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PRESS ADVISORY

Frederick M. Herrmann, Executive Director of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, announced today that the Commission is proposing new rules and amendments to its rules concerning the public financing of primary and general election candidates for governor. The Commission also proposes a new rule concerning receipt of contributions by electronic transfer of funds and amendments to its rules to accommodate technology now used by candidates and committees. The proposed amendments and new rules are based upon comments received by the Commission from candidates, treasurers, and other interested individuals at three public hearings conducted in 1998, the experience of Commission staff in administering the gubernatorial public financing program, litigation which occurred during the 1997 gubernatorial election cycle, and advisory opinions issued by the Commission involving public financing.

The proposed text will appear in the <u>New Jersey Register</u> on June 7, 1999. Copies of Commission's proposal may be obtained by calling the Commission at (609) 292-8700.

The Commission will conduct a **public hearing** to elicit public comment concerning the proposal on Thursday, June 24, 1999, at 11:15 a.m. at:

Election Law Enforcement Commission 28 West State Street, 12th Floor Trenton, New Jersey

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The Commission invites participation in this hearing and requests that any testimony be limited to no more than ten minutes. Please contact Elbia Zepetelli by Friday, June 18, 1999, at (609) 292-8700 to reserve time to speak.

The Commission welcomes written comments concerning the proposed new rule and amendments. Submit written comments by July 7, 1999 to:

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