

**Preface:**

(1) All bylaw references will be coded Title (if applicable) ##, Article ##, Section ##, Clause ##, part (if applicable) ##, as “T##A##S##C##P##.” For example, Article 1, Section 1, Clause 1, will be coded as “A1S1C1” for reference;

(2) Any referenced website links may or may not be active by the time future individuals review this write-up.

**Complaint #21-09**

**Petitioner(s):** Chiamaka Chukwu (further referred to as “Chiamaka”, she/her),

Representing The Election Commission

**Respondent(s):** Shiny John (further referred to as “Shiny”, she/her),

Representing N/A

**Allegations (filed February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 12:15AM):**

(1) Shiny John violated A6S2C3 of the Election Code:

*" Candidates that are not a member of a party are required to file a statement of financial disclosure weekly on each Monday from the first Monday after the start of the campaigning period until and including the first Monday after the end of all elections. The Chief Election Commissioner has the discretion to change the day that these financial disclosures are due to the commission."*

**Defense (filed N/A):**

Not filed by deadline—

**Course of Investigation:** I examined the Petitioner’s evidence and reached out for a defense statement. I was not sent a defense statement. I went through the Election Code and identified if a violation was present. After this I had enough to come to a decision.

Clause 3. Candidates that are not a member of a party are required to file a statement of financial disclosure weekly on each Monday from the first Monday after the start of the campaigning period until and including the first Monday after the end of all elections. The Chief Election Commissioner has the discretion to change the day that these financial disclosures are due to the commission.

**Decision (February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 8:29PM):** Chiamaka's complaint HAS merit and this IS a violation of the Election Code.

**Sanction:** This will be assessed as a Class C violation and will result in a two-hour campaign ban from 8AM-10AM on the first day of voting.

**Further Analysis:** The financial disclosures for candidates is Monday by 5PM. The Chief Election Commissioner sent out multiple reminders to all parties to make sure parties sent in their materials on time. Shiny John failed to do so, and as a statement of defense was requested, none was sent, therefore serving as an acknowledgment of negligence to comply to the deadline.

**Conclusion:** The sanction will go into effect and as always, I urge candidates to stay on top of deadlines and comply with election code.

**Delivered to the Chief Election Commissioner:** February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 8:34PM