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NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED SPECIALISTS TO CONDUCT 10-STATE REGIONAL ELECTION SEMINARS IN CHARLESTON

WASHINGTON — South Carolina legislators and election officials will join other nationally recognized election specialists October 24 and 25 in conducting seminars and workshops in Charleston for some 400-500 Federal candidates, political party officials and others involved in the federal election process, and for local and state election administrators from 10 Southern States.

The two-day Southern Regional Conference on Election Administration and Federal Campaign Financing will start with registration and a reception Sunday, October 23. Hosting the reception will be the South Carolina Election Commission, the South Carolina Association of Registration and Election Officials and the Charleston County Board of Voter Registration.

The Conference is being sponsored by the Federal Election Commission and the South Carolina State Election Commission.

South Carolinians conducting seminars and workshops are State Senator Elizabeth J. Patterson of Spartenburg County, House Members Palmer Freeman, Jr., of York County and Marc H. Westbrook of Lexington County, State Election Commission Executive Director James Ellisor, former Attorney General Daniel R. McLeod and Sheila McMillan, attorney in the Senate Research Office.

Other specialists conducting the seminars and workshops are:

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

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Dorothy Walker, Assistant to Supervisor of Elections, Pinellas County, Fla.; Robert Flaherty, Director, News Election Service, N.Y.; Barry Wineberg, Deputy Chief, Voting Rights Section, U.S. Justice Dept., Washington; Marshall Turner, Virgeline Davis and Janet Barboza, Census Bureau, Washington;

John Countryman of Ill., Chairman, Council on Ethics; Marie Garber, former Supervisor of Elections, Montgomery County, Md.; Ray Ortiz, Registrar-Recorder, San Diego County, Cal.; Dave Cardwell, former State Election Director, Fla.; Tom Collins, News Election Service; Nina McCall, Manager, Political Unit, ABC News; Lee C. Shapiro, Manager, Elections Operations, CBS News; Robert Naegele, former state election attorney, Fla.;

Richard Smolka, Editor-Publisher, Election Administration Reports, Washington; Carl W. Gabel, Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, Dept. of Justice, Washington; Robert Montjoy, Auburn University, Ala.; Stanley T. Kusper, Cook County Clerk, Ill.; Ron Michaelson, Exec. Dir., State Board of Elections, Ill.; Tom Wallace, Exec. Dir., Board of Elections, N.Y.; Phyllis Taylor, Voting Assistance Office, Department of Defense; Henry Valentino, Director, Voting Assistance Office, DOD;

Federal Election Commission Chairman Danny L. McDonald of Oklahoma, Vice Chairman Lee Ann Elliott of Ill., Commissioners Joan Aikens of Pa., Thomas E. Harris of Arkansas, John Warren McGarry of Mass. and Frank P. Reiche of N.J.

States in the Southern Regional Conference are: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

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, 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.