

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by  
Glenora G. Forbes,  
Complainant

Report of Hearing Officer

against

Docket #FIC79-237

Town of Ellington; and Board of  
Education of the Town of  
Ellington,

June 23, 1980

Respondents

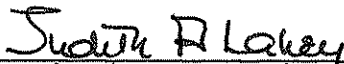
The above captioned matter was heard as a contested case on May 5, 1980, at which time the complainant and the respondents appeared and presented testimony, exhibits and argument on the complaint.

After consideration of the entire record, the following facts are found:


1. The respondents are public agencies within the meaning of §1-18a(a), G.S.
2. By letter of complaint filed with this Commission on December 12, 1979, the complainant alleged that the respondent board had violated the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act in that it had conducted its election of board officers on November 7, 1979 by means of a secret ballot.
3. §1-21i(b), G.S. sets forth a jurisdictional requirement that appeals to this Commission must be filed within thirty days of the alleged denial of any right conferred by the Freedom of Information Act at §§ 1-15, 1-18a, 1-19 to 1-19b, inclusive, and 1-21 to 1-21k, inclusive, G.S.

The following order by the Commission is hereby recommended on the basis of the record concerning the above captioned complaint:

1. The complaint is hereby dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

  
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Commissioner Judith A. Lahey  
as Hearing Officer

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission on July 21, 1980.

  
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Leslie Ann McGuire  
Clerk of the Commission