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N.J. Election Law Enforcement Commission

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The Election Law Enforcement Commission today released the names of candidates and treasurers who were fined in April, 1983 for committing non-willful violations of the Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act.

James F. Nance, a candidate for municipal office in the municipal election conducted on May 11, 1982 and Lonzy C. McCarey, Jr., his campaign treasurer were jointly fined \$150/75 for filing a 25 day pre-election report 20 days late, a 7 day pre-election report 2 days late and a 15 day post-election report 36 days late. Richard A Giles, also a candidate for municipal office in the same municipal election and his campaign treasurer Wyolene H. Cuttino were jointly fined \$50/25 for filing a 7 day pre-election report 7 days late.

The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act requires that candidates spending more than \$1,000 file reports of their financial activities with the Commission 25 and 7 days prior to an election and 15 days after the election. Candidates spending \$1,000 or less may elect to file an A-1 Form with the Commission which must be filed 25 days prior to an election. Fines were imposed jointly on the candidates and their treasurers for filing late reports.

The penalties being announced today were included in Final Decisions rendered by Hon. Stephen G. Weiss, A.L.J. The Final Decisions have been mailed to the candidates and treasurers. The publication of this list is part of revised Commission procedures, begun with the 1978 primary election, designed to foster compliance, enhance disclosure and make enforcement more effective.

All candidates are notified by the Election Law Enforcement Commission of their reporting obligation. Candidates that fail to timely report, are again notified the reports have not been received. The Act gives the Commission broad authority to initiate enforcement actions against such candidates and treasurers, including civil enforcement and imposition of monetary penalties.

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Factors that are considered by the Commission in levying fines include the number of days the filing is late, any previous violations that are on record with the Commission and any mitigating circumstances offered by the candidates and treasurers. Fines with two figures, for example "\$50/25" means that the Commission has imposed a fine of \$50.00, which will be reduced to \$25.00 if payment is received within 30 days after service of the Final Decision.

Copies of the Complaints and Final Decisions are available at the Commission offices at the National State Bank Building, 28 West State Street, Suite 1114, Trenton, New Jersey.