

NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

July 16, 1980

PRESENT

Sidney Goldman, Chairman
Josephine S. Margetts, Member
Andrew Axtell, Member
Lewis B. Thurston, Executive Director
Edward J. Farrell, General Legal Counsel
Gregory E. Nagy, 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, has been filed with the Secretary of State's office, and that copies have been posted in the State House Annex, and 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. Executive Session

On a motion by Commissioner Margetts, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and a vote of 3-0, the Commission went into executive session to discuss the executive session minutes of the Commission meeting of July 2, 1980, personnel matters, investigative matters, and 38 cases of late or non-filing. Upon completion of the discussion of these matters, the Commission returned to public session on a motion by Chairman Goldman, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and a vote of 3-0.

2. Approval of Minutes of Commission Meeting of July 2, 1980

On a motion by Commissioner Margetts, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and a vote of 3-0, the Commission approved the minutes of the above-cited meeting.

3. Review of Questions Re Public Financing of Gubernatorial Primary Elections

The general legal counsel and executive director reviewed with the Commission S1176, the bill which has passed both Houses and provides for public financing of gubernatorial primary elections. In particular, the questions regarding the possible retroactive application of contributions and expenditure limits of this legislation were discussed. The general legal counsel reported to the Commission on the legal research he had done relative to these and other questions. The Commission discussed at length these and other "transition" questions relating to the current primary election campaign for Governor in the event that S1176 is signed into law. The magnitude and scope of drafting regulations to implement this legislation and the other steps necessary for appropriate administration were discussed. It was agreed that the regulations should be completed no later than the date of September 18, 1980 for submission to the Office of Administrative Procedure under the Administrative Procedure Act.

4. Review of Amended Proposed Lobbyist Regulations

The general legal counsel and executive director reviewed with the Commission comments on the proposed amended regulations received from the New Jersey Business and Industry Association. They also briefly reviewed other suggestions for changes in the proposed regulation from attorneys for the American Civil Liberties Union. It was agreed that the staff would prepare any recommended changes for Commission review at the July 30, 1980 meeting of the Commission.

5. Adjournment - The Commission adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



LEWIS B. THURSTON, III
Executive Director

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