

NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

October 18, 1978 Meeting

PRESENT

ABSENT

Frank P. Reiche, Chairman  
\*Sidney Goldmann, Vice Chairman  
Josephine S. Margetts, Member  
Archibald S. Alexander, Member  
Lewis B. Thurston, III, Executive Director  
Edward J. Farrell, Esq., General Legal Counsel  
Gregory E. Nagy, Esq., Staff Counsel

The meeting convened at 10:15 a.m.

The chairman called the meeting to order and announced that 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 posted in the State House Annex, copies mailed to the Newark Star Ledger, the Philadelphia Bulletin and the entire State House Press Corps.

1. Report by executive director on filing for 25-day report, 1978 General Election.
2. Approval of Minutes of Commission Meeting of October 4, 1978  
On a motion by Commissioner Alexander, seconded by Chairman Reiche, the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the minutes of the public session of its meeting on October 4, 1978. Commissioner Margetts abstained because she was not present at that meeting.
3. Report by Executive Director on Pending Legislation  
The executive director reported on the status of current legislation in which the Commission is interested, primarily A1698 (public financing of gubernatorial primary elections, etc.), A1539 (exempting the Commission from the Administrative Law Office), and A744 (revision of Title 19, Election Code).
4. Annual Conference of "Public Officials in the Public Trust"  
Chairman Reiche, who also serves as chairman of the steering committee of the conference, distributed an organizational proposal of the steering committee to be considered at the annual conference to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota from December 11 through 13. It was agreed that the proposal would be discussed at the next Commission meeting.
5. Executive Session  
On a motion by Chairman Reiche, seconded by Commissioner Margetts, the Commission voted 3-0 to go into executive session

\*Vice Chairman Goldmann was present beginning with item No. 5 at 11:40 a.m. and voted only on those items beginning with # 5.

pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Law to discuss executive session minutes of October 4, 1978 meeting, investigative matters, litigation and determinations of late filing cases for 1977 and 1978 elections. At the conclusion of the discussions on a motion by Chairman Reiche, seconded by Commissioner Margetts, and a vote of 4-0, the Commission returned to public session.

6. Late Filing Cases from 1977 and 1978 Elections

On a motion by Chairman Reiche, seconded by Commissioner Margetts, the Commission voted 4-0 to effect the determinations of the individual late filing cases listed in the sheets attached to these minutes.

7. Extension of Filing Deadline for 1977 Annual Reports of Political Information Organizations

After discussion, on a motion by Chairman Reiche, seconded by Commissioner Margetts, and a vote of 4-0, the Commission approved the motion to further extend the filing date for 1977 annual reports of political information organizations until March 1, 1979. The original filing date for those reports was March 1, 1978 but this date was extended first to May 1, 1978 and then to December 31, 1978 by the Commission previously. The motion also included extension from November 30, 1978 to January 31, 1979 the date for the filing of a Designation of Treasurer and Depository for 1978 for such organizations. This filing date had previously been extended from January 31, 1978 to March 31, 1978 and then to November 30, 1978.

8. "Street Money" Regulation Revision

The Commission discussed the existing regulation on this subject and agreed that it should be amended to provide that the name and address of any person who received \$25 or more in street money from the initial disbursing entity must be reported to the Commission by that entity. Counsel was directed to draft an appropriate proposed regulation to be implemented through the procedures of the Administrative Procedures Act.

9. Adjournment - The Commission adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



LEWIS B. THURSTON, III  
Executive Director