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Gale says candidate complaint was received after deadline

LINCOLN – Secretary of State John Gale says a challenge filed to the candidacy of Thomas Brewer in Legislative District 43 was received in his office after the required statutory deadline. As a result, Gale says he has no authority to review the objection filed by former State Senator LeRoy Louden.

“In this case, the deadline to file an objection against a candidate is seven days after the deadline new candidates can file for office, which is March 1,” explained Gale. “That means the complaint should have been filed no later than March 8.”

The complaint made by Louden was received on August 31.

As to questions about Brewer being a registered voter in Sheridan County, Gale said those needed to be directed to the Sheridan County Clerk, or in the case of a criminal allegation, to county law enforcement.

“State law specifies that the challenged voter be required to answer questions about residency posed by the election commissioner or county clerk,” Gale said. “If the allegation is that the person committed election fraud, then that complaint needs to be made to law enforcement authorities for further investigation.”

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