

*C.J. Donnelly writing for the Court.*

**Procedural History:**

The Elections Commission received a complaint from Mr. John E. Walker regarding the timing of a payment by the Unite Party after fines were imposed on the Unite Party. The Supervisor of Elections requested an advisory opinion from the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court posted an advisory opinion to the Supreme Court Reporter. The Supreme Court assumed jurisdiction over the complaint filed to the Elections Commission.

**Jurisdiction:**

The Court has jurisdiction over the complaint and the power to assume jurisdiction from the Elections Commission under Article 4, Section 3, Subsection c(2) and c(4).

**Issue:**

When must a party pay fines imposed against it?

**Holding:**

Within 2 days of the decision of the final body able to hear the complaint (including on appeal) or within 2 days of a party waiving their right to appeal.

**Reasoning:**

The Court finds that the key language is “appropriate body”. The Court interprets this to mean the final body able to hear the case on appeal. In the current case, the appeal could have gone up to the Vice President of Student Affairs and the Unite Party would have had two days after that to pay the fines.

The Court finds that having the party pay a fine while an appeal is pending is an administrative burden that provides no benefit.

The parties ceased appeals after an appeal to the Student Supreme Court, and no fines were imposed at that time.

No violation is found.