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## 19 LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS SENT CONGRESS, PRESIDENT BY FEC

WASHINGTON -- Nineteen legislative recommendations affecting administration of Federal election laws have been suggested to Congress and the President by the Federal Election Commission.

In a forwarding letter, FEC Chairman Lee Ann Elliott wrote that the primary value of the recommendations is to acquaint Congress and the public with difficulties the Commission has encountered in administering the laws.

"While preparing these recommendations, the Commission was less concerned about finding perfect solutions than with defining problems and identifying possible solutions," she said.

Included among the 19 recommendations are:

Reaffirm Congressional intent that draft committees are "political committees" subject to reporting requirements, prohibitions and limitations of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

Give the Commission authority to grant general waivers or exemptions from the reporting requirements of the Act for classifications and categories of political committees.

Clarify the nature and scope of the Commission's authority in determining the insolvency of political committees and the liquidation of their assets.

Consider modifying the language pertaining to "reason to believe," contained in the statute, in order to reduce the confusion sometimes experienced by respondents, the press and the public.

Combine the present separate fundraising limitation provided to publicly financed Presidential primary campaigns with the overall limit, providing one \$12 million limit instead of a \$10 million limit for campaign expenditures and a \$2 million limit for fundraising (each plus cost-of-living adjustment).

Clarify that a political committee that is not an authorized committee of any candidate may not use the name of a candidate in the name of any 'project' or other fundraising activity of such committee.

Clarify whether volunteer activity is intended to include professional services donated primarily for fundraising purposes rather than for actual campaigning.

Make the FEC the sole point of entry for all disclosure documents filed by the Federal candidates and political committees.

Provide a separate limit on expenditures made by local party committees in Presidential elections.

Eliminate state-by-state limitations on expenditures for publicly financed Presidential primary candidates.

Examine the application of contribution limitations to immediate family members of candidates.

Define the extent to which foreign nationals may participate, if at all, in connection with elections to any political office.

Prohibit persons from fraudulently misrepresenting themselves as representatives of candidates or political parties for the purpose of soliciting contributions which are not forwarded to or used on behalf of a candidate or party.

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