

5:00 p.m.
Monday, April 14, 1975THOMAS B. CURTIS ELECTED CHAIRMAN
OF THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

At a meeting this afternoon following the swearing-in ceremony at the White House, the Commission elected Thomas B. Curtis, of Missouri, to serve as its first Chairman for a term of one year. Neil Staebler, of Michigan, was elected Vice-Chairman.

Chairman Curtis said, "I accept this enormous responsibility with a deep personal sense of pride and commitment. The Commission is going to do everything in its power to restore voter confidence in our election process. We want more Americans to vote regularly; we want more Americans to seek public office; and we want to encourage more Americans to contribute to the candidates and parties of their choice."

"The Commission is going to be fair, open, and unceasing in all our efforts to improve our election process."

"The Commission is going to conduct its business in public, providing all interested and concerned citizens equal access. We are actively recruiting a highly professional and nationally respected staff."

As provided by Section 208(b) of Public Law 93-443, the Commission will complete the transfer of authority from the Supervisory Officers designated by the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 within 30 days after the appointment of the Commission's General Counsel. In the interim period all requests for advisory opinions or other information under the 1974 Act can be addressed to the Commission, 1325 K Street, N. W., Wash., D. C. 20005, or care of either the Clerk of the U. S. House of Representatives, or the Secretary of the Senate, U. S. Capitol, Washington, D. C., 20515 or 20510. The Commission will respond to all such inquiries and requests as soon as possible.

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