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SECRETARY OF STATE COONEY NAMED TO NATIONAL ELECTION ADVISORY PANEL

WASHINGTON -- Montana Secretary of State Mike Cooney has been named to the Advisory Panel of the National Clearinghouse on Election Administration.

The National Clearinghouse is an arm of the Federal Election Commission and the Advisory Panel is composed of 20 state and local election officials from throughout the country. The Panel advises the Clearinghouse on how best to allocate its resources in order to serve the needs of election officials. It meets annually in selected cities throughout the nation.

Since his election in 1988, Secretary Cooney has worked to cut red tape and make government more accessible to all Montanans. He is a Commission member of Project Democracy and serves as Regional Vice President of the National Association of Secretaries of State.

Prior to being elected Secretary of State, he served on the staff of U.S. Senator Max Baucus. He was elected to the Montana House of Representatives in 1976 and re-elected in 1978. Both his grandfather and great-grandfather served the state in elected positions.

He will attend the Advisory Panel's annual meeting March 24-26 in Savannah, Ga.

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