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Quarterly reports showing the contributions and expenditures of State, county and municipal party committees, and State and local PAC's are due on April 15, 1986 according to Frederick M. Herrmann, Executive Director of the Election Law Enforcement Commission.

"This report is the first one due from continuing political committees in 1986," said Herrmann. "It represents the disclosure of their financial activity during the period January 1, 1986 through March 31, 1986."

A continuing political committee includes State, county and municipal party committees as well as political action committees (PAC's) spending more than \$2,500 in successive years. These committees mainly raise and spend money on a continuing basis to support or oppose candidates in the primary and general elections.

Continuing political committees are distinct from candidate committees or other political committees which are formed to support particular candidates or public questions in one election cycle. These committees have separate reporting obligations.

"Disclosure is an important part of the electoral process in New Jersey," said Herrmann. "The public has a right to know who is giving what to political parties and PAC's, and how this money is spent."

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According to Herrmann, contributions are reported in the aggregate if the contribution is \$100 or less. For individual contributions of more than \$100, the contributor's name and address is listed and is public information.

"While there is no limit to the amount of money a contributor can give to party committees and PAC's," said Herrmann, "the Commission believes that the public has a right to know who the big contributors are."

Herrmann said that the first quarterly report will be available for public inspection after noon on Thursday, April 17, 1986.

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