

NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

July 5, 1978 Meeting

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Gregory E. Nagy, Staff Counsel

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Law, P. L. 1975, c.231, annual notice of the meetings of the Commission, as amended, has been 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.

The meeting convened at 9:45 a.m.

1. Minutes of Commission Meeting on May 31, 1978

On a motion by Commissioner Alexander, seconded by Vice-Chairman Goldmann and a vote of 3-0, the Commission voted to approve the minutes of the public session of the Commission meeting of May 31, 1978. On a motion by Commissioner Alexander, seconded by Commissioner Margetts, the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of the executive session of the May 31, 1978 Commission meeting. Chairman Reiche abstained from both votes because he did not attend that meeting.

2. Public Financing Evaluation Report

The Commission reviewed the draft prepared by the staff of a report from the Commission to the Governor and Legislature evaluating the public financing of elections experienced in New Jersey in the 1977 gubernatorial election. The Commission reviewed the document carefully and made a number of changes in it. The staff was directed to prepare the final draft for printing. This topic was the primary business of this Commission meeting.

3. Report by Executive Director

A. Legislation - The executive director reported on the status of various bills pending in the Legislature of interest to the Commission. Among those discussed was S766, which proposes to create an Office of Administrative Law, and, which proposes to extend public financing to gubernatorial primary elections.

B. Procedures Regarding Late Filing Cases - The executive director reported that certain changes in procedures regarding routine late filing cases were being implemented which it is hoped will expedite the process of dealing with these matters.

4. C-591-76 Commission vs. John R. Masera

The Commission reconsidered the \$35 fine imposed in this matter on May 17, 1978. The executive director presented information to the Commission which it had not had previously due to an administrative mixup which indicated that the respondent substantially complied with the statutory requirements. On a motion by Chairman Reiche, seconded by Vice-Chairman Goldman, the Commission voted 3-0 to rescind the finding of violation and \$35 fine imposed previously. Commissioner Margetts was absent for the vote.

5. Adjournment - The Commission adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis B. Thurston, III

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Executive Director