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## ELECTION COMMISSION SEEKS COMMENTS ON PROPOSED VOTING SYSTEM STANDARDS

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission is seeking final public comments on proposed voluntary standards for computerized voting systems and three companion plans.

An abstract of the standards was published in the Federal Register on August 8, 1989, and included information on the standards themselves, an implementation plan for state and local election administrators, an escrow plan for software and other proprietary information, and an evaluation plan for independent testing authorities.

The Commission offers these draft standards to help insure the reliability, accuracy and integrity of computerized voting systems, and as voluntary guidelines for vendors and states, which may mandate them through their own laws.

These proposals do not represent a final decision by the FEC. After consideration of any comments received, a notice will be published in the Federal Register concerning final model standards.

Written comments must be received by September 8, 1989, and should be directed to Penelope S. Bonsall, Director, National Clearinghouse on Election Administration, Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463.

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