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FEC RELEASES STATISTICAL SURVEY ON
CANDIDATE FILINGS IN SPRING PRIMARIES

WASHINGTON - July 2 - The Federal Election Commission today released a study showing that the pre-election financial disclosure reports of 90% of federal primary candidates this spring were available to the public prior to election day.

The FEC study included 861 candidates on the ballot in 21 states that held primaries from March through June. The study did not include runoff elections.

The study showed the following:

- Approximately 60% of the candidates, (505) and/or their authorized committees filed timely pre-election disclosure reports by the required 10 days prior to the election.
- 31% of the candidates (271), and/or their authorized committees, filed late reports, after the ten-day date, but got them on the public record prior to the election.
- 9% of the candidates, (85) were publicly cited by the FEC as "non-filers" prior to the elections for failing to file either their personal candidate reports or the reports of their authorized committees.

FEC Chairman Joan Aikens said, "Timely and accurate disclosure is at the heart of the federal campaign finance laws. We are concerned about the high percentage of late-filers and non-filers in the case of the primary pre-election reports, and will step up our efforts to get these reports filed on time when the primaries begin again in August. Voters expect, and are entitled to, an accounting of campaign spending before they go to the polls," she said.

29 States will conduct primary elections in August, September and October.

Aikens said the FEC has started a new program of having information aides call all federal candidates and committees prior to the elections to answer questions about the federal laws, and to remind them of their reporting obligations. She said that follow-up calls will be made to candidates and committees that have not filed pre-election reports 10 days before the election to see if they need further assistance. Candidates and committees that have not filed the pre-election report prior to 3 days before the election will be publicly cited on FEC "non-filer" lists.

Aikens said, "Late-filers and non-filers are subject to FEC compliance action and imposition of civil penalties. However, we want to do everything we can to help candidates file their reports on time, and to achieve full disclosure."

The following is a breakdown of the candidate filing study by state. Note that 33 additional candidates involved in the primary process were not included in this survey. In these cases, they were unopposed in their party primary and under their state law were automatically put on the general election ballot and were not on a primary ballot. Since there was no election for these candidates, there was no requirement for the filing of a ten-day pre-election report. In addition, the survey does not include write-in candidates or independent candidates not involved in primary elections.

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	Candidates (* add'l # unopposed candidates excluded)	Timely Filers	Late Filers	Candidates Published
Arkansas	14 (*4)	13	1	0
California	180	88	71	21
Illinois	73	41	21	11
Indiana	47	24	11	12
Iowa	19	8	10	1
Kentucky	26 (*5)	12	9	5
Maine	10	8	2	0
Mississippi	27 (*4)	12	15	0
Montana	22	4	17	1
Nebraska	14	7	6	1
New Jersey	53	32	18	3
New Mexico	6	3	2	1
North Carolina	21 (*15)	9	6	6
Ohio	74	50	20	4
Oregon	21	12	7	2
Pennsylvania	116	79	26	11
South Carolina	16 (*5)	11	5	0
South Dakota	11 (*1)	6	5	0
Texas	96	76	15	5
Virginia	3	2	1	0
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