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Laurence A. Hecker, Esquire
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Re: The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and
Expenditures Reporting Act, Chapter 83, Laws
of 1973 as Amended and Supplemented ("the Act")
Your letters dated February 5 and May 9, 1979
Opinion #0-05-79

Dear Mr. Hecker:

Your letters dated February 5 and May 9, 1979 to the
New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"),
including a request for advisory opinion, have been forwarded
to me for reply.

We have reviewed the argument which you set forth with
respect to the interpretation of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-4(d). We
are unable to conclude that fire district elections are ex-
cluded from the coverage of the Act, particularly in view of
the language of that section, which appears to suggest a
legislative intent to provide very broad coverage to the
provisions of the Act. This conclusion is reinforced by
the fact that the budgetary and purchasing powers provided
to fire districts under N.J.S.A. 40A:14-70, suggest a range
of financial and other activity which would properly justify
public disclosure of campaign related contributions and ex-
penditures. Accordingly, we are unable to conclude that
the Act is not applicable to fire district elections.

Yours very truly,



Edward J. Farrell
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