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NOV. 4, 1992, IS EFFECTIVE DATE ON BANNING USE
OF CANDIDATE NAMES BY UNAUTHORIZED POLITICAL COMMITTEES

WASHINGTON -- Unauthorized political committees will be prohibited after November 4, 1992, from using a candidate's name in the title or other designation of any communication. That is the effective date set by the Federal Election Commission for its revised regulations on this area of election law.

The effective date was set for after the upcoming General Election because the Commission recognized that many committees had largely planned their campaign communications for the 1991-92 election cycle. The revised rules become effective for the 1993-94 election cycle.

This action results from the Commission's concern that the use of candidate names in project titles has increasingly become a device for unauthorized committees to raise funds or disseminate information in a manner that may be confusing to the public. Until now, a candidate who objected to the use of his or her name in this manner, who shared in none of the funds received in response to the solicitation, or who disagreed with the views expressed in the communication, was largely powerless to stop it.

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