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FEC 1988 LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS WOULD ENHANCE ELECTION LAW

WASHINGTON--Twenty-six problem areas in the administration of Federal Election laws have been pinpointed by the Federal Election Commission in legislative recommendations sent to Congress. The proposals would enhance the Agency's ability to administer election laws.

Three of this year's recommendations are new: one concerns public disclosure at the State level, and two are in connection with Presidential elections. The remaining proposals have been included in previous recommendations to Congress.

The three new items are:

*Eliminate the need for non-candidate committees to file reports with the Secretaries of State, and relieve the Secretaries of State of the responsibility of maintaining file copies of such reports. Instead, the State election offices would tie into the FEC's computerized disclosure data base in order to provide such information to requestors on the state level.

*Clarify State filing provisions for Presidential candidate committees which make expenditures in a State.

*Consider raising the threshold amount of matchable contributions required to qualify for Presidential primary matching funds.

Catagories covering the 24 recommendations include the following: Definitions, Registrations and Reporting, Enforcement, Public Financing, Expenditure Limits, Contributions, Fraudulent Misrepresentation, Honoraria and Commission Information Services.

The FEC is required by statute to submit annual legislative recommendations to Congress and the President.

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