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The Election Law Enforcement Commission today released a list of county political party committees which as of Wednesday, April 24, 1985, have not filed their 1985 first quarterly report of receipts and expenditures.

This report was required to be filed by 5:00 p.m. April 15, 1985, and includes all financial activity for the period of January 1, 1985 through March 31, 1985.

All political party committees, including State committees, county committees and certain municipal committees are now required to file quarterly reports of their financial activity. The quarterly reports replace the obligation of these committees to file election cycle and annual reports. Also, the committees are not longer required to establish and maintain separate bank accounts for campaign activity, except when the committee serves as a designated campaign account of one or more candidates.

All political party committees are required to file quarterly reports regardless of how much money they expect to expend during the calendar year.

The publication of this list is part of the revised Commission procedure, begun with the 1978 primary election designed to foster compliance, enhance disclosure, and make enforcement more effective.

The committees whose names appear below will be the subject of commission complaints and hearings for non-filings unless there are extraordinary mitigating circumstances responsible for failure to file. They, thus, will be subject to possible fines of up to \$1,000 if found in violation. Additionally, of course, these committees will be required to file the appropriate reports.

Camden County Democratic Committee

Chairman Robert Messick

Cape May County Democratic Committee

Chairman Sam DeVico

Hudson County Regular Democratic Committee

Chairman Gerald McCann

Hudson County Republican Party

Chairman Lee Lichtenberger

Democratic County Committee of Ocean County

Chairman James Blaney