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WASHINGTON -- Proposed regulations removing the one-year limit on corporate approval of solicitations by trade associations have been forwarded to Congress by the Federal Election Commission.

The proposed revisions would permit trade associations to obtain solicitation approval from their members for several years at a time if they so choose. The approvals must still be obtained in accordance with the Federal Election Campaign Act, which requires, for each year that a member corporation gives its approval to solicit, a separate authorization must be prepared even if several authorizations are prepared and transmitted to the trade association at one time.

Another proposed change is that section of the regulations that would require each authorization be kept for three years from the year to which it applies rather than three years from the time it was approved.

The Commission initially sought public comments on revisions to these regulations in November 1982. The proposed changes seek to resolve many of the difficulties encountered by trade associations when trying to comply with the requirements of the current regulations.

The Commission may prescribe the regulations after they have been before the U. S. Senate and House of Representatives for 30 legislative days. The proposed revisions were transmitted to Congress on October 17, 1983.