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WASHINGTON -- Some 50 recommendations for legislative or other action related to Federal election laws have been approved by the Federal Election Commission for presentation to Congress.

Indexed under seven categories, the recommendations reflect the Commission's experience in administering the 1979 Amendments to the election law and the public financing program in the 1976 and 1980 Presidential elections.

In approving the forwarding of the recommendations to Congress, the Commission said it believes the suggestions will make the election law more workable and more acceptable by political committees and the public. Also, it said that as a result of its continuing evaluation of its administration of the election laws, the Commission may offer Congress additional recommendations later this year.

The recommendations include: making the Federal Election Commission the sole point of entry for all disclosure documents (House and Senate candidates now file through the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate); limited changes in reporting requirements; permitting political contributions on an annual or election-cycle basis; contribution limits applicable to draft committees; circumscribing use of volunteer professional services donated solely for fundraising, rather than for actual campaigning, and donation of artwork by an artist to a campaign to be used for fundraising or to be disposed of as an asset of the campaign;

Removing the requirement for annual approval of trade association PAC solicitation of executive and administrative personnel of member corporations; clarifying whether or not an independent candidate, who is not a new party candidate, is eligible for post-election public funding in the general election; eliminating state spending limitations in Presidential primaries; clarifying entitlement of eligible minor or new party candidates to general election funding; more definitive identification in names of political committees.

The recommendations will be part of the Federal Election Commission's Annual Report to Congress, required by June 1 of each year.