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COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED ON PRIMARY MATCHING FUND REGULATIONS

WASHINGTON--A 60-day extension--to November 17--has been approved by the Federal Election Commission for public comments on proposed changes in regulations governing the Presidential Primary Matching Fund Act.

The comment period originally was scheduled to close September 16 with a public hearing set for September 29. While considerable interest has been expressed by individuals and bi-partisan groups, only a few comments were received by the deadline.

Because of the complexity of the proposed rules, and because many persons interested in the subject also are involved in 1982 political campaigns, the Commission has determined that additional time for response would both increase the number and improve the quality of comments.

As a result of FEC action in extending the time and cancelling the public hearing, those interested in appearing at an open hearing on the subject of primary matching funds are requested to notify the Commission of that fact by October 31. A decision will be made at that time whether or not there will be a need for public hearings.

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