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## FEC CERTIFIES KANSAS FOR PAPER-FILING WAIVER

WASHINGTON - The Federal Election Commission (FEC) this week certified 12 states, including Kansas, as exempt from a federal requirement to receive and maintain paper copies of campaign finance reports from Presidential and U.S. House of Representatives candidates and most political committees. This is the initial certification group, with some 20 other states to follow soon, Commission officials said.

Replacing the paper filings will be electronic immediacy -- the public gaining Internet-access to those campaign reports of most federal candidates on computers located at their respective state's campaign-finance records office (the Secretary of State offices in most of the certified states). The reports are accessed through the FEC's Internet site ([www.fec.gov](http://www.fec.gov)) and to expedite and enhance public access, the FEC has provided hardware and software, including laser printers, to those states requesting them. To quickly implement the system, the FEC offered to provide any requested computer equipment, Internet capability, and training.

**FEC Chairman Scott E. Thomas said of the filing-waiver program, "This is a great example of using new technology to make a government program more efficient. It will relieve states of paperwork and filing tasks, will relieve reporting committees of unnecessary filings, and will encourage the public to move to a better information access system."**

In December 1995, President Clinton signed Public Law 104-79, which exempts states from receiving and maintaining paper copies of federal campaign finance reports provided that the state, "as determined by the Commission, has a system that permits electronic access to, and duplication of, reports and statements that are filed with the Commission."

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