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WASHINGTON -- Between 400 and 500 local and state officials from the 10 State Southwest-Plains Region are expected to attend a two-day conference on election administration to be held December 9-11 in Austin, Texas.

Hosts for the meeting at the Austin Marriott Hotel are the Texas Secretary of State and the Federal Election Commission's National Clearinghouse on Election Administration. Officials attending will represent Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah and Wyoming.

Workshops will be conducted throughout the two-day Conference, and luncheon and dinner speakers will include Texas Governor William P. Clements; B.D. Daniel, Director of Elections for Texas; Elspeth Rostow, Dean, Lyndon Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas; Dr. Richard Smolka, Professor of Political Science at American University; FEC Chairman Robert O. Tiernan and Dr. Gary Greenhalgh, Director of the Commission's National Clearinghouse on Election Administration.

Subjects to be discussed at the workshops include: Training of Election Officials; Absentee Registration and Voting; Planning, Managing and Costing for Elections; Ballot Access; Registration File Maintenance; Voter Outreach; Media and Election Administration; Voting Equipment; Reprecincting and Polling Place Location; and Bilingual Registration and Election Services. Panelists participating in the workshops will include public officials from throughout the Nation who are recognized for their work in the field of election administration.

The Southwest-Plains Regional Conference on Election Administration will coincide with a one-day workshop on Campaign Finance Activities to be held Monday, December 10, in the Hilton Inn. Sponsored by the Federal Election Commission, this program will feature discussions of the Federal Election Campaign Act, campaign finance reporting, political action and party committee activities and planning for the 1980 elections.

All sessions will be open to the public, and FEC staff specialists will be on hand for additional consultation and to answer questions relating to the election laws.