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PRESS ADVISORY

The New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission announced today that it is proposing a new rule and amendments to its regulations concerning the partial public financing of primary election candidates for Governor (N.J.A.C. 19:25-16). These amendments and new rule are necessitated by statutory changes, and are further based upon the experience of the Commission in administering the program, litigation which occurred during the 1993 gubernatorial election cycle, and advisory opinions issued by the Commission involving public financing issues.

Among other topics, the Commission's proposal deals with the following: contributions received by publicly-financed primary election candidates from political party committees, affiliated corporations and partnership entities; reporting of expenditures; expenditures for the general election made prior to the primary election; reporting of occupation and employer information for contributions received from individuals; expenditures coordinated with other candidates and committees; selection of sponsors for gubernatorial debates; and resolution of complaints alleging violations of the primary election expenditure limit.

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The proposed text will appear in the New Jersey Register on May 20, 1996. Copies of the text may be obtained by calling the Commission at (609) 292-8700.

The Commission will conduct a hearing to elicit public comment concerning the proposal. The hearing will be held on **Tuesday, June 11, 1996, at 10:30 a.m.** at:

Election Law Enforcement Commission
28 West State Street, 12th Floor
Trenton, New Jersey

The Commission invites participation in this hearing and requests that any testimony be limited to no more than ten minutes. Please contact Ruth Ford by Friday, June 7, 1996 at (609) 292-8700 to reserve time to speak.

The Commission welcomes written comments concerning the proposed regulations. Submit written comments by June 19, 1996 to:

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