

Quincy removes two from voting rolls

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The city's board of registrars has removed two people from Quincy's voter rolls after determining they do not live in the city.

After reviewing documents such as property deeds and vehicle registrations, the board found Patrick Buonaugurio and David Collins do not have permanent residences in Quincy and therefore cannot vote there.

The board determined Buonaugurio lives in Hanover and Collins lives in Hull. Collins appeared before the board; Buonaugurio did not. Both did not have their vehicles registered in Quincy but remained on the voting rolls.

Supporters of Mayor Thomas Koch filed complaints with the city challenging the voters' residence.

Those complaints came after supporters of his challenger, William Phelan challenged the residency of three voters. One was dismissed before the hearing.

The board voted that two others, city elder services director Thomas Clasby and firefighter Thomas Bowes, could continue to vote in Quincy.

Bowes said he often sleeps at a friend's home in Braintree but does not pay rent there. All of his registrations are at his parents home on Highland Avenue.

Clasby told the board he often spends nights in Fitchburg at his wife's home, but has all of his registrations at a home his parents own on Harbor View Street.

"I feel like this is a question of my character," Clasby told the board. "I think's a rather malicious and vicious attempt to have political chicanery take place."

City Clerk Joseph Shea, chairman of the board, said it was the first time the registrars had had such a hearing since the early 1980s.

"The maintenance of the list (of registered voters), this is what this is about," he said.

All of the the voters in question were subpoenaed to appear the hearing, which cost the city \$192, Shea said.

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The city also brought in a attorney Lauren Goldberg, a former state elections official, to preside over the process. Shea said the legal bill for Goldberg's services is not yet known.

Voters challenged by Phelan supporters were questioned by former city lawyer Robert Quinn, currently an assistant director of the Quincy Housing Authority.

Voters challenged by Koch were questioned by attorney Paul Barbadoro.

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