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PRESS ADVISORY

Executive Director Frederick M. Herrmann announced today that the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission is proposing amendments to its regulations to implement statutorily-required quadrennial inflationary adjustments to the limits and thresholds in the New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1, et seq.). These limits and thresholds apply to both gubernatorial and non-gubernatorial candidates and committees. Herrmann explained that the Commission has determined that costs relevant to campaigning in New Jersey have risen since 2001 and has applied an index of 13.85 percent to the various limits and thresholds required to be adjusted. These adjustments were then rounded pursuant to statutory direction. The Commission also proposes to adjust the contribution disclosure threshold and penalties to conform to recently-enacted legislation.

The proposed amendments will appear in the New Jersey Register on September 7, 2004, and are currently available on the Commission's website at www.elec.state.nj.us. Copies of the Commission's proposals may also be obtained by calling the Commission at (609) 292-8700.

The Commission will conduct a hearing to elicit public comment concerning the proposals. The hearing will be held on **September 22, 2004, at 11:15 a.m.** at:

Election Law Enforcement Commission
Edward J. Farrell Memorial Conference Room
28 West State Street, 12th Floor
Trenton, New Jersey

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Located at: 28 W. State Street, 13th 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 Monday, September 20, 2004, at (609) 292-8700 to reserve time to speak.

The Commission welcomes written comments concerning the proposed regulations. Submit written comments by October 7, 2004 to:

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