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WASHINGTON -

Political roads in the Nation's Midwest Region will lead to Madison, Wisconsin, later this month when the Federal Election Commission and the Wisconsin State Board of Elections will jointly sponsor a two-day series of nine workshops on election administration and a one-day Seminar on Campaign Financing for 1980.

This will be the first of five regional meetings to be held throughout the country between now and early January. The other meetings will be in Sacramento, California, August 19-21; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 2-4; Austin, Texas, December 9-11; and Winston-Salem, North Carolina, January 13-15, 1980.

The Madison workshops are to be conducted at the Concourse Hotel July 22-24 while the Seminar on Campaign Financing will be conducted Monday, July 23 in the Wisconsin State Capitol.

Some 500 election administrators from the 10 state region have already registered for the workshops. On the other hand, all proceedings of the campaign financing seminar are open to the public. Both programs are part of the Federal Election Commission's "Outreach" program to explain Federal Election laws to the American public and to those who may participate as candidates or workers in the 1980 elections for Federal offices, and to improve election administration through the exchange of information and assistance between State and local election officials.

Speaking and participating in the two meetings will be Wisconsin Governor Lee Dryfus and Federal Election Commission officials, including Chairman Robert O. Tiernan, Vice Chairman Max L. Friedersdorf, Commissioners Vernon Thomson (former Governor of Wisconsin and Member of Congress) Joan Aikens and John McGarry, Harriet Robnett, Special Deputy of the Secretary of the U.S. Senate and Douglas Patton, Special Deputy of the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives.

States included in the Midwest Region are Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

Authorities on election administration from State and local governments throughout the country will be panelists on the nine workshops.