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REVISED RULE ON USE OF CANDIDATES' NAMES BY UNAUTHORIZED COMMITTEES EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 1994

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission's revised rule on "Special Fundraising Projects and Other Use of Candidate Names by Unauthorized Committees" became effective June 30.

Text of the revised regulations was published in the Federal Register on April 12. The regulations amend and clarify existing requirements on use of candidates' names in special fundraising projects or communications when authorization by the candidate has not been granted.

Specifically, the Commission voted to permit use of candidates' names if the title of the communication or fundraising project clearly indicates opposition to the named candidate. Previous rules barred using names under any circumstances. The revised rules were adopted to avoid misleading contributors when the candidate has not authorized the fundraising and doesn't benefit from money raised.

Committees remain free to discuss any number of candidates, by name, in the body of a communication.

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