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The State Senate has approved the nominations of Andrew C. Axtell and Stanley G. Bedford to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, according to Frederick M. Herrmann, the Commission's Executive Director.

In a vote on June 25, 1987, the Senate unanimously confirmed the reappointment of Mr. Axtell to his fourth term and the appointment of Judge Bedford to his first term on the Commission.

The Election Law Enforcement Commission is a four-member bipartisan body established in 1973 to administer "The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act." It is responsible for monitoring the spending activities of candidates, campaign committees, political parties, PACs and lobbyists, and for administering the Gubernatorial Public Financing Program.

"I'm delighted that Governor Kean has reappointed and the State Senate has confirmed the nomination of Mr. Axtell to the Commission," said Herrmann. "His guidance will continue to be needed by the Commission in the years to come."

Herrmann said that he is equally pleased by the appointment of Judge Bedford to the Commission. "Judge Bedford is an outstanding choice. His wide experience on the bench and in county administrative office makes him a very welcome addition to the Commission."

Mr. Axtell, a Montclair resident, was first appointed in 1978 by then Governor Brendan Byrne. He was subsequently reappointed by Governor Kean and has served as Chairman of the Commission since 1982.

Mr. Axtell is a businessman who serves on the Boards of Directors of the Afro-American Purchasing Commission and the Dreyfus Consumer Bank of East Orange. Mr. Axtell is also President and a partner of Parkhurst Realty Company of Newark.

A former Councilman and Mayor of Livingston, and a former Chairman of the Essex County Republican Committee, Mr. Axtell also served as a Commissioner on the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey from 1970-1976. He is married to the former Ruth Cunningham and has two children.

"I'm very pleased to have the opportunity to serve on the Commission for another three years," said Mr. Axtell. "I appreciate the confidence the Governor and State Senate has shown in me by this reappointment."

Stanley G. Bedford, a Nutley resident and member of the New Jersey Bar since 1949, is a retired judge. He served as an Essex County District Court judge from 1971-1972, as an Essex County Court judge from 1972-1976, and as a Superior Court judge from 1976-1986. He is a member of the Essex County Bar Association and the New Jersey State Bar Association.

He most recently served as Acting Surrogate in Essex County from August 1986 to January 1987 and as Deputy Surrogate from January 1987 to June 1987.

Chairman of the Alpha Chi Rho Educational Foundation, he was educated at Columbia University, receiving a B.A. in 1941 and a J.D. in 1948. At Columbia, he was a member of Phi Delta Phi and a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. He has been married to the former Ruth Grey for the past 30 years.

"I appreciate very much the opportunity to continue serving the people of New Jersey," said Mr. Bedford. "The work of the Commission is critical to the democratic election process in our State and I look forward to making a contribution in this area."

Mr. Axtell and Judge Bedford are the latest appointees to the Commission. The other members of the Commission are Alexander P. Waugh, Jr. and Vice Chairman Owen V. McNany, III. Judge Bedford replaces former State Supreme Court Associate Justice Haydn Proctor, who served two terms.

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