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## ELECTION LAW IS AMENDED

WASHINGTON -- The law governing elections for U.S. House, Senate and Presidential offices has been amended and will change many aspects of campaign finance for the 1980 elections.

Legislation passed the Senate and House in late December and was signed into law January 8.

The Amendments have two major goals:

1) reducing the number of reports required to be filed by candidates and committees;

2) expanding the role which state and local political parties and individuals may play in volunteering election-related services.

Federal Election Chairman Robert O. Tiernan said today, "Our staff stands ready to help candidates and committees comply with the new changes. They are working very hard to prepare new forms and informational bulletins. Although the Amendments will ease much of the burdensome reporting requirements, the initial demands on our staff to make certain changes will be great. The Commission will make every effort to make the transition period operate as smoothly as possible."

As a first step in attempting to inform candidates and committees of the new requirements, the Commission has prepared a summary of the major changes in the law.