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PRESS RELEASE

William H. Eldridge, a Union County Freeholder from 1986 to 1988 and a resident of Berkeley Heights, has been named to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC).

Nominated by Governor Jim Florio to replace Judge Stanley G. Bedford as a Republican member of the Commission, Eldridge's appointment was confirmed by the State Senate in a unanimous vote on March 22, 1993.

In addition to the Union County Freeholder Board, Eldridge also served as Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Berkeley Heights and as Executive Director of the New Jersey Commission on Capital Budgeting and Planning.

Eldridge said: "I'm eager to begin my term on the Commission and grateful for this opportunity. Assuming this responsibility at perhaps the most challenging moment in the Commission's history is indeed a privilege."

Noting that his considerable experience in government, at the State, County and local levels, will enable him to contribute "quickly and insightfully" to the work of the Commission, Eldridge said that "the Commission

must implement the new campaign reform law, administer the gubernatorial public financing program, and steer its way through rough economic times virtually simultaneously."

"I look forward to being part of this highly respected Commission during this challenging period," Eldridge said. "From having been a candidate myself as well as an observer of the Commission, I know that ELEC has fulfilled its role with commonsense and responsibility and I expect that to continue."

Eldridge, who holds a J.D. from Cornell Law School, an M.B.A. from Rider College, and an A.B. from Rutgers University, is a Professor of Business Law and Management at Kean College of New Jersey.

In affiliation with the Kean College Small Business Development Center and as a private consultant, Eldridge has counselled small businesses extensively. He has also published several articles on management, including ones in the Human Services Reporter, the Handbook on Strategic Management, the New Jersey Law Journal, and the Handbook of Public Finance.

Eldridge has also served on the National Conference of State Legislators. He has been appointed to complete a three-year term on the Commission.

The new commissioner, who is widely known as "Mr. Ethics" among his governmental colleagues, said "I am looking forward to continuing my long-term interest in ethics and election law reform."

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