

WHEREAS, on March 21, 1966 John W. Strong, Sr., filed a petition with the Governor of the State of Wisconsin pursuant to section 17.22 of the Wisconsin Statutes alleging that Harold J. Hollenstein had committed corrupt practices in violation of sections 17.13 and 17.17 in his campaign for election as Judge for the County Court for Waushara County; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 1966, as Governor of the State of Wisconsin, I ordered that an informal hearing be held on March 30, 1966 to permit the interested parties to present evidence and arguments in this matter; and said hearing having been held with petitioner, John W. Strong, Sr., and candidate, Harold J. Hollenstein, present and evidence and arguments submitted on their behalf; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the evidence in this matter it is apparent there is not sufficient evidence to show that there is probable cause to believe that a proceeding pursuant to section 17.22 of the Wisconsin Statutes could be successfully maintained against Harold J. Hollenstein; and

WHEREAS, as to specific allegations in the petition, the evidence shows candidate Hollenstein and his campaign committee were not responsible for the newspaper advertisement which appeared in the Waushara Freeman on the primary election day; that the advertisement contained on the matchbooks used by candidate Hollenstein did not have the effect nor were they intended to have the effect of misleading voters into believing the candidate was a county judge; and that the sign used on candidate Hollenstein's headquarters when viewed with other signs appearing in close proximity on the same building in no way misled nor was it intended to mislead voters into believing candidate Hollenstein was a county judge; and

WHEREAS, the petitioner has failed to establish any factual basis to support his contention that candidate Hollenstein has conducted his campaign inconsistent with sections 17.13 and 17.17 of the Wisconsin Statutes;

NOW, THEREFORE, for the reasons set forth above the petition of John W. Strong, Sr. is hereby denied.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison, this 30th day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-six.

  
WARREN P. HEARNES  
GOVERNOR

the Governor:

Secretary of State