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## FEC APPROVES RULE REQUIRING FILING OF MULTICANDIDATE COMMITTEE STATUS

WASHINGTON -- A rule amending present regulations governing multicandidate political committees has been approved by the Federal Election Commission and forwarded to Congress for 30 legislative days. After that, the FEC will establish the date on which the rule will go into effect.

The revised rule requires political committees, other than candidate committees, that meet multicandidate committee criteria after the rule goes into effect, to file a report verifying their status before they make contributions at the level allowed them under Federal election law. Under present regulations, a committee reaching multicandidate status only discloses that fact by checking a box on its next regular campaign finance report.

Committees establishing multicandidate status also would give written notice of their status to candidates and committees to whom they may make contributions. These new procedures will help candidates and committees determine what level contribution they may accept from a contributing committee, and assist the FEC to maintain a more up-to-date Multicandidate Committee Index than is now possible.

Multicandidate status may be achieved by a political committee that has been in existence six months, has received contributions from more than 50 donors and has made contributions to five or more candidates for federal office.

The statute allows a multicandidate committee to contribute \$5,000 to a candidate for each election. On the other hand, committees which have not established multicandidate status may not contribute more than \$1,000 to a candidate for each election.

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