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Re: The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act, Chapter 83, Laws of 1973 as Amended and Supplemented ("the Act")  
Your Letter dated November 3, 1976  
Opinion #(0-42-76)

Dear Mr. Ordille:

Your letter dated November 3, 1976 to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"), including a request for advisory opinion, has been forwarded to me for reply.

The provisions of the Act are applicable to elections, including any election in which a public question is to be voted upon by the voters of the State or any political subdivision thereof. The term "public question" in this context is used as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:1-1. Expenditures and contributions of a political committee with respect to such public question are subject to the reporting and other requirements of the Act.

However, expenditures involved in the effort to have a matter placed on the ballot as a public question, made or incurred prior to the time when the question has been certified by the clerk to be placed on the ballot as a public question, do not constitute expenditures with respect to a public question and are not subject to the reporting or other requirements of the Act.

Yours very truly,

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