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## FEC ANTICIPATES HEAVY WORKLOAD WITH BIG FIELD OF 1988 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

WASHINGTON -- Up to 20 candidates may qualify for public funding during the 1988 presidential primaries, according to an estimate by the Federal Election Commission. Candidates would be from both major parties.

FEC Vice-Chairman Thomas J. Josefiak, chairman of the agency's Finance Committee, today told the House Committee on Appropriations' Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service and General Government, that such a number of candidates "will obviously place far greater responsibilities upon the Commission and demands upon agency resources than we have ever experienced before."

The FEC's appearance before the Appropriations Committee was in support of the authorization and budget for fiscal year 1988. Joining in presenting testimony were Commissioner John Warren McGarry, a member of the finance committee, and FEC Chairman Scott Thomas.

In presenting the FEC's request for \$14,174,000, the FEC said the figures were developed with the Office of Management and Budget for submission in the President's budget.

Commissioner Josefiak said the proposed figures "represent our agency's commitment to maintain current levels of services, meet the special demands of the 1988 Presidential election year and continue FEC efforts to 'recapture' 1986 election cycle data not previously processed into our computer system".

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