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400-500 CANDIDATES, OFFICIALS
EXPECTED TO ATTEND 10-STATE
ELECTION CONFERENCE

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WASHINGTON -- Between 400 and 500 local and state election officials, Federal candidates, political party workers, and others interested in the election process are expected to attend a two-day Midwest Regional Conference on Election Administration and Federal Campaign Financing to be held September 7-8 in Itasca, Ill. An opening reception will be held on the evening of September 6.

Sponsors for the 10-state meeting at the Hamilton Hotel are the Federal Election Commission; Michael Hamblet, Chairman, Illinois State Board of Elections; Stanley T. Kusper, Cook County Clerk; Michael Lavelle, Chairman, Chicago Board of Election Commissioners. The host jurisdiction is DuPage County Board of Election Commissioners, Clifford M. Carney, Chairman.

Programs for the conference's seminars, workshops, luncheons and banquet are expected to include U.S. Senator Alan Dixon of Ill.; State Senator Phil Rock, President of Illinois Senate; Bruce Chapman formally with the Bureau of Census now on the White House staff; FEC Chairman Danny L. McDonald of Oklahoma, Vice Chairman Lee Ann Elliott of Skokie, Ill.; and other nationally recognized political figures and elections authorities.

In pointing out the importance of the Regional Conferences on Election Administration and Federal Campaign Financing, FEC officials cited the increasing role of Federal election-related legislation, Federal court decisions in election-related cases, new state election laws and requirements, pressures from community groups for more and better election services, increased numbers of political party and political action committees, and more candidates seeking Federal office.

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These and other pertinent topics will be included in the 36 workshops and roundtable discussions to be conducted by nationally recognized election authorities from throughout the nation and by specialists and Commissioners from the FEC.

A series of 19 sessions will cover corporate and labor activities, federal candidates and their committees, political action committees, presidential elections, FEC enforcement, tax issues and the use of campaign finance disclosure reports.

Another 17 sessions will be devoted to election law administration, with emphasis on legislative and administrative functions required to run a well-organized, fair and open election.

States included in the Midwest Regional Conference are Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, West Virginia and Wisconsin. This conference is the first of five being sponsored throughout the country this year by the Federal Election Commission. The others will be in Albany, N.Y., Charleston, S.C., Tulsa, Okla., and Los Angeles, Calif.

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