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## CAMPAIGNS CITED BY FEC FOR FAILURE TO FILE PRE-PRIMARY REPORTS

WASHINGTON -- Texas will be holding primary elections on March 8, 1994, to select candidates for the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives.

Provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act require committees supporting candidates involved in the primary to file reports of their financial activity 12 days before the election.

As of 5 p.m., March 3, 1994, disclosure reports from the following committees had not been filed:

TX/09...GERALDINE A. SAM FOR U S CONGRESS...ALLEN ALEXANDER, TREAS..GERALDINE A. SAM...DEM  
TX/15...WIN COMMITTEE FOR BONNIE ABBOTT...REY TORRES, TREAS...BONNIE ABBOTT...REP  
TX/30...EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON FOR CONGRESS...CAPPY MCGARR, TREAS...EDDIE B. JOHNSON...DEM

The reports were to include financial activity occurring from January 1 through February 16. If sent by certified or registered mail, the reports should have been postmarked by February 21. Otherwise the due date was close-of-business February 25.

Some individuals and their committees have no obligation to file reports under federal election law, even though their names may appear on state ballots. If an individual raises or spends less than \$5,000, he or she is not considered a "candidate" subject to reporting under the FECA.

The FEC notified the committees involved in the primary of their potential filing requirements on January 31. Those committees which did not file on the due date were notified on February 25, that reports had not been received and that their names would be published if they did not respond within four business days.

Other political committees supporting Senate and House candidates in elections (those which are not authorized units of a candidate's campaign) also are required to file pre-primary reports, unless they report monthly. Those committee names are not published by the FEC.

Further Commission action against non-filers and late filers is decided on a case-by-case basis. Federal law gives the FEC broad authority to initiate enforcement actions, including the imposition of civil penalties (\$5,000 for "any violation" and \$10,000 for any "knowing and willful" violation) for violations.

The next regularly scheduled disclosure report for Texas congressional candidate committees will be a quarterly report due April 15, 1994. It will cover activity from February 17 through March 31.

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