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Mr. Donald E. Jump  
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244 Main Street  
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Re: Advisory Opinion 7-1987

Dear Mr. Jump:


Your letter dated May 20, 1987 to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission requesting an advisory opinion has been considered by the Commission and I have been directed to issue this response.

The Commission generally takes the view that the method of allocation is in the first instance the responsibility of the candidates or committees involved. The proposal which you have suggested to allocate general fundraising and administrative expenses, not earmarked for any particular candidate, equally among the candidates which the committee is supporting, is generally considered an appropriate method of allocation. See Reg. 19:25-13.1 (N.J.A.C. 19:25-13.1). This is subject to the observation that the efforts of a committee may be so substantially greater on behalf of certain of the candidates which it is supporting that allocation of general fundraising and administrative expenses equally to all candidates it is supporting would not be appropriate in that case. No such facts are suggested by your letter.

You should be aware that the committee has the obligation of advising each of the candidates of the allocation so that the amounts can properly be included in the reports to be filed by the candidates. N.J.S.A. 19:44A-8(a)(2), (b)(2).

Very truly yours,

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