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PRESS ADVISORY

Executive Director Jeffrey M. Brindle announced today that the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission is proposing amendments concerning electronic filing of annual reports (represented entities and governmental affairs agents, and persons communicating with the general public), and “represented entity” substituted for “lobbyist.”

According to Brindle, among other provisions, the proposed amendments:

- Require that a represented entity (lobbyist) or governmental affairs agent file an annual report (Form L1-L or L1-A) using electronic filing software supplied by the Commission;
- Require that a person communicating with the general public shall file an annual report (Form L1-G) using electronic software supplied by the Commission;
- Specify that both the designation by a represented entity of a governmental affairs agent in its employ to file the annual report on its behalf, and the acknowledgement by the governmental affairs agent of that designation (Form L-2), shall also be made using electronic filing software supplied by the Commission;
- Require that a nonresident governmental affairs agent, represented entity, or person communicating with the general public file the consent to service of process (Form L-3) in connection with the annual report filing, using electronic filing software supplied by the Commission; and
- Substitute the term “represented entity” throughout Subchapter 20, for the term “lobbyist” and amend the definition of “lobbyist” to refer to the definition of “represented entity.”

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The proposed amendments were published in the New Jersey Register on August 6, 2012, and are currently available on the Commission's website at www.elec.state.nj.us. Copies of the Commission's proposal may also be obtained by calling the Commission at (609) 292-8700.

The Commission will conduct a hearing to elicit public comment concerning the proposal on **Tuesday, October 16, 2012** at 11:15 A.M. at:

Election Law Enforcement Commission
Edward J. Farrell Memorial Conference Room
28 West State Street, 12th Floor
Trenton, New Jersey

The Commission invites participation in this hearing and requests that any testimony be limited to no more than ten minutes. Persons wishing to testify at the October 16, 2012 hearing are requested to reserve time to speak by contacting Administrative Assistant Elbia L. Zeppetelli at (609) 292-8700 no later than **Tuesday, October 9, 2012**.

Submit written comments by October 16, 2012 to:

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