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William H. Eldridge, a Union County Freeholder from 1986 to 1988 and a resident of Berkeley Heights, has been named Vice Chairman of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC).

A member of the Commission for one year, Eldridge was selected Vice Chairman by the Commission at its March 16, 1994 meeting.

In addition to the Union County Freeholder Board, Eldridge also served as Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Berkeley Heights and as Executive Director of the New Jersey Commission on Capital Budgeting and Planning.

Eldridge said: "I'm eager to begin my term as Vice Chairman of the Commission and grateful for this opportunity. Assuming this responsibility at perhaps the most challenging moment in the Commission's history is indeed a privilege."

Noting that his considerable experience in government, at the State, County and local levels, enables him to contribute significantly to the work of the Commission, Eldridge said that "the Commission must implement the new

campaign reform law and steer its way through rough economic times virtually simultaneously."

"I look forward to being Vice Chairman of this highly respected Commission during this challenging period," Eldridge said. "From having been a candidate myself as well as an observer of the Commission, I know that ELEC has fulfilled its role with commonsense and responsibility and I expect that to continue."

Eldridge, who holds a J.D. from Cornell Law School, an M.B.A. from Rider College, and an A.B. from Rutgers University, is a Professor of Business Law and Management at Kean College of New Jersey.

In affiliation with the Kean College Small Business Development Center and as a private consultant, Eldridge has counselled small businesses extensively. He has also published several articles on management, including ones in the Human Services Reporter, the Handbook on Strategic Management, the New Jersey Law Journal, and the Handbook of Public Finance.

Eldridge has also served on the National Conference of State Legislators. He was appointed last year to complete a three-year term on the Commission.

The new Vice Chairman, who is widely known as "Mr. Ethics" among his governmental colleagues, said "I am looking forward to continuing my long-term interest in ethics and election law reform."

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