

## 1. Factual Background

The Plaintiff, Chance (UserID: 780151934228234272), alleges unlawful exclusion from the Senate Special Election ballot for failing to react with an emoji to make a candidacy announcement. Rac (UserID: 297022281878863885), Commissioner of Elections (CoE), asserts the requirement was a reasonable administrative procedure.

## 2. Grounds for Judgement

- I. Constitution 2.2.2 - All Citizens have a right to participate in the electoral process. But it is not prescribed how they must declare their candidacy.
- II. Constitution 7.4 -7.4.1 - It is established that the CoE through the Ministry of the Registrar conducts elections, it is not explicitly outlined the process for declaring one's candidacy.

The Plaintiff argues that the emoji rule lacks legal grounding. However:

- 1. No statutory violation: No law prohibits the CoE from setting procedural requirements for candidacy declarations.
- 2. Equal application: All candidates faced the same requirement, satisfying Constitution Article 1.4 (equality before the law). And that requirement was stated clearly for all to read in the announcement for the election.
- 3. Due process: The Plaintiff had ample opportunity to comply but admitted to overlooking the emoji part of the announcement.

The emoji reaction requirement was a lawful administrative act under the CoE's authority to ensure efficient election administration. No constitutional or statutory rights were violated. The Plaintiff's exclusion resulted from failure to comply with a reasonable, non-discriminatory procedure.

Damages are unwarranted. The Plaintiff's reputational harm claim is unsubstantiated, and monetary penalties would unjustly penalize the CoE for lawful conduct.

### 3. Judgment

1. The Plaintiff's claims are dismissed.
2. The Senate Special Election results are upheld.

Signed,  
Chief Justice Maple  
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