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BIOGRAPHY

FRANK P. REICHE

CHAIRMAN

NOMINATED : May 1, 1979
CONFIRMED : July 25, 1979
SWORN IN : July 31, 1979
TERM : April 30, 1985
PARTY AFFILIATION : Republican

Commissioner Frank P. Reiche was elected Chairman of the Federal Election Commission on January 7, 1982, for a one-year term ending December 31, 1982. He previously served as Vice Chairman of the Commission.

Nominated to the Commission by President Carter on May 1, 1979, Commissioner Reiche was confirmed by the Senate on July 25, 1979, and sworn into office on July 31.

Mr. Reiche is a native of Bristol, Connecticut. He received his A.B. Degree from Williams College in Massachusetts in 1951, and a L.L.B. Degree from Columbia Law School in 1959. In addition, he holds a Masters Degree in Foreign Affairs from George Washington University (1959), and a Master of Laws Degree in Taxation from New York University Law School (1966).

He joined the U. S. Navy in 1952 and served four years. He received his commission as an Ensign in March 1953, and served 14 months aboard a destroyer escort. The remainder of his tour was spent in Washington, D. C., attached to the Bureau of Naval Personnel. Following law school, he was employed by the law firm of Stryker, Tams & Dill in Newark, N. J. (1959-1961). In 1962, he joined the Princeton, N. J., law firm of Smith, Stratton & Wise, now known as Smith, Stratton, Wise and Heher, becoming a partner in 1964.

Commissioner Reiche has been active in a number of civic organizations and institutions, among them the Advisory Board of Stuart County Day School and the Central New Jersey Williams Alumni Association, of which he was the first president. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N. J. Active in Republican Party affairs, he was a Republican County Committeeman for over eight years, President of the Republican Club of Princeton, a member of the Mercer County Republican Executive Committee (1968-1972), and Chairman of the Princeton Township Republican County Committee (1970-1972).

Mr. Reiche has had extensive governmental experience, particularly in state election law. He served as a member of New Jersey Governor William T. Cahill's Tax Policy Committee from 1970 to 1972, and later was appointed Chairman of the first New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission in 1973. He was reappointed Chairman by Governor Brendan Byrne in 1975. The Commission is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the New Jersey Campaign Finance Disclosure Act. From 1977 to 1978, he served as Chairman of the Steering Committee of Interstate Agencies, which led to the organization of the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws in December, 1978.

Commissioner Reiche is married to the former Janet D. Taylor of Vineland, N. J. They have a son, Dean, and a daughter, Cynthia.