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Subject: Election of Officers

The Commission elects its officers at the November meeting.

The Handbook of Practices and Procedures states:

The officers of the Commission are the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson. The term of office of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson is one year, commencing on December 31 of each year. No officer is eligible to succeed himself or herself in the same office in which the officer has served a full term. However, an officer who has served for less than a full term may succeed himself or herself in the same office for a full term; and, where the Chairperson is reelected to office, the incumbent Vice Chairperson is eligible for reelection even though reelection may result in the Vice Chairperson succeeding himself or herself for another full term.

In November 1982, David Rosenberg was elected Chairperson and Debra S. Frank was elected Vice Chairperson of the Commission. Their one-year terms commenced on December 31, 1982, and will expire on December 30, 1983.

The terms of four of the Governor-appointed Commission members expired on October 1, 1983: Robert J. Berton, Roslyn P. Chasan, Debra S. Frank, and Beatrice P. Lawson. The terms of the other three expire on October 1, 1985: James H. Davis, John B. Emerson, and David Rosenberg.

The rule that an officer who has served a full term is not eligible to succeed himself or herself in the same office was adopted by the Commission in 1960. At that time, the terms were two years. In December 1981, the Commission decided to shorten the terms of the officers to one year.

Respectfully submitted,

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