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WASHINGTON -- State and local election laws and election administration procedures will be major topics for a one-day meeting of the Advisory Panel of the Federal Election Commission's National Clearinghouse on Election Administration.

The 22-member Panel, made up of state and local election authorities throughout the United States, will meet Thursday, October 11, at the Washington Hotel. Dr. Gary Greenhalgh, Director of the National Clearinghouse, will open the meeting and moderate the discussions.

Major subjects to be considered include a review of the Regional Elections Administration Seminars sponsored by the FEC; a proposed state conference on elections and election laws; a proposed conference for large local election jurisdictions; bilingual registration and election services and planning; and proposed new Clearinghouse research projects.

This will be the second meeting of the Advisory Panel this year and the eighth since it was created by the Commission in 1975. The Panel advises the FEC on the best ways to use the Commission's resources to help improve the administration of elections throughout the nation. The FEC is the only Federal agency specifically charged with conducting research in the administration of elections.

Members of the Clearinghouse Advisory Committee and the jurisdictions they represent are as follows:

State Senator H.S. Runyan, Arizona; Secretary of State Paul Riviere, Arkansas; Alameda County Clerk Rene Davidson, California; Chief Election Officer Jean Marc Hamel, Canada; Joyce V. Dieffenderfer, Dade County Election Department, Florida; Chairman John Countryman, Illinois Election Board; Supervisor of Elections Marie Garber, Maryland; State Delegate Don Robertson, Maryland; Director of Elections Bernard J. Apol, Michigan; Secretary of State Joan A. Grove, Minnesota; Former Secretary Danny McDonald, Tulsa County Election Board, Oklahoma; Director of Elections Ray Phelps, Oregon; Secretary of State Allen J. Beermann, Nebraska; State Senator Gladys B. Hansen, New Mexico; Director Thomas W. Wallace, New York State Board of Elections; Executive Secretary Gerald J. Ferwerda, State Election Board, Wisconsin; Assistant Secretary of State for Elections and Political Reform William Durley, California; Cook County Clerk Stanley T. Kusper, Jr., Illinois; Provo County Clerk William Huish, Utah; Associate Counsel Al Perez, Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, Washington, D.C.; and Henry Der, Chinese for Affirmative Action, San Francisco, California.