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Mr. Edward H. Meier
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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 April 21, 1980
Opinion 40-21-80

Dear Mr. Meier:

Your letter dated April 21, 1980, to the New Jersey
Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"), in-
cluding a request for advisory opinion, has been forwarded
to me for reply.

Section 16 of the Act relating to filing of campaign
reports was amended, effective February 6, 1979, so as to
provide as follows:

"There shall be no obligation imposed upon
a candidate seeking election to a public office
of a school district to file either the reports
required under section 16(b) or the sworn state-
ment referred to in subsection d. of this section
or to comply with the requirements of sections 9,
11 or 12 of this act, if the total amount expended
and to be expended in behalf of his candidacy by
the candidate, any political committee, any poli-
tical party committee or by any person, does not
in the aggregate exceed \$1,000.00; provided, that
if such candidate receives contributions from any
one source aggregating more than \$100.00 he shall
forthwith make a report of the same, including the
identity of the source and the aggregate total of
contributions therefrom, to the commission."

Accordingly, there is no obligation with respect to school
district elections unless the amount expended on behalf of
the candidate exceeds \$1,000.00.

Where a reporting obligation exists under the Act, activity such as printing of flyers to promote the election of a candidate would make the group involved in such activity a political committee on behalf of the candidate and, in a case in which the amount expended on behalf of the candidate exceeded \$1,000, such a group would be required to file the pre-election and post-election reports called for under the Act.

Yours very truly,



Edward J. Farrell
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