

## EXECUTIVE ORDERS

6. Executive Order 56 is repealed, effective March 10, 1979.

Given, under my hand and seal this 8th day of  
 [SEAL] February, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine  
 hundred and seventy-nine, and of the Independence of  
 the United States, the two hundredth and third.

/s/ BRENDAN BYRNE,  
*Governor.*

Attest:

/s/ HAROLD L. HODES,  
*Deputy Chief of Staff, Acting Secretary.*

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

## EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 72

WHEREAS, A basic tenet of democracy is the participation of its  
 citizens in government; and

WHEREAS, There exists a disturbing trend of declining election  
 turnout; both in New Jersey and throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, This is demonstrated in the last statewide general elec-  
 tion where only 39.3% of eligible citizens actually voted; and

WHEREAS, Over 1.6 million citizens do not have the right of  
 franchise because of their failure to register to vote; and

WHEREAS, The State continues to have substantial interest in en-  
 couraging increased voter participation by its citizens;

Now, THEREFORE, I, Brendan Byrne, Governor of the State of  
 New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Consti-  
 tution and statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. There is hereby created a Voter Registration Advisory  
 Council which shall advise the Governor and recommend programs  
 and other efforts the State shall engage in to increase State voter  
 registration and participation.

a. The Council shall consist of 25 members appointed by the  
 Governor for terms of 3 years, except that of the first 25 members,

13 shall be appointed for a term of 3 years, and 12 for a term of 2 years. The term of each of the members first appointed shall be designated by the Governor at the time of appointment.

b. The Secretary of State shall be appointed Chairman.

c. The Chairmen of the Republican and Democratic State Committees shall be appointed members of the Council.

d. The other 22 members shall be broadly representative of the citizens of the State and have a concern over the declining voter participation.

e. All members of the Council shall be residents of the State.

f. Each Council member shall hold office for the term of the appointment and until a successor shall have been qualified and appointed.

g. Council vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the Governor for the remainder of the unexpired term.

h. The Council shall organize itself pursuant to the terms of this Executive Order and enact bylaws as deemed necessary to carry forth the responsibilities of the Council.

2. The Council shall meet at the call of the Chairman and shall report annually to the Governor on its activities.

3. The Council members shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, subject to the availability of funds therefor.

4. The Council may make recommendations to the Governor concerning review of current voter registration activities, implementation of new programs, promotional activities and other methods to reverse the declining rate of voter registration in the State of New Jersey.

5. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Given, under my hand and seal this 4th day of April,  
[SEAL] in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-nine, and of the Independence of the United States, two hundredth and third.

/s/ BRENDAN BYRNE,  
Governor.

Attest:

/s/ ROBERT E. MULCAHY, III,  
Chief of Staff, Executive Secretary.