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ELECTION ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS TO GATHER IN CHICAGO FOR DECEMBER CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON -- Detection and prosecution of election crimes and the process of informing the public of preliminary voting results on election night are among the subjects to be discussed at the annual meeting of the Federal Election Commission's National Clearinghouse on Election Administration and its Advisory Panel.

The two-day conference, which is co-sponsored by the Illinois State Board of Elections, is scheduled for December 13 and 14 at the Westin Hotel in Chicago. Members of the media are invited to attend. A technical meeting of the Advisory Panel and the Clearinghouse will be held on December 12.

Other planned topics of discussion are:

- Elections Abroad
- Advances in Information Technology & Discussion of Election Applications
- Election Law: Precedent Setting Cases
- Kids Voting: So Easy a Kid Can Do It
- America in the 1990's: An Economy in Transition - A Society Under Stress
- Problems in Recruiting Poll Workers: A Local and National Perspective

In addition to FEC Clearinghouse staff, scheduled speakers include representatives of the Justice Department, Census Bureau, International Foundation for Electoral Systems, News Election Service, Snyder Family Enterprise, Computing Research Associates, as well as state and local officials from Arizona, Washington, Illinois, Massachusetts, and Florida.

The Advisory Panel, which is composed of state and local election officials, advises the Commission on possible topics for Clearinghouse research as well as suggests ways for improving the administration of elections.

In April 1990, the FEC approved (the first of its kind) voluntary Voting Systems Standards in order to assist state and local governments ensure the accuracy and reliability of their computerized voting systems.

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