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PRESS ADVISORY

Executive Director Jeffrey M. Brindle announced today that the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission is proposing new rules and amendments concerning public financing for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

According to Brindle, among other provisions, the proposed new rules and amendments:

- Include the office of Lieutenant Governor;
- Codify procedures for selection and certification of a candidate for election to the office of Lieutenant Governor in a general election;
- Incorporate the requirement of a publicly-financed candidate for the office of Lieutenant Governor to participate in one debate;
- Codify debate sponsor requirements;
- Include internet advertisements, certain website and email communications, and the purchase of lists of email addresses to the list of permissible uses of matching funds by publicly funded gubernatorial candidates;
- Remove reference to specific languages for prepared statements on behalf of gubernatorial candidates;
- Identify the contributor where the maker of a check drawn on a joint checking account is different from the individual who signs the accompanying written instrument; and
- Make grammatical and typographical corrections.

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The proposed new rules and amendments appeared in the New Jersey Register on May 21, 2012, and are currently available on the Commission's website at www.elec.state.nj.us. Copies of the Commission's proposal may also be obtained by calling the Commission at (609) 292-8700.

The Commission will conduct a hearing to elicit public comment concerning the proposal on **Tuesday, July 17, 2012** 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

The Commission invites participation in this hearing and requests that any testimony be limited to no more than ten minutes. Persons wishing to testify at the **July 17, 2012** hearing are requested to reserve time to speak by contacting Administrative Assistant Elbia L. Zeppetelli at (609) 292-8700 no later than Friday, July 13, 2012.

Submit written comments by July 20, 2012 to:

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