.
5. The Commission concludes that the available evidence does *not* support the conclusion that Respondent violated Statutes § 9-140.

ORDER

The following Order is recommended on the basis of the aforementioned findings:

That the complaint is dismissed.

Adopted this 17th day of April, of 2013, at Hartford,



Anthony J. Castagno, Chairman
By Order of the Commission