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Go Along With Commission,
Despite Lack of Action
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WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 —

Both major parties are telling their Presidential and Congressional candidates to follow regulations drafted by the Federal Election Commission, despite the fact that they have not been cleared by Congress.

Officials at the Democratic National Committee said today that the party was advising all its national candidates and those seeking Senate and House seats to tailor their campaign reports to the detailed specifications the commission submitted to Congress late last year.

Critics Weakened

State and local Democratic committees are also being urged to comply with the regulation on allocation (dividing the cost of a joint political appearance among candidates who share a platform) that was sent to Capitol Hill for review only this week.

Republican leaders made it clear at a weekend meeting of state chairmen in Chicago that they were prepared to go along with all the commission's proposals, despite Congressional objections that may delay their full effectiveness.

This bipartisan acceptance, while not necessarily demonstrating enthusiasm for the new political supervision, appeared to weaken the position of Congressional critics of the election agency who have threatened to curb its authority.

With virtually all candidates

pledged to respect the campaign rules as devised by the commission, the only recourse for opponents like Representative Wayne L. Hays, Democrat of Ohio, appeared to be to force one or more floor votes of disapproval on regulations they found unacceptable.

Two commission regulations have already been disapproved on the floor. One, making members politically accountable for their office funds during election years, by the Senate and the other, on filing of reports, by the House.

Mr. Hays has called for shorter, simpler campaign rules, but he might encounter difficulty in assembling majorities on the House floor to vote down regulations, however questionable, that are part of a long-range political reform movement.

Only If Disapproved

Under present law, a commission regulation goes into effect automatically 30 legislative or working days after its submission to Congress unless one house or the other disapproves it during that period. This usually amounts to about three calendar months.

Now pending before Congress are revised versions of the office account and filing regulations and others dealing with disclosure of campaign contributions and spending, allocation of expenses among candidates, primary matching funds and convention financing.

Before the commission is done, it will submit another four or five regulations. All of them are designed to fill in gaps in the campaign law, carrying out the intent of Congress and insuring uniform compliance with its requirements by all candidates and party committees.