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WASHINGTON -- Seventeen State and local election officials, including the Secretaries of State of Nebraska, Minnesota and Arkansas, will meet in Washington, March 28 and 29 for the ninth meeting of the Advisory Panel to the Federal Election Commission's National Clearinghouse on Election Administration. The Panel advises the FEC on the best ways to utilize its resources to help improve the administration of elections throughout the nation.

All of the Panel's sessions, which will be at the Hotel Washington, are open to public participation.

FEC Chairman Danny Lee McDonald of Oklahoma and Vice Chairman Lee Ann Elliott of Illinois will open the meeting at 9 a.m. Monday. The morning session will be devoted to discussions of the Commission's new project on Federal and State campaign finance laws, computer application in elections, and the directory of Federal and State election officials.

Monday afternoon's program will include a status report on the FEC's Voting Systems Standards Project, and a discussion of a Voting Systems Standards funding request to Congress, which mandated the project.

On Tuesday morning, Arizona Secretary of State Rose Mofford, who is President of the National Association of Secretaries of State, and Douglas Roederer, Director of Research of the Council of State Governments, will discuss a cooperative program sponsored by their organizations.

Following that, the morning session will be devoted to a presentation and discussion by Alabama Secretary of State Donald Siegelman and Council on Governmental Ethics Laws President John Countryman.

The afternoon session will include a presentation and discussion of the Commission's five regional conferences on campaign finance activity and election administration which are to start in September.

Members of the 17-member Advisory Panel are: Joaquin Avila, Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund, San Antonio, Texas; Allen J. Beermann, Nebraska Secretary of State; John Countryman, Illinois Election Board; Pat Crawford, Executive Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Gerald J. Ferwerda, Executive Secretary, Wisconsin State Elections Board; Joan Grove, Minnesota Secretary of State; Jean Marc Hamel, Chief Election Officer of Canada; William Huish, Provo County Clerk, Utah; Charles Kaniss, Supervisor of Elections, Pinellas County, Florida; Carolyn Kenton, Kentucky House of Representatives; Stanley T. Kusper, Jr., Cook County Clerk, Illinois; Leonard Panish, Registrar-Recorder, Los Angeles County, California; Ray Phelps, Director of Elections, Office of Oregon Secretary of State; Paul Riviere, Secretary of State, Arkansas; Lyall Schwarzkopf, City Clerk, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Jeffrey Teitz, Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, Rhode Island General Assembly; Thomas Wallace, Director, New York State Board of Elections.