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CAMPAIGN CITED FOR FAILURE TO FILE PRE-RUNOFF REPORT

WASHINGTON -- Texas will be holding a runoff election on April 9, 1996, to select candidates for the U. S. Senate.

Provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act require committees supporting candidates involved in the runoff to file reports of their financial activity 12 days before the election.

As of 5 p.m., April 4, 1996, a disclosure report from the following committee had not been filed:

TX..VICTOR MORALES FOR SENATE CAMPAIGN CMTE...DANI R. MORALES, TREAS...VICTOR M. MORALES...DEM

The report was to include financial activity occurring from February 22, through March 20. If sent by registered mail, the report should have been postmarked by March 25. Otherwise, the due date was close-of-business March 28.

Some individuals and their committees have no obligation to file reports under federal election law, even though their names may appear on state ballots. If an individual raises or spends less than \$5,000, he or she is not considered a "candidate" subject to reporting under the FECA.

The FEC notified committees involved in the runoff of their potential filing requirements on February 2. Those committees which did not file on the due date were notified on March 29 that reports had not been received and that their names would be published if they did not respond within four business days.

Other political committees supporting Senate and House candidates in elections (those which are not authorized units of a candidate's campaign) also are required to file pre-runoff reports, unless they report monthly. Those committee names are not published by the FEC.

Further Commission action against non-filers and late filers is decided on a case-by-case basis. Federal law gives the FEC broad authority to initiate enforcement actions, including the imposition of civil penalties (\$5,000 for "any violation" and \$10,000 for any "knowing and willful" violation).

The next regularly scheduled disclosure report for Texas congressional candidate committees will be the quarterly report due April 15, 1996. It will cover activity from March 21 through March 31.

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