

NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING

APRIL 25, 1974

PRESENT: Sheehan, Margetts, Reiche, Farrell, Alexander, Norcross

ABSENT: Goldman

1) Mr. Farrell reported on the status of the litigation and discussed the legal defenses which would be interposed by the Commission. He introduced a general conversation with respect to the questions posed by Judge Kimmelman and the subject of a threshold dollar figure to be enacted by regulation. Various figures for a minimum threshold to be adopted by regulation were discussed including \$100, \$250, \$400, \$500 and \$1,000.

BE IT RESOLVED that only those political information organizations expending in excess of \$100.00 for political purposes annually, shall be required to file the annual return as required by Section 8 of Chapter 83 of the Laws of 1973. (3-0)

(2) William Singer, Esq., and Kenneth Guido, Esq. of Common Cause were invited to participate in the meeting for a discussion of New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce v. the Election Law Enforcement Commission.

3) The Commission adopted a resolution establishing a regular meeting date on the second Thursday of each month. (3-0)

4.) The minutes of the meeting of March 7, 1974 were accepted. (3-0)

5.) The Executive Director indicated that the review of primary returns as accomplished by Arthur Young would complete the Commission's reviewing activities with respect to the June 1973 primary election, unless other matters are brought to the attention of the Commission in the future.

6.) The Commission reviewed the status of enforcement procedures with respect to late filing and nonfiling by municipal candidates and directed the Executive Director to take the following action with respect to the "Summary of Municipal and Charter Nonfilers" (See attachment).

Subpoenas will be issued for candidates in category 1a; 1b, subpoenas will be issued if no response is received; candidates falling in Categories 2b, 3b and 5 will be requested to advise the Commission with respect to expenditures; candidates falling in category 8b will be requested to provide further information relative to the alleged filing or requested to file a duplicate; candidates in category 8a who missed the third reporting period will be requested to certify that they did not exceed \$1,000 in expenditures for the entire election; candidates in category 9 will be requested to clarify explanations offered.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 by Chairman Reiche.