

NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

March 15, 1979 Meeting

PRESENT

Frank P. Reiche, Chairman
Sidney Goldmann, Vice-Chairman
Josephine S. Margetts, Member
Archibald S. Alexander, Member
Lewis B. Thurston, III, Executive Director
Edward J. Farrell, Esq., General Legal Counsel
Gregory E. Nagy, Esq., Staff Counsel

The chairman called the meeting to order and announced that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Law, P. L. 1975, c.231, annual notice of the meetings of the Commission, as amended, was filed with the Secretary of State's office, copies posted in the State House Annex, copies mailed to the Newark Star Ledger, the Philadelphia Bulletin and the entire State House Press Corps.

The meeting convened at 10:15 a.m.

1. On a motion by Vice-Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Commissioner Margetts and a vote of 4-0, the Commission went into executive session to discuss the determination of an enforcement matter, current investigations, determinations on a number of late filing cases from the 1978 general election, and current litigation. At the conclusions of the discussions of these matters, on a motion by Commissioner Alexander, seconded by Chairman Reiche and a vote of 4-0, the Commission returned to public session.
2. E.L.E.C. Schedule of Meetings
The Commission decided to cancel the scheduled Commission meeting for March 28 because of the unavailability of members and schedule an extra meeting of the Commission on April 23, 1979.
3. E.L.E.C. vs. Rudolph V. Green, C-107-77(M)
On a motion by Vice-Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Commissioner Alexander and a vote of 4-0, the Commission determined to bring a complaint against Rudolph V. Green, candidate for council in the May 1977 municipal election in Jersey City for failing to timely file a campaign report of contributions and expenditures on the 7th day preceding the election and failing to provide a final accounting with his campaign and file periodic 60-day reports.
4. Late Filing Cases from 1978 General Election
On a motion by Chairman Reiche, seconded by Commissioner Margetts and a vote of 4-0, the Commission voted for the determinations of each of the late filing cases listed on the attached sheets.

5. Approval of Minutes of Public Session of Commission Meeting of February 22, 1979
On a motion by Chairman Reiche, seconded by Commissioner Margetts and a vote of 4-0, the Commission approved the minutes of the above-cited meeting.
6. New "Street Money" Regulation
On a motion by Vice-Chairman Goldman, seconded by Chairman Reiche and a vote of 4-0, the Commission approved its proposed regulation 19:25-12.1 on the subject of reporting of "street money".
7. Advisory Opinion Request
0-01-79, Laurence A. Hecker (applicability of Act to elections for fire district commissioners) - The Commission discussed this matter but determined to hold it in abeyance pending additional information on the subject of fire district elections.

0-02-79, Ronald DeFilippis (Repayment of candidate's own loan) - The Commission approved an advisory opinion and directed counsel to forward same to Mr. DeFilippis.

0-03-79, Gary D. Peiffer (Filing obligations of political action committees) - The Commission approved an advisory opinion and directed counsel to forward it to Mr. Peiffer.
8. Report on E.L.E.C. Budget Hearing Before Legislative Joint Appropriations Committee
The chairman, Commissioner Alexander and the executive director reported on the Commission's budget hearing held before the Legislative Joint Appropriations Committee on March 1, 1979.
9. Reports by Executive Director
The executive director reported that he had agreed to testify on the subject of public financing of elections before the Florida Senate Judiciary Committee and the U. S. House of Representatives' Committee on House Administration.
10. Adjournment - The Commission adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



LEWIS B. THURSTON, III
Executive Director