

deferred after opposition

agreed to accept the position. Elliot Cassidy is the son of Jeff Davis Parish District Attorney Michael Cassidy.

Alderman Colby Perry, however, said he did not agree with Elliot Cassidy's appointment for various reasons. Perry said before any person was appointed magistrate, he wanted their resume brought to him for review.

"I worry this could

spawn allegations of cronyism because (Elliot Cassidy's) father is the chief legal enforcement officer of this parish, and was barely beat by a defunct judge," Perry said. "We want someone who is going to be neutral. No one should get by because of their last name."

The alderman had the resumes of three individuals whose qualifica-

tions, according to him, far exceed that of the recommended attorney in question. He suggested having all three attorneys serve on a rotating basis. Expressing concern about Elliot Cassidy's neutrality, Perry referenced the Sixth Amendment, which ensures a person's right to an impartial jury. He added that such a right

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