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FEC INVITES PUBLIC COMMENTS ON TWO PROPOSED RULEMAKINGS

WASHINGTON--Public comments have been invited by the Federal Election Commission on proposed rulemakings on revision of the formulas used to determine certain kinds of repayments by publicly financed Presidential candidates, and on non-discrimination in FEC-conducted programs on the basis of handicap.

Written comments on the former are due on or before July 30, and on the latter on or before July 27.

The proposed rule revising the repayment formulas would provide for a pro-rata rather than 100 percent repayment of funds used for non-qualified campaign expenses. This is in accordance with a recent decision by the U. S. Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit, in two cases relating to the 1980 Presidential campaign. The FEC proposal, if ultimately approved as a final rule, would be applied to publicly financed Presidential candidates in the 1984 elections.

The proposed regulation dealing with enforcement of non-discrimination on the basis of handicap in FEC-conducted programs, provides for implementation and enforcement of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

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