

M. MICHAEL HAIK, III, IN HIS CAPACITY
AS THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR
THE 16TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

VS. DOCKET NO. 96871-F

HUBERT AUGUSTINE

16TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

PARISH OF ST. MARTIN

STATE OF LOUISIANA

**PETITION OBJECTING TO CANDIDACY OF HUBERT AUGUSTINE
AND RULE TO SHOW CAUSE WHY HE SHOULD NOT BE DISQUALIFIED AS
A CANDIDATE FOR CHIEF OF POLICE, CITY OF BREAUX BRIDGE**

The Petition of M. MICHAEL HAIK, III, District Attorney for the Sixteenth Judicial District of the State of Louisiana, appearing herein by and through the undersigned Assistant District Attorneys, respectfully represents to this Honorable Court the following:

1.

Made Defendants herein are the following persons:

- a) HUBERT AUGUSTINE, a candidate for Chief of Police, City of BreauX Bridge, Louisiana;
- b) LAURA B. BLANCHARD, in her official capacity as the Clerk of Court in and for St. Martin Parish, Louisiana;

2.

Petitioner has been presented with evidence by one or more registered voters of the City of BreauX Bridge, Louisiana, that Defendant HUBERT AUGUSTINE (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "AUGUSTINE"), has illegally qualified as a candidate for Chief of Police, City of BreauX Bridge, Louisiana (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Chief of Police").

3.

In accordance with the provisions of LAS – R.S. 18:491 and 495, Petitioner has determined that sufficient evidence exists for objecting to the candidacy of AUGUSTINE for Chief of Police, and thus brings this action pursuant to the provisions of LSA – R.S. 18:491, et seq., LSA – R.S. 18:1401, et seq. and any other provisions of Louisiana law relating to candidate qualifications, objections to candidacy and conduct of elections.

4.

In accordance with the provisions of LSA – R.S. 18:492, this proceeding objecting to the candidacy of AUGUSTINE for Chief of Police, is based upon the following grounds:

- a) AUGUSTINE failed to properly qualify for the primary election in the manner prescribed by law;
- b) AUGUSTINE does not meet the qualifications of the office he seeks in the primary election scheduled for November 3, 2026; and
- c) AUGUSTINE is prohibited by law from becoming a candidate for one or more of the offices for which he qualified.

5.

In accordance with the provisions of LSA – R.S. 18:1403, the District Courts of this State have exclusive original jurisdiction of actions objecting to candidacy.

6.

Pursuant to the provisions of LSA – R.S. 18:1404, this 16th District Court is the proper venue for this proceeding as the entirety of the City of Breaux Bridge, Louisiana, is situated within St. Martin Parish.

7.

LSA – R.S. 18:493 and 1402 require that an “action objecting to candidacy shall be commenced in a court of competent jurisdiction within seven (7) days after the close of qualifications for candidates in the primary election.”

8.

This proceeding was timely filed as the date for the close of qualifications for candidates in the primary election of November 3, 2026 was Friday, August 7, 2026.

9.

LSA – R.S. 18:1409 requires that this proceeding “be tried summarily, without a jury, and in open court ... no later than 10:00 a.m., on the fourth day after the suit was filed.”

10.

LSA – R.S. 18:1413 provides that the computation of all time intervals with respect to this proceeding shall include Sundays and other legal holidays, except when such time intervals end on a Sunday or other legal holiday, in which case noon of the next legal day shall be deemed to be the end of the time interval.

11.

The City of Breaux Bridge, Louisiana is a “Lawrason Act” municipality governed by the provisions of La. R.S. 33:321, et seq.

12.

La. R.S. 33:385.1 provides that the “an elected chief of police of a municipality shall be an elector of the municipality. At the time of qualification as a candidate for the office of chief of police, [the candidate] shall have been domiciled for at least the immediately preceding year in the municipality”.

13.

LSA – R.S. 18:451 provides that:

“A person who meets the qualifications for the office he seeks may become a candidate and be voted on in a primary or general election if he qualifies as a candidate in the election. Except as otherwise provided by law, a candidate shall possess the qualifications for the office he seeks at the time he qualifies for that office. In the event that the qualifications for an office include a residency or domicile requirement, a candidate shall meet the established length of residency or domicile as of the date of qualifying, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary. No person, whether or not currently registered as a voter with the registrar of voters, shall become a candidate if he is under an order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony.” (Emphasis added)

14.

On August 6, 2026, AUGUSTINE purportedly qualified as a candidate for Chief of Police, City of Breaux Bridge, Louisiana.

15.

AUGUSTINE is not qualified to be a candidate for the office of Chief of Police, City of Breaux Bridge, for the non-exclusive reasons that on the date of qualifying he was not domiciled in the City of Breaux Bridge, for at least one (1) year immediately preceding August 6, 2026, the date of qualifying for the office of Chief of Police, City of Breaux Bridge.

16.

AUGUSTINE purportedly qualified to be a candidate for the office of Chief of Police, City of Breaux Bridge, alleging that his domicile address was 910 Cecile Boulevard, Breaux Bridge, LA 70517; that he was a duly qualified elector of Ward 00, Precinct 24, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana and that he had read the Notice of Candidacy and met the qualifications of the office for which he was qualifying.

17.

Upon information and belief, AUGUSTINE was not domiciled in the City of Breaux Bridge for at least one (1) year immediately preceding August 6, 2026, the date of qualifying for the office of Chief of Police, City of Breaux Bridge.

18.

AUGUSTINE executed a Notice of Candidacy Form for the elected position of Chief of Police, City of Breaux Bridge, wherein AUGUSTINE completed a Tier 2 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement (a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"**). In this Disclosure Statement, AUGUSTINE certified that he was a qualified elector of and met the qualifications of the office of Chief of Police, City of Breaux Bridge.

19.

Petitioner is informed, believes, and therefore alleges that despite the certification contained in the Notice of Candidacy Form referred to above, AUGUSTINE knew, or should have known, that he did not meet the necessary qualifications for the office of Chief of Police, City of Breaux Bridge, on August 6, 2026, the date of qualifying for the following, non-exclusive reasons:

- a) Although AUGUSTINE claims to currently reside at 910 Cecile Boulevard, Breaux Bridge, LA 70517, which property is located within the boundaries of the City of Breaux Bridge, he has not been domiciled there for at least a period of one (1) year immediately preceding August 6, 2026, the date of qualifying to run for the office of Chief of Police, City of Breaux Bridge, Louisiana.
- b) Although AUGUSTINE claims to currently reside at 910 Cecile Boulevard in Breaux Bridge, LA, he does not reside there, as that is the legal residence and domicile for AUGUSTINE's daughter Kabrina Tyler and her partner Jalen Howard (see the lease agreement for 910 Cecile Blvd. between Lessors AUGUSTINE and spouse Shemekia Augustine and Lessees Tyler and Howard, which is attached hereto as **Exhibit "B"**). In this lease agreement, AUGUSTINE indicates his address is 1090 Madeline Heights, Breaux Bridge, LA 70517. AUGUSTINE has not resided or been domiciled at that Cecile Blvd. address for the statutory requirement of at least a period of one (1)

year immediately preceding August 6, 2026, the date of qualifying to run for the office of Chief of Police, City of Breaux Bridge.

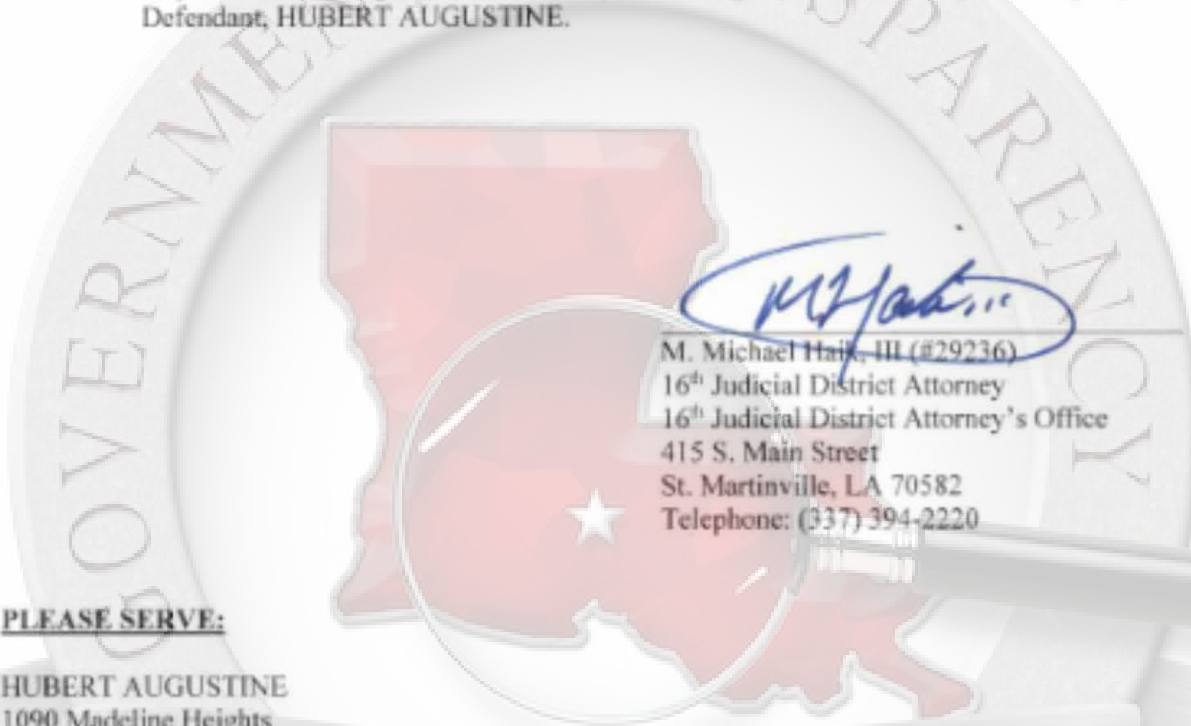
- c) Although AUGUSTINE claims to currently reside at 910 Cecile Boulevard in Breaux Bridge, LA, his Certificate of Marriage to spouse Shemekia Perrodin (Augustine), that was filed with the St. Martin Parish Clerk of Court on July 25, 2011, indicates that the marital home address is 1090 Madeline Heights, Breaux Bridge, LA (a certified copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit "C"**). Nowhere on the Certificate of Marriage is the address of 910 Cecile Boulevard indicated.
- d) AUGUSTINE could not have been a resident of 910 Cecile Boulevard in Breaux Bridge, LA for at least one (1) year immediately preceding August 6, 2026, the date of qualifying to run for the office of Chief of Police, City of Breaux Bridge, since the sewer, water, waste-water, and/or other utilities for the 910 Cecile Blvd. residence are registered under Kabrina Tyler's name and are not registered in AUGUSTINE or his legal spouse Shemekia Perrodin's name during the above-mentioned time period (a certified copy of which utility bills for the 910 Cecile Blvd. residence are attached hereto as **Exhibit "D"**).
- e) Although AUGUSTINE claims to currently reside at 910 Cecile Boulevard in Breaux Bridge, LA, there is a business filing with the Secretary of State for Louisiana for Harmoni Sensations, LLC, whereby the Registered Agent for the LLC is named as Kabrina Tyler and the domicile address for Tyler is listed as 910 Cecile Blvd., Breaux Bridge, LA 70517 (the Secretary of State business filing for Harmoni Sensations, LLC is attached hereto as **Exhibit "E"**).
- f) Although AUGUSTINE claims to currently reside at 910 Cecile Boulevard in Breaux Bridge, LA, there is a business filing with the Secretary of State for Louisiana for Fortune Is For All, LLC, whereby the registered Officer for the LLC is named as Jalen Tyrel Howard and the domicile address for Howard is listed as 910 Cecile Blvd., Breaux Bridge, LA 70517 (the Secretary of State business filing for Fortune Is For All, LLC is attached hereto as **Exhibit "F"**).
- g) Although AUGUSTINE claims to currently reside at 910 Cecile Boulevard in Breaux Bridge, LA, sworn affidavits from three (3) members of the Breaux Bridge community attest to the fact that AUGUSTINE is not domiciled at 910 Cecile Boulevard and that AUGUSTINE is actually domiciled at 1090 Madeline Heights, in Breaux Bridge, LA (which are attached hereto as **Exhibits "G-I"**).
- h) Although AUGUSTINE claims to currently reside at 910 Cecile Boulevard in Breaux Bridge, LA, he has executed legal documents (namely **Exhibits "B" and "C"**) naming his address as 1090 Madeline Heights, Breaux Bridge, LA 70517. Other parties outside of AUGUSTINE and his spouse Shemekia Augustine have also executed legal documents naming their domicile as 910 Cecile Boulevard in Breaux Bridge, LA (namely **Exhibits "D", "E", and "F"**).
- i) Although AUGUSTINE claims to currently reside at 910 Cecile Boulevard in Breaux Bridge, LA, he has been personally served subpoenas on various dates at the address of 1090 Madeline Heights (attached hereto as **Exhibits J(1-23)**).

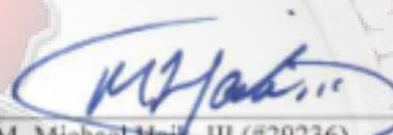
WHEREFORE, Petitioner, M. MICHAEL HAIK, III, District Attorney for the Sixteenth Judicial District of the State of Louisiana, seeks an expedited hearing of this challenge and objection to the candidacy of HUBERT AUGUSTINE for Chief of Police, City of Breaux Bridge, Louisiana.

Petitioner further prays as follows:

- a) That in accordance with the provisions of LSA – R.S. 18:1406(A), a copy of this Petition be posted in a conspicuous place at the entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana;
- b) That in accordance with the provisions of LSA – R.S. 18:1406(B), Plaintiff be permitted to amend this Petition as necessary and as additional evidence and facts are obtained;
- c) That in accordance with the provisions of LSA – R.S. 18:1406(C), the Defendant, HUBERT AUGUSTINE, be immediately served with a copy of this Petition, together with a Citation directing him to appear before this Honorable Court no later than 10:00 a.m., on August 18, 2026, to show cause, if any he has or can, why he should not be disqualified as a candidate in the November 3, 2026 primary election for Chief of Police, City of Breaux Bridge, Louisiana;

- d) That in accordance with the provisions of LSA – R.S. 18:1406(D), LAURA B. BLANCHARD, the Clerk of Court, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, immediately notify the nominal Defendant, Nancy Landry, Secretary of State, by telephone and written notice sent by certified mail that this Petition objecting to the candidacy of the Defendant, HUBERT AUGUSTINE has been filed;
- e) That the Defendant, HUBERT AUGUSTINE, be ordered to produce at the hearing of this matter all documents and evidence which he believes establishes that he was domiciled at 910 Cecile Boulevard, Breaux Bridge, LA 70517 during the pertinent time period(s), and lawfully registered to vote in the City of Breaux Bridge, Louisiana; for at least one (1) year immediately preceding August 6, 2026; and
- f) That after all due legal proceedings are had, there be judgment herein favor of Plaintiff, M. MICHAEL HAIK, III, District Attorney for the Sixteenth Judicial District of the State of Louisiana, and against the Defendant, HUBERT AUGUSTINE, (1) disqualifying him as a candidate for Chief of Police, City of Breaux Bridge, Louisiana; (2) compelling the nominal Defendants, LAURA B. BLANCHARD, the Clerk of Court for St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, and NANCY LANDRY, Secretary of State in and for the State of Louisiana, in their official capacities to annul and/or disallow the Defendant, HUBERT AUGUSTINE, as a candidate for Chief of Police, City of Breaux Bridge, Louisiana, (3) forbidding, prohibiting, and/or restraining the placement of the name of the Defendant, HUBERT AUGUSTINE, on the official ballot for the November 3, 2026 primary election as a candidate for Chief of Police, City of Breaux Bridge, Louisiana; and (4) assessing all costs of these proceedings against the Defendant, HUBERT AUGUSTINE.




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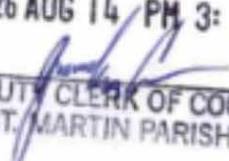
PLEASE SERVE:

HUBERT AUGUSTINE
1090 Madeline Heights
Breaux Bridge, LA 70517

LAURA B. BLANCHARD
in her Official Capacity as the
Clerk of Court in and for
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ORDER

Considering the PETITION OBJECTING TO CANDIDACY OF HUBERT AUGUSTINE AND
RULE TO SHOW CAUSE WHY HE SHOULD NOT BE DISQUALIFIED AS A CANDIDATE FOR
CHIEF OF POLICE, CITY OF BREAUX BRIDGE, filed herein:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendant, HUBERT AUGUSTINE, appear before this
Honorable Court on the 18th day of August, 2026 at 9:00 o'clock a.m., in the
Courtroom of the St. Martin Parish Courthouse, and show cause, if any he has or can, why he should not
be disqualified as a candidate in the November 3, 2026 primary election for Chief of Police, City of Breaux
Bridge, Louisiana, and forbidden, prohibited, or restrained from having his name placed on the official
ballot for the November 3, 2026 primary election for Chief of Police, City of Breaux Bridge, Louisiana.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Defendant, HUBERT AUGUSTINE, produce at the
hearing of this matter, all documents and evidence which he believes establishes that he is lawfully
registered to vote, domiciled in, and residing at 910 Cecile Boulevard, Breaux Bridge, LA 70517, within
the corporate limits of the City of Breaux Bridge, Louisiana for at least one (1) year immediately preceding
August 6, 2026, the date of qualifying for the office of Chief of Police, City of Breaux Bridge, Louisiana.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

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in a conspicuous place at the entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, St. Martin Parish,
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2026, to show cause, if any he has or can, why he should not be disqualified as a candidate in
the November 3, 2026 primary election for Chief of Police, City of Breaux Bridge, Louisiana;

SIGNED this 14th day of August, 2026 at St. Martinville, Parish of St. Martin,
Louisiana.

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DISTRICT JUDGE

ROGER P. HAMILTON, JR.