

**CAMPAIGN FUND LAW  
SETS 3-YEAR LIMIT**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (UPI) — A loophole in the new campaign finance law permits those who made and received illegal campaign contributions during the 1972 Congressional races to avoid prosecution, a spokesman for the Watergate prosecutors said today.

It also puts pressure on the special Watergate prosecutor, Henry S. Ruth, to speed indictments for campaign contribution violators or lose the cases.

The Federal Election Campaign Act, signed by President Ford Oct. 16, retroactively changed the statute of limitations for criminal violations from five to three years. Thus, those who made or received illegal campaign contributions before Jan. 1, 1972, cannot be indicted once the law goes into effect Jan. 1.

This means the Justice Department and the special prosecutor's office will have to act within six weeks to indict those who made or received illegal contributions between January and April, 1972.

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