

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

<b>CHUCK HUFSTETLER,</b>	)	
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<b>Petitioner,</b>	)	
	)	<b>Docket Number: 2222386</b>
<b>v.</b>	)	<b>2222386-OSAH-SECSTATE-CE-8-</b>
	)	<b>Beaudrot</b>
<b>JEFF LEWIS,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Respondent.</b>	)	
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**FINAL DECISION**

Petitioner, Chuck Hufstetler (hereinafter “Petitioner”), is an eligible elector in the election for the office of State Senator for Senate District 52, who filed this candidate challenge pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-5 and O.C.G.A. § 21-5-9.1. Petitioner contends that Jeff Lewis (hereinafter “Respondent”) is ineligible to appear on the ballot for the May 24, 2022 General Primary and Nonpartisan Election due to the following provision in the law which states “No person who has served or is serving as a member of the General Assembly shall be eligible to qualify to seek election or reelection to the General Assembly until and unless all fines and fees owing to the commission have been paid, all disclosure reports due have been filed, and all outstanding taxes have been paid.”

An Administrative Law Judge (hereinafter “ALJ”) of the Office of State Administrative Hearings held a hearing on April 19, 2022. Petitioner was present and represented by counsel. Respondent was present and represented by counsel. The ALJ issued his Initial Decision on May 12, 2022, finding that Respondent was not qualified to be a candidate for the office of Georgia

State Senate District 52. The Secretary of State formally adopts and incorporates the ALJ's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law into this Final Decision.

Therefore, **IT IS HEREBY DECIDED** that Respondent, JEFF LEWIS, is NOT QUALIFIED to be a candidate for the office of Georgia State Senate District 52.

SO DECIDED this 13th day of May 2022.

  
Brad Raffensperger, Secretary of State