FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

11 CFR Part 110

[Notice 1983-20]

Honoraria; Modification of the Definition of "Acceptance"

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

ACTION: Final rule; technical amendment.

SUMMARY: The Commission is publishing today a technical amendment to its regulations on acceptance of honoraria (11 CFR 110.12) to conform that section to Pub. L. 98-63. The Public Law modified the Federal Election Campaign Act regarding the payment of honoraria to charitable organizations, by eliminating the requirement that the honorarium payor select a charity from a list of five charitable organizations supplied by a federal officeholder or employee. The technical amendment appearing here removes that requirement from the Commission's regulations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 21, 1983.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pub. L. 98-63, 97 Stat. 338, amended the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 in part by eliminating the requirement that to avoid acceptance of an honorarium, a federal officeholder or employee who had earned an honorarium must provide a list of five charitable organizations to the honorarium payor, so that person could select one to pay. Under the amendment, the federal officeholder or employee can avoid acceptance of an honorarium by either paying the honorarium to a charity, or by having the honorarium paid to a charity on his or her behalf. The technical amendment published in this notice modifies the Commission's regulations governing the acceptance of honoraria, to bring the regulations into conformance with the Act. The revision follows the language of 2 U.S.C. 441i, as amended.

Because the amendment is merely technical, it is exempt from the notice and comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (see 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B)) and 2 U.S.C. 438(d) (relating to legislative review of Commission regulations). It is therefore made effective November 21, 1983.

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