

~~(1)~~ (1) THE DATE OF THE ACT OR OMISSION OR, IF LATER, THE DATE THE ACT OR OMISSION BECAME KNOWN TO THE PETITIONER; OR

~~(2)~~ (2) THE DATE THE RESULTS OF THE CANVASS FOR THAT ELECTION ARE DECLARED OFFICIAL.

#### 19-4. PROCEDURE.

A PROCEEDING UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE CONDUCTED ACCORDING TO THE GENERALLY APPLICABLE RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, EXCEPT THAT:

(1) IT SHALL BE HEARD AND DECIDED WITHOUT A JURY AND AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS THE CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.

~~(2) IF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT DEEMS IT APPROPRIATE, THE CASE SHALL BE ASSIGNED TO A 3-JUDGE PANEL OF CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES.~~

(2) UPON THE REQUEST OF A PARTY OR SUA SPONTE, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT MAY ASSIGN THE CASE TO A 3-JUDGE PANEL OF CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES.

(3) (I) ANY APPEAL SHALL BE TAKEN DIRECTLY TO THE COURT OF APPEALS WITHIN 5 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE DECISION OF THE CIRCUIT COURT.

(II) THE APPEAL SHALL BE GIVEN PRIORITY AND SHALL BE HEARD AND DECIDED AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS THE CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.

#### 19-5. JUDGMENT.

UPON A FINDING, BASED UPON CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE, THAT THE ACT OR OMISSION INVOLVED MATERIALLY AFFECTED THE RIGHTS OF INTERESTED PARTIES OR ~~THE INTEGRITY OF, OR CONFIDENCE IN, THE PURITY OF THE ELECTIONS PROCESS AND:~~

(1) MIGHT HAVE CHANGED THE OUTCOME OF AN ELECTION ALREADY HELD, THE COURT SHALL:

(I) DECLARE NULL AND VOID THE ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE, OFFICES, QUESTION, OR QUESTIONS INVOLVED AND, IF APPROPRIATE, ORDER THAT THE ELECTION BE HELD AGAIN ON A DATE SET BY THE COURT; OR

(II) ORDER ANY OTHER RELIEF THAT WILL PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE REMEDY.

(2) MIGHT CHANGE THE OUTCOME OF AN ELECTION NOT YET HELD, THE COURT MAY:

(I) ORDER WHATEVER RELIEF IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES; AND