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ELECTION OFFICIALS NAMED VOTING STANDARDS ADVISORS FOR FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION STUDY

WASHINGTON--Thirty local and state election administrators from throughout the country have been named to a Voting Systems Standards Advisory Committee selected by the Federal Election Commission's Voting Systems Standards contractor.

The Committee will hold its first meeting in Washington's Capitol Hill Quality Inn, starting at 9 a.m. through 5 p.m. daily Thursday and Friday, September 20 and 21.

Purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to the FEC and its contractor on types of voluntary voting system hardware and software standards needed by state and local election officials. The Commission has been directed by Congress to develop voluntary standards that may result in comprehensive, cost-effective and practical standards for use by state legislators, state election officials and local election administrators.

Sessions of the Advisory Committee will be open to the public, and all who attend are invited to ask questions and participate in the discussions.

In conjunction with the two-day meeting, there will be a display of voting equipment and related services, providing the election officials an opportunity to view the latest in voting system technology.

Following is a list of members of the Voting Systems Standards Advisory Committee:

Susan Farmer, Secretary of State, Rhode Island
Clara Jones, Secretary of State, New Mexico
Ralph Munro, Secretary of State, Washington
Don Siegelman, Secretary of State, Alabama
Max Cleland, Secretary of State, Georgia

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Roy Blunt, Greene County, Missouri
Stuart Cohen, Deputy Commissioner of Purchasing, New York City
Ed Mahoney, Commissioner of Elections, Erie County, New York
Tom Wilkey, State Election Board, New York
Joe DeStefano, Chairman, State Board of Elections, Rhode Island
Jerry Fowler, State Commissioner of Elections, Louisiana
Stan Kusper, County Clerk, Cook County, Illinois
Mike Lavelle, Chairman, Chicago Board of Elections Commissioners
Yvonne Smith, State Board of Elections, Illinois
Dan Nelson, County Clerk, DuPage County, Illinois
Deborah Seiler, State Director of Elections, California
Ray Ortiz, Registrar-Recorder, San Diego County, Calif.
Ernie Hawkins, Registrar-Recorder, Sacramento County, Calif.
Shirley Baccus, Election Supervisor, Brevard County (Titusville), Fla.
Charles Kaniss, Election Supervisor, Pinellas County (Clearwater), Fla.
Enid Earle, Election Supervisor, Lee County (Ft. Myer), Fla.
Ray Phelps, Director of Elections, Oregon
Bremer Ehrler, County Clerk, Jefferson County (Louisville), Ky.
Pat Crawford, Executive Deputy of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Pa.
Marie Garber, Assistant to the Director of Elections, District of Columbia
Lyll Schwarzkopf, City Clerk, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Anita Rodheaver, County Clerk, Harris County (Houston), Tex.
Mike Cinnamon, Director of Elections, Richland County (Columbia), S. C.
Lori Potter Christy, Director of State Election Board, Indiana
Sam Reed, Auditor, Thurston County, Washington

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