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FEC SENDS LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS TO HILL

WASHINGTON -- Two new legislative recommendations affecting administration of federal election laws have been suggested to Congress and the President by the Federal Election Commission.

Another 18 proposals for legislative change, made by the Commission last year, also were recommended.

One of the new proposals would provide the FEC with authority to grant to certain categories of political committees general waivers or exemptions from reporting requirements of the Act.

The second new proposal would establish a February 15 annual deadline for the Secretary of Commerce to certify to the FEC the voting age population for the nation and for each state, and for the Secretary of Labor to provide the annual adjustment to the cost-of-living index. This information is necessary for the FEC to set coordinated political party spending limits in Senate, House and Presidential races, as well as the spending limits under Presidential public financing laws.

Included among the 18 other recommendations are:

Reaffirm Congressional intent that draft committees are "political committees" subject to reporting requirements of the Federal Election Campaign Act;

Clarify whether volunteer activity is intended to include professional services donated primarily for fundraising purposes rather than for actual campaigning;

Make the FEC the sole point of entry for all disclosure documents filed by Federal candidates and political committees;

Provide a separate limit on expenditures made by local party committees in Presidential elections;

Eliminate state-by-state limitations on expenditures for publicly financed Presidential primary candidates;

Examine the application of contribution limitations to immediate family members of candidates;

Define the extent to which foreign nationals may participate, if at all, in connection with elections to any political office;

Prohibit persons from fraudulently misrepresenting themselves as representatives of candidates or political parties for the purpose of soliciting contributions which are never forwarded to or used on behalf of the candidate or party;

Remove the one-year limit on corporate approval of solicitations by trade associations.

Legislative recommendations are made to Congress and the President on the basis of the Federal Election Commission's experience in administering election laws. They suggest areas of the statute which Congress may wish to review for modification or revision.