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WASHINGTON -- Planning for the 1980 elections comes to the Southwest next month when the Federal Election Commission holds a one-day seminar on Federal election laws in Austin, Texas. The program, which includes three workshops, will be in the Hilton Inn on Monday, December 10.

The campaign finance seminar will coincide with a two-day, December 9-11, Southwest-Plains Regional Conference for Election Administration at the Austin Marriott Hotel. This Conference, which includes ten workshops, is sponsored by the Texas Secretary of State and the Federal Election Commission's National Clearinghouse on Election Administration.

States included in the Southwest-Plains Region are: Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah and Wyoming.

Federal Election Commission Chairman Robert O. Tiernan and Vice-Chairman Max L. Friedersdorf will open the one-day campaign finance seminar at 9 a.m. All sessions are open to the public at no charge.

Following an introductory period, the rest of the day will be devoted to discussions of the Federal Election Campaign Act, the Commission, public financing of Presidential elections and the 1980 elections. Those attending will have the opportunity to meet and ask questions of the Commissioners and FEC staff specialists.

From 10 a.m. until 12:00 noon, three workshops will be conducted simultaneously. The first, dealing with reporting requirements, will be aimed at helping campaign workers involved in the preparation of campaign finance disclosure reports.

The second workshop will concentrate on "PAC's" and will provide an overview of the Act, regulations and advisory opinions specifically related to separate segregated funds.

The third workshop will concern state and local political party committees which operate at the Federal level.

The three workshops will be repeated in the afternoon session, 2:00-4:00 p.m.