

NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

December 1, 1978 Meeting

PRESENT

Frank P. Reiche, Chairman
Sidney Goldmann, Vice-Chairman
Archibald S. Alexander, Member
Lewis B. Thurston, III, Executive Director
Edward J. Farrell, Esq., General Legal Counsel
Gregory E. Nagy, Esq., Staff Counsel

ABSENT

Josephine S. Margetts, Member

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, was filed with the Secretary of State's office, copies posted in the State House Annex, copies mailed to the Newark Star Ledger, the Philadelphia Bulletin and the entire State House Press Corps.

The meeting convened at 10:20 a.m.

1. Dialogue re Office of Administrative Law and Possible Application to ELEC

The Commission welcomed Howard Kestin, newly appointed executive director of the State Office of Administrative Law. Mr. Kestin had requested an opportunity to meet with the Commission to discuss the above-cited matter. Mr. Kestin outlined the concept of the Office of Administrative Law and indicated his feeling that it is desirable for the Election Law Enforcement Commission to be governed by that statute as to its hearings procedures and hearing officers. A general discussion regarding the desirability of the Commission being exempted from the provisions of the Office of Administrative Law statute followed.

At the conclusion of the discussion on a motion by Chairman Reiche, seconded by Vice-Chairman Goldmann, the Commission agreed to continue its efforts in support of Assembly bill 1539 which would exempt the Commission from the provisions of the Office of Administrative Law. The vote was 2-1, with Commissioner Alexander in the negative.

2. Adjournment - The Commission adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



LEWIS B. THURSTON, III
Executive Director