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PRESS RELEASE

The New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission announced today that it is proposing amendments to its rules for publicly-financed gubernatorial primary and general elections to provide specific guidance to gubernatorial candidates by clarifying the criteria for determining affiliation between or among corporate contributors. A determination of corporate affiliation is necessary to prevent two or more corporations which are commonly-owned or controlled and therefore closely affiliated with each other from making contributions which in the aggregate exceed the \$2,100 corporate contribution limit established for the 1997 gubernatorial primary and general elections.

The proposed text will appear in the <u>New Jersey Register</u> on March 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**, **March 25**, **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 Friday, March 21, 1997, at (609) 292-8700 to reserve time to speak.

The Commission welcomes written comments concerning the proposed regulations. Submit written comments by April 2, 1997 to:

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