NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

May 17, 1978 Meeting

PRESENT   ABSENT
Frank P. Reiche, Chairman
Sidney Goldmann, Vice-Chairman   Herbert Alexander, Consultant
Josephine S. Margetts, Member
Archibald S. Alexander, Member
Lewis B. Thurston, III, Executive Director
Edward J. Farrell, Legal Counsel
Gregory E. Nagy, Staff Counsel
*Neil Upmeyer, Director of Public Financing

*Attended all but 1976 late filing cases.

        Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Law, P. L. 1975, c.231,
annual notice of the meetings of the Commission, as amended, was
filed with the Secretary of State's office, copies were posted in the
State House Annex, copies were mailed to the Newark Star Ledger and
the Philadelphia Bulletin and the entire State House Press Corps.

        The meeting convened at 10:15 a.m.

1. E.L.E.C. Schedule of Meetings
        The Commission discussed its meeting schedule for the period
May through August, 1978 and made the following changes:
The meetings previously scheduled for June 7 and July 19 are
cancelled and a meeting will be scheduled for July 17. The
previously scheduled dates of May 31, June 20 and August 2 were
retained.

2. Commission Meeting Minutes
        On a motion by Chairman Reiche, seconded by Commissioner
Alexander, the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the public session
minutes of the Commission meeting of April 12, 1978. Commis-
sioner Margetts abstained because she was absent at that meeting.
On a motion by Chairman Reiche, seconded by Vice-Chairman
Goldmann, the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the minutes of the
Commission meeting of April 19, 1978. Commissioner Alexander
voted yes regarding those matters for which he was present at
that meeting. On a motion by Chairman Reiche, seconded by
Commissioner Alexander, the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the
executive session minutes of the Commission meeting of April 19,
1978.

3. Report by Executive Director on E.L.E.C. Budget
        The executive director reported on the status of the
Commission appropriations for fiscal 1978 and indicated that
the appropriations for the Commission for fiscal 1979 as
contained in the general appropriations act passed by both houses
of the Legislature includes $40,000 more than the amount
recommended by the Governor. He indicated that the Governor has
not yet acted on the appropriations bill.

4. Report by Executive Director on Pending Legislation
      The executive director reported to the Commission on
the current status of bills in the Legislature relating to
public financing of gubernatorial primary and general elections,
revision of Title 19, lobbyist regulation, State administrative
law office, and authorization of public employee payroll deduc-
tion for voluntary contributions to political action committees
of employee organizations.

5. Additional Commission Presenting Attorney
      The Commission approved the addition of Jay Hundertmark,
formerly one of the counsels to the State Commission of Inves-
tigation, to the Commission's panel of presenting attorneys
for use on a case-by-case basis.

6. Current Litigation
      Pursuant to C.10:4-12 of the Open Public Meetings Act, the
Commission went into executive session on a motion by Chairman
Reiche, seconded by Vice-Chairman Goldmann, and a vote of 4-0
to discuss current litigation in New Jersey Chamber of Commerce
et al. vs. E.L.E.C. et al.and Socialist Workers Party vs.
E.L.E.C.

      At the conclusion of the discussion, the Commission remained
in executive session to discuss the next item on the agenda.

7. Late Filing Cases from 1976 General Election
      After discussion of the cases cited on the attached sheets
in executive session, the Commission returned to public session.
On a motion by Vice-Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Chairman
Reiche, the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the determination
of a number of late filing cases for the 1976 general election
listed on the attached sheets in accordance with the votes set
forth on those sheets.

8. Adjournment - The Commission adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

                                   Respectfully submitted,

                                   LEWIS B. THURSTON, III
                                   Executive Director

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