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PRESS ADVISORY

The New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission announced today that it is proposing amendments to its rules concerning copying fees and release of documents.

The Commission is proposing to amend <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 19:25-2.3, Copies of documents; fees, to conform the copying fees charged by the Commission to the fees for copying established in the Open Public Records Act, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 47:1A-5b, which became effective on July 7, 2002. The Commission also proposes to add new subsection (a) to <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 19:25-2.4, Release of documents, to establish a uniform method for simultaneous and orderly release of the high volume of reports received by the Commission on statutorily required filing dates.

The proposed amendments appeared in the <u>New Jersey Register</u> on August 19, 2002. The Commission's proposal may be viewed on the Commission's website at <u>www.elec.state.nj.us</u> or a copy may be obtained by calling the Commission at (609) 292-8700.

The Commission will conduct a **public hearing** to elicit public comment concerning the proposals on **Wednesday**, **September 18**, **2002**, at 11:00 a.m. at:

Election Law Enforcement Commission Edward J. Farrell Memorial Conference Room 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. Persons interested in testifying are asked to contact Elbia Zepetelli by Friday, September 13, 2002, at (609) 292-8700 to reserve time to speak.

The Commission welcomes written comments concerning the proposed amendments. Submit written comments by October 18, 2002 to:

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