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400-500 CANDIDATES, OFFICIALS
EXPECTED TO ATTEND 10-STATE
ELECTION CONFERENCE
IN CHARLESTON

WASHINGTON -- Between 400 and 500 local and state election officials, Federal candidates, political party workers, and others interested in the election process are expected to attend a two-day Southern National Regional Conference on Election Administration and Federal Campaign Financing to be held October 23-25 in Charleston. An opening reception will be held on the evening of Sunday, October 23.

Sponsors for the 10-state meeting at the Sheraton Charleston Hotel are the Federal Election Commission and the State Election Commission of South Carolina.

Participants in the conference's seminars, workshops, luncheons and banquet are expected to include former S.C. Attorney General Daniel R. McLeod, S.C. State Senators Elizabeth J. Patterson (Spartanburg County) and Arthur Ravenel, Jr. (Charleston and Georgetown Counties), S.C. Representatives Palmer Freeman, Jr. (York County) and Marc H. Westbrook (Lexington County), C. Tyrone Gilmore, Chairman of the S.C. State Election Commission and James B. Ellisor, Executive Director, S.C. State Election Commission.

From the Federal Election Commission will be Chairman Danny L. McDonald of Oklahoma, Vice Chairman Lee Ann Elliott of Illinois, Commissioners Joan Aikens of Pennsylvania, Thomas Harris of Arkansas, John Warren McGarry of Massachusetts and Frank P. Reiche of New Jersey.

Also taking part will be other nationally recognized political figures and elections authorities.

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In pointing out the importance of the Regional Conferences on Election Administration and Federal Campaign Financing, FEC officials cited the increasing role of Federal election-related legislation, Federal court decisions in election-related cases, new state election laws and requirements, pressures from community groups for more and better election services, increased numbers of political party and political action committees, and more candidates seeking Federal office.

These and other pertinent topics will be included in the 36 workshops and roundtable discussions to be conducted by nationally recognized election authorities from throughout the nation and by specialists and Commissioners from the FEC.

A series of 19 sessions will cover corporate and labor activities, federal candidates and their committees, political action committees, presidential elections, FEC enforcement, tax issues and the use of campaign finance disclosure reports.

Another 17 sessions will be devoted to election law administration, with emphasis on legislative and administrative functions required to run a well-organized, fair and open election.

States included in the Southern Regional Conference are: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

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