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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

#### **APRIL 6 IS FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE DEADLINE FOR MOST CANDIDATES**

The Ohio Ethics Commission is reminding candidates in the May 5, 1998 primary who are running for state, county, and city offices, and school board offices in school districts with more than 12,000 students, that they are required to file their financial disclosure statements ("disclosure statements") no later than thirty (30) days prior to the first election at which their candidacy will be voted upon. The filing deadline for candidates in the May 5, 1998 primary election is no later than Monday, April 6, 1998. Write-in candidates for these offices are required to file disclosure statements no later than twenty (20) days prior to the election, or by April 16, 1998.

Once statements have been filed with the Ethics Commission by candidates for these offices, they are available for public inspection. Any person may request copies of disclosure statements that have been filed with the Ethics Commission. Copies are available free of charge.

The Ethics Commission is required to assess a late fee against any person who fails to file a disclosure statement by the applicable deadline. The late fee is set on a sliding scale, based on the office for which the individual is running, up to a maximum late filing fee of one-hundred dollars (\$100).

Candidates may obtain blank copies of the financial disclosure statement from the county board of elections or the Ohio Ethics Commission. The Ethics Commission welcomes any questions about the disclosure statements or the filing process. For more information, or blank copies of the disclosure statement, please contact the Ethics Commission at (614) 466-7090.

The Ohio Ethics Commission is an independent agency of state government charged with interpreting and administering the Ohio Ethics Law for many state and local public officials

and employees. The Commission has been serving the public, and state and local governments, since its formation as part of the Ohio Ethics Law in 1973.