

# FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION



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## FEC ELECTS NEW CHAIRMAN

WASHINGTON -- Max L. Friedersdorf, a Republican from Indiana, has been elected Chairman of the Federal Election Commission. He moves from the Vice Chairmanship, a position he has held for the past year.

The Chairman of the Commission serves for one year, beginning in May. The position usually alternates between Democratic and Republican parties, with the law mandating that the Vice Chairman be of the opposite party.

Massachusetts Democrat John W. McGarry was elected Vice Chairman.

Mr. Friedersdorf was appointed to the FEC in 1979, for a term ending April 30, 1983. Prior to his appointment, he was the Staff Director of the Senate Republican Policy Committee. Between 1971 and 1977, Mr. Friedersdorf served first as Special Assistant, then as Deputy Assistant to President Nixon. He continued in this capacity under President Ford until 1975, when he became the President's Assistant for Legislative Affairs.

A graduate of Franklin College in 1952, Mr. Friedersdorf worked as a reporter and editor with several newspapers upon graduation until 1960, at which time he joined the staff of former U.S. Representative Richard L. Roudebush as Administrative Assistant and Press Secretary.

Mr. McGarry was appointed to the Commission in October 1978. He formerly served as Special Counsel on Elections to the Committee on House Administration in the U.S. Congress. From 1963 through 1972, he engaged in private law practice and also served as Chief Counsel for a special congressional committee which was created to oversee U.S. House elections. From 1959 through 1962, Mr. McGarry was Assistant Attorney General of Massachusetts.

A 1952 graduate of Holy Cross College, Mr. McGarry received his law degree from Georgetown Law Center in 1956. His term on the Commission expires April 30, 1983.

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WASHINGTON -- Federal Election Commission Chairman Robert O. Tiernan has accepted an appointment as a member of the American Bar Association's Advisory Commission to the Special Committee on Election Law and Voter Participation.

The appointment, which was made by ABA President-elect William Reece Smith, Jr., of Chicago, will be for a one-year term starting in August.

A native of Rhode Island, Commissioner Tiernan is one of the original members appointed when the Federal Election Commission was established in 1975. He was re-appointed in May, 1976 by President Gerald Ford.

His term expires April 30, 1981. He served in the U.S. House of Representatives from Rhode Island from 1967 until 1975.