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Regulations governing matching funds for the 1980 Presidential Primary elections have been formally prescribed by the Federal Election Commission. Its action came following the end of the 30 legislative day period during which the United States Senate or the House of Representatives had an opportunity to review and disapprove the proposed regulations.

Following publication of the regulations in the Federal Register, they will be the official guidelines for defining the process under which 1980 Presidential candidates may receive Federal matching funds for their primary campaigns.

In drawing up the new regulations, the Federal Election Commission drew upon its experience in administering the 1976 Presidential election, as well as upon comments from the general public and testimony given in public hearings by leaders of various 1976 Presidential campaigns which received public funds.

The 1980 regulations clarify some of the present recordkeeping requirements and also increase a candidate's responsibility with regard to providing evidence that expenditures made by the campaign were qualified campaign expenses and therefore payable from Federal funds.

Approval of the Presidential Primary Matching Fund Regulations represents one of the first steps the Commission is taking toward developing a comprehensive plan for administering the 1980 Presidential election. The Federal Election Commission plan is designed to assist campaigns in their efforts to comply with the complexities of the Federal campaign finance law.