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WASHINGTON -- The 1980 Presidential campaign committee of Benjamin Fernandez, a candidate for the Republican nomination, was cited today by the Federal Election Commission for failure to file the required disclosure report for the month of February 1980.

Under new amendments to federal election law, enacted January 8, Presidential candidate campaigns which had raised or spent more than \$100,000 by January 1, 1980, must file monthly financial disclosure reports during the election year. Each report is due on the 20th of the month, covering the previous month's financial activity.

Fernandez' campaign committee was notified that the report was overdue on March 27th. New Commission procedures call for each Presidential campaign committee over the \$100,000 level to be notified by mailgram 5 business days after the due date of the report. Failure to respond to the notice within 5 additional business days results in publication of the committee's name for noncompliance with the reporting requirements of the election law.