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## **FEC ESTIMATES 18 TO 20 CANDIDATES TO SEEK PRESIDENTIAL FUNDING IN 1988**

WASHINGTON -- Some 18 to 20 candidates from both major political parties may qualify for public funding during the 1988 presidential primaries, the Federal Election Commission said today.

Testifying before the Senate Rules Committee, FEC Vice Chairman Thomas J. Josefiak, chairman of the agency's Finance Committee, said such numbers "will obviously place far greater responsibilities upon the Commission and demands upon agency resources than we have ever experienced before".

The FEC's appearance before the Rules Committee was in support of the authorization and budget for fiscal year 1988. Joining in presenting testimony were Commissioner John Warren McGarry, a member of the finance committee, and FEC Chairman Scott Thomas.

In presenting the FEC's request for \$14,174,000, the FEC said figures were developed with the Office of Management and Budget for submission in the President's budget.

Commissioner Josefiak said the proposed figures "represent our agency's commitment to maintain current levels of services, meet the special demands of the 1988 Presidential election year and continue FEC efforts to 'recapture' 1986 election cycle data not previously processed into our computer system".

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