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FEC NAMES GARBER TO NATIONAL PANEL

WASHINGTON--Mrs. Marie M. Garber, Administrator of the Maryland State Board of Elections, has been appointed to the 16-member Advisory Panel of the Federal Election Commission's National Clearinghouse on Election Administration.

FEC Chairman John Warren McGarry of Massachusetts said, "As a member of our Advisory Panel, Mrs. Garber will help advise the Commission of the best ways to use its resources to help improve the administration of elections throughout the Nation."

Members of the Advisory Panel are selected by the Commission from among local and state elections administrators and public officials throughout the United States. The Panel advises the FEC on programs and activities related to its National Clearinghouse on Election Administration.

The Clearinghouse is a statutory activity responsible for assisting State and local jurisdictions in improving the integrity and efficiency of the conduct of elections for Federal offices. It sponsors research and provides information to election officials on a variety of problem areas including absentee voting procedures, voting equipment, voter registration procedures, ballot access and the computerization of elections.

Mrs. Garber will participate in a two-day meeting of the Advisory Panel set for August 4-6 in Washington.

This actually is the second time Mrs. Garber has served on the FEC Advisory Panel: she previously served from 1976 to 1981.

She has been involved in election administration since 1967, serving for 15 years as Administrator for the Montgomery (Md.) Board of Elections. She was a consultant with the District of Columbia Board of Election Ethics before the appointment to her present position by Maryland Governor Harry Hughes.

Among Mrs. Garber's other election-related activities are serving on the Board of Directors for the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate, since 1980, and as a member of the Governor's Task Force on Voter Registration, since 1983.
