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The Honorable Troy King
Attorney General
Alabama State House
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0152

Dear General King:

Your official opinion is respectfully requested on the following questions pertaining to the proper application of the Code of Alabama 1975, § 17-3-9 as it applies to voter qualifications and voter registration procedures.

Question: If a potential voter marks "no" to the question of US Citizenship or fails to answer the question of his or her citizenship at the start of the Voter Registration Application, but then signs the oath at the bottom of the Voter Application that says that they are a citizen of the United States, can that potential voter be legally registered to vote?

Question: May the Board of Registrars ask an applicant for voter registration to complete their application if it is incomplete or contradictory that the applicant is not a US citizen?

Your immediate attention to these questions will be greatly appreciated. If additional information is required, please contact me at 242-7010.

Sincerely,

Beth Chapman
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