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FEC NAMES CLELAND TO ADVISORY PANEL

WASHINGTON -- Georgia's Secretary of State Max Cleland has been appointed to membership on the 17-member Advisory Panel of the Federal Election Commission's National Clearinghouse on Election Administration.

FEC Chairman Lee Ann Elliott of Illinois said that his term will run through December 31, 1984. "As a member of our Advisory Panel, Secretary Cleland will help advise the Commission of the best ways to use its resources to help improve the administration of elections throughout the Nation," she said.

Members of the Advisory Panel are selected by the FEC from among local and state elections administrators and public officials throughout the United States.

Secretary Cleland will be taking part next month in a two-day meeting of the Advisory Panel in Washington, discussing such matters as application of computer technology to the election process, a Congressional-mandated FEC study on voting systems standards and publication of an updated summary of all state campaign finance laws and applicable regulations.

As Georgia's Secretary of State, he is the youngest statewide constitutional officer in the second oldest office in state government. His duties range from state historian and keeper of the Great Seal to Chairman of the State Elections Board.

A graduate of Stetson University and holder of an MS degree from Emory University, Secretary Cleland first entered public life when he was elected from his hometown of Lithonia, Ga., as the youngest member of the Georgia Senate at the age of 28. Since then, he has held a variety of public responsibilities including Administrator of the Veterans Administration under President Carter from 1977 to 1981.

A disabled veteran of Vietnam, he has been selected by nationally syndicated columnist David Broder, to appear in his book on America's future leaders.

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