



Mississippi Secretary of State's Office
SECRETARY MICHAEL WATSON

August 15, 2023

Shuwaski Young
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Philadelphia, MS 39350

Via e-mail delivery:
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Re: Qualifications for Candidacy: Secretary of State

Mr. Young,

The Secretary of State's Office regularly prepares information for the State Board of Election Commissioners in its role to review the qualifications of independent candidates and political party nominees. Part of that preparation involves an initial, but not determinative, review of candidate's qualifications, including a review of voter registration records to determine residency qualifications.

A candidate for Secretary of State must be a qualified elector, at least 25 years old, and a citizen of the state five years next preceding the day of election. *Miss. Const. of 1890, Art. V, §§133 and 134, Art. XII, §250.*

In reference to your voter registration record, it appears prior to July 14, 2021, you were marked as an inactive voter at 10180 RD 842, Philadelphia, MS, 39350. You were made an inactive voter by the Neshoba County Election Commissioners on January 23, 2017. During this time period, you have indicated that you registered to vote and voted in the 2018 and 2020 elections in California.¹ Voter records from California indicate the same. From this information, we are unable to immediately verify your citizenship within the State of Mississippi for five (5) years preceding the date of the election.

Please note that this is not indicative of any decision that the State Board of Election Commissioners may make. This is a preliminary review and a request for any additional documents that you believe may be helpful in establishing your citizenship in Mississippi from November 6, 2018, until the present time. Any documents that are dated prior to November 6, 2018, may also be beneficial to the State Board of Election Commissioners. These documents may include, but not be limited to:

- Utility bills
- Homestead exemption
- State income tax
- Employment documentation
- Driver's license

¹ https://www.djournal.com/news/state-news/shuwaski-young-faces-residency-questions-in-secretary-of-state-run/article_55990101-cce4-513a-b98c-08058fa45a01.html

- Real property ownership
- Registration to vote
- Voting history
- Attendance of college
- Vehicle registration
- Location of church attendance

The State Board of Election Commission will meet on Monday, August 21 at 10:30 a.m. to assess the qualifications of the candidates. If you wish to provide any other documentation, we ask you to ensure we are in receipt of your response no later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 18, 2023, via email.**

You are welcome to attend the meeting to personally address the Board for a brief period, should you think it necessary to do so. I have enclosed a copy of the notice for your convenience.

If you should have any questions, you may contact me at logan.witcher@sos.ms.gov or (601) 359-6353.

Sincerely,

Logan Witcher
Elections Compliance Officer
Secretary of State – Elections Division