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NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AUTHORITIES
TO CONDUCT 10-STATE ELECTION SEMINARS
IN CHICAGO AREA

WASHINGTON -- Cook County Clerk Stanley Kusper, Illinois State Board of Elections Chairman Michael Hamblet and Chicago Board of Elections Chairman Michael Lavelle are to join other nationally recognized election authorities September 6-8 in conducting seminars and workshops for local and state election administrators from 10 Midwestern states.

The two-day Midwest Regional Conference on Election Administration and Federal Campaign Financing is to be held in Itasca, starting with a reception the evening of September 6. Between 400 and 500 Elections administrators are expected to attend the conference which is being sponsored by the Federal Election Commission and Kusper, Hamblet and Lavelle's offices.

Other authorities conducting the sessions include:

Betty Chronic, Director of Elections, Colorado; Ray Phelps, Director of Elections, Oregon; Doug Jernigan, Director, Board of Elections, Montgomery County, Md.; Helen Hudgens, Director of Elections, Coconino County, Arizona; Angus McGinnis, U.S. Postal Service; Jeff Blaine, Assistant City Clerk, Detroit;

Dorothy Walker, Assistant to Election Supervisor, Pinellas County, Fla.; Robert Flaherty, Director, News Election Service, N.Y.; Charles Bernardini, State's Attorney's Office, Cook County, Ill.; Barry Wineberg, Deputy Chief, Voting Rights Section, U.S. Justice Dept., Washington; Marshall Turner, Alice Winterfeld and Janet Barboza, Census Bureau;

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John Countryman, Chairman, Council on Ethics; Marie Garber, former Supervisor of Elections, Montgomery County, Md.; Jim Hendrix, Director of Training, South Carolina State Election Commission; Ray Ortiz, Registrar/Recorder, San Diego, Cal.; Mickey Levinson, General Counsel, Chicago Board of Election Commission; Robert Naegele, former State Election Attorney, Fla.; Dave Epstein, former Parliamentarian, Illinois House of Representatives; Clifford Carney, Chairman, DuPage County Board of Election Commission; Robert Tyre, Arthur Young and Company; Dr. Ronald D. Michaelson, Exec. Director, Illinois State Board of Elections; Phyllis Taylor, Voting Assistance Office, Department of Defense; Henry Valentino, Director, Voting Assistance Office, DOD; FEC Chairman Danny L. McDonald of Oklahoma, Vice Chairman Lee Ann Elliott of Skokie, Commissioners Joan Aikens of Pa., John Warren McGarry of Mass. and Frank P. Reiche of N.J.

States in the Midwest Regional Conference include Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

A total of 36 workshops and roundtable discussions have been scheduled, each designed especially for state and local elections administrators, federal candidates, state and local political party officials, representatives from political action committees, state legislators and staff, attorneys, accountants and others interested in the election process.

A series of 19 sessions will cover corporate and labor activities, federal candidates and their committees, political action committees, presidential elections, FEC enforcement, tax issues and the use of campaign finance reports.

Another series of 17 sessions will be devoted to election law administration, with emphasis on legislative and administrative functions required to run a well-organized, fair and open election.

An introductory session will include FEC Commissioners and staff members who will explain federal campaign finance laws, review FEC publications and describe assistance available from the FEC. Other events include luncheons and a banquet, with programs to be announced.