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Frederick M. Herrmann, Executive Director of the New Jersey Election

Law Enforcement Commission, announced today that the Commission will be

conducting a public hearing concerning New Jersey's program of providing

public financing for gubernatorial elections. The hearing will be held at

the time and place indicated below:

Date: Wednesday, January 29, 1986

Location: State House Annex, Room 441

West State Street Trenton, New Jersey

Time: 10:00 a.m.

This public hearing is being conducted as part of the Commission's review and analysis of the New Jersey public financing program. Accordingly, the hearing is not intended to focus on any specific proposal to modify the public financing statute, but is rather intended to solicit public comment concerning all facets and effects of the program. Further, the Commission welcomes recommendations that will improve this program.

Mr. Herrmann stated, "The Commission anticipates receiving testimony and comment from former gubernatorial candidates, campaign treasurers, political party officials, and other interested citizens."

A final report concerning the gubernatorial public financing program is expected to be released in June 1986. This final report will include consideration of the testimony provided at the hearing and is expected to include recommendations for legislative action.