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## PRESS ADVISORY

The New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission announced today that it has proposed new rules and an amendment to its regulations to implement the political identification statement requirements enacted into law earlier this year; see P.L. 1995, c.391, effective February 1, 1996. The new law requires that a person or committee subject to the reporting requirements of the Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1, et seq., making an expenditure for a political communication must identify himself, herself or itself in the text of the communication.

The proposed new rules address the required content of political identification statements, the inclusion of political identification statements on independent expenditure communications, and the record retention requirements applicable to vendors producing political communications. Further, the Commission's proposal clarifies that political identification statement requirements apply only to candidates or committees, or a person making an independent expenditure of more than \$500.00.

The proposed text will appear in the <u>New Jersey Register</u> on May 20, 1996. Copies of the text may be obtained by calling the Commission at (609) 292-8700.

The Commission will conduct a hearing to elicit public comment concerning the proposal. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 1996, at 10:30 a.m. at:

Election Law Enforcement Commission
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. Please contact Elbia Zeppetelli by Friday, June 7, 1996 at (609) 292-8700 to reserve time to speak.

The Commission welcomes written comments concerning the proposed regulations. Submit written comments by June 19, 1996 to:

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