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STATE HOUSE, BOSTON -- Governor Francis W. Sargent today appointed the five members of the Corrupt Practices Commission.

In making his announcement the Governor said: "This Commission, which was approved overwhelmingly in a November referendum, will play an important part in restoring public confidence in the elective process."

Campaign financing abuses, the horror stories of Watergate and corruption at the highest levels of government, have badly shaken the public's faith in their elected leaders and in the political system. The public has a right to better protection and stronger enforcement agencies.

"This Commission will be empowered to investigate any conduct of any person in connection with any campaign for nomination or election to any political office in the state.

"It will have the powers needed to make it effective and I have named people who by their background and experience use those powers to properly safeguard the public."

The Governor named:

JUDGE JACOB J. SPIEGEL, 780 Boylston Street, Boston is a retired Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. He is a graduate of Boston University Law School and currently associated with the law firm of Widett & Widett.

ROBERTA I. BENJAMIN, 164 Prospect Street, Belmont is a former President of the National Organization of Women (N.O.W.) and currently a Co-Chairwoman of the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women and a student at Harvard Law School.

MARGARET A. LYNCH, 36 Sohier Street, Cohasset is a former President of the League of Women Voters and a Staff Assistant in the Executive Office of Educational Affairs.

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MORRIS GOLDINGS, 54 Valentine Park, West Newton is a partner in the law firm of Mahoney, Atwood and Goldings. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School and currently Legal Counsel to the University of Massachusetts Dormitory Authority and the Massachusetts State College System.

CORNELIUS J. MORIARTY, JR., 6 Dartmouth Terrace, Holyoke is an Attorney and C.P.A. with his own firm in Holyoke. He was one of the prime architects of the Corrupt Practices Legislation which ultimately was approved on the ballot.