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The nomination of former United States Attorney Michael Chertoff to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) has been unanimously approved by the State Senate, and Mr. Chertoff has taken the oath of office, ELEC announced today.

Chertoff will join the four-member, bi-partisan Commission comprised of two Democrats and two Republicans as the second Republican Commissioner. He was nominated to the post by Governor Christine Todd Whitman in March.

"I am looking forward to serving on the Commission and contributing to its mission of disclosure," said Chertoff. "Since 1973, the Commission has been at the vanguard of campaign finance and lobbying reform and has seen its efforts rewarded in the recent enactment of the new lobbying and campaign financing reform laws."

Chertoff said that he hopes to "serve in the finest tradition of ELEC Commissioners who have preceded him" and to "contribute to the strengthening of an agency that has developed an excellent reputation for integrity and productivity."

Chertoff served as the United States Attorney for New Jersey between 1990 and 1994. Prior to that assignment, he served as First Assistant United States Attorney for New Jersey.