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Press Advisory

The New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 16, 1992, at 10:00 a.m. concerning proposed amendments pertaining to the reporting of the identity of State officials receiving benefits from lobbyists and legislative agents. The public hearing will be held at the Commission's offices on the 12th floor of 28 West State Street in Trenton.

The proposed effective date of these changes is anticipated to be January 1, 1993. The proposed changes are:

1. Subsection (b) of N.J.A.C. 19:25-20.13, Contents of Annual Report, is amended to require that the cost of benefits provided to State officials at a specific event (i.e., a reception) conducted by a lobbyist or legislative agent be allocated among the State officials attending or participating in the event with the actual or constructive knowledge of the lobbyist or legislative agent.

2. Subsection (b) of N.J.A.C. 19:25-20.11, Expenditures, is amended to remove the requirement that the cost of entertainment or food and beverage for a legislative agent in the company of a State official be included in the calculation of the \$25.00 per day or \$200.00 per calendar year thresholds for benefit-passing activity.

3. Subsection (c) of N.J.A.C. 19:25-20.11, Expenditures, is amended to define the term "immediate family" as used in the context of benefit-passing reporting (the spouse of the official if that spouse is residing in the same domicile, and any dependent children of that official.)

A full text of the proposed regulations may be obtained by contacting the Commission at (609) 292-8700.

The Commission invites the participation of interested individuals at the September 16th hearing. Please contact Gregory E. Nagy, Legal Director, at (609) 292-8700 by September 14th should you wish to testify. Written comments should be submitted by October 8, 1992 to:

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