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## STATE ACCESS PROGRAM TO BE REACTIVATED

WASHINGTON -- Reactivation of its program for state direct computer access to federal campaign finance information has been announced by the Federal Election Commission.

The cooperative effort between the FEC and various state offices, such as the Secretaries of State, State Boards of Election and other state commissions, is part of a continuing effort by the Commission to broaden public access to Federal campaign finance information. This data is centralized in the FEC's Public Records Office in Washington.

Nine states were "on-line" in the State Access Program before the FEC was forced to curtail the service in 1986 because of Congressionally-mandated budget cuts. They were: Georgia, California, Alabama, Massachusetts, Illinois, Washington, Michigan, Colorado and Rhode Island. Six states were testing the system at that time. They were: New Jersey, Connecticut, Wisconsin, Ohio, Tennessee and Iowa.

The Federal Election Commission's renewed effort will be to communicate campaign finance data to 25 states before the 1988 election. The states' offices will make the data available to the public.

Among computer data that again will be available to the states are: 1) indexes providing identifying information on all registered political committees, such as their sponsoring organization, frequency of filing reports, and qualifying status for making contributions; 2) indexes showing total receipts and disbursements of PAC's and for candidates' committees; 3) listings of all contributions by PAC's to federal candidates.

To be made available at a later date will be an index listing individuals who contributed \$500 or more to candidates and political committees.

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