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The New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission yesterday received application for public matching funds from two primary election gubernatorial candidates as follows: former U.S. Attorney Robert J. Del Tufo (D) (first submission) and former State Senator Stephen B. Wiley (D) (second submission). Mr. Del Tufo reported contributions (less refunds) of \$89,174.00. Mr. Wiley reported contributions (less refunds) of \$40,390.00.

The New Jersey public financing program provides that each dollar of a contribution is matched with two dollars of public funds after a candidate has raised and spent a minimum of \$50,000.00 in contributions of \$800.00 or less. Thus, if all contributions submitted for match this submission period are found to be eligible after Commission review, Mr. Del Tufo will be eligible for \$78,348.00 in public matching funds and Mr. Wiley will be eligible to receive \$80,780.00.

This was the fourth date on which candidates could make application for public matching funds. To date only Mr. Del Tufo and Mr. Wiley have applied for public matching funds indicating a combined total of \$266,074.00 in contributions raised (less refunds). Mr. Wiley made his first submission on January 7, 1985, the first date candidates were allowed to apply for public funds, and subsequently was certified for and has received \$162,800.00 in public matching funds. The law limits the amount of public funds that may be given to any one primary election candidate to \$643,572.40.

The two submissions received yesterday will be reviewed and the Commission will certify to the State Treasurer the amount each candidate is eligible to receive for this fourth submission period at its meeting on Monday, March 11. Checks will be issued within a few days of the certification and the Commission will deposit the public funds in a public funds account established for each candidate.