

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY
VOLUNTEER FIRE-RESCUE
ASSOCIATION AND ERIC N.
BERNARD**

v.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD
OF ELECTIONS AND
MONTGOMERY COUNTY,
MARYLAND**

* **IN THE**
* **COURT OF APPEALS**
* **OF MARYLAND**
* **Petition Docket No. 402**
September Term, 2010
* **(No. ____, Sept. Term, 2010**
Court of Special Appeals)

ORDER

Upon consideration of the petition for a writ of certiorari to the Court of Special Appeals, the conditional cross-petition, the answers and the motion of Maryland State Board of Elections to participate as amicus curiae filed thereto, in the above entitled case, it is this 28th day of September, 2010

ORDERED, by the Court of Appeals of Maryland, the conditional cross-petition be, and it is hereby, denied: and it is further

ORDERED, that the petition be, and it is hereby, granted, limited to the following issue:

Is a signature on an election-related petition valid under EL Section 6-203(a) if (i) an individual provides all the required printed information and that information is consistent with Maryland's voter registration list, (ii) the signer executes what she believes to be her lawful signature, legible or otherwise, and (iii) the petition circulator attests, as required by EL Section 6-204, that the individual signed in his or her presence?

and it is further

ORDERED, that the motion of the Maryland State Board of Elections to participate as amicus curiae be, and it is hereby granted, and the Maryland State Board of Elections may file an amicus curiae memoranda; and it is further

ORDERED, that said case shall be transferred to the regular docket as No. 86, September Term, 2010.

/s/ Robert M. Bell

Chief Judge