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PRESS ADVISORY

The New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission announced today that it is proposing a new rule, N.J.A.C. 19:25-10.14, Contributions by minors, and amendments to its rules to establish criteria for acceptance by non-gubernatorial candidates and committees of contributions from minors. The Commission is also proposing amendments to its rules for publicly-financed gubernatorial primary and general election candidates concerning contributions by minors. The purpose of the proposed new rule and amendments is to protect the integrity of the contribution limits contained in the New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-3 et seq., by establishing regulatory criteria for acceptance by candidates and committees of contributions from minors.

The proposed text will appear in the <u>New Jersey Register</u> on February 3, 1997. Copies of the Commission's proposal 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, February 18, 1997, at 11:15 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 Elbia Zeppetelli by Thursday, February 13, 1997, at (609) 292-8700 to reserve time to speak.

The Commission welcomes written comments concerning the proposed regulations. Submit written comments by March 5, 1997 to:

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