

## EXECUTIVE ORDERS

3. During the vacancy of the position of Director, the Deputy Director shall have all the rights and duties of the Director as specified herein.

4. This Order shall take effect immediately.

[SEAL] Given, under my hand and seal this 2nd day of April, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy, and of the Independence of the United States, the one hundred and ninety-fourth.

/s/ WILLIAM T. CAHILL,  
*Governor.*

Attest:

/s/ JEAN E. MULFORD  
*Acting Secretary to the Governor.*

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

## EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 5

WHEREAS, In order to meet the immediate fiscal crisis existing in New Jersey at the time of my inauguration, the Legislature enacted and I signed into law several bills to raise needed revenues; and

WHEREAS, Although they resolved the immediate crisis, these measures cannot solve the long range problems of meeting the future fiscal needs of the State and local governments and of providing for the equitable distribution of the cost of government; and

WHEREAS, The present tax structure, which has developed piecemeal over the years without due regard for its overall effect on the economy, results in the raising of essential revenues in a manner which is inequitable to many persons in the State particularly the inordinate burden borne by local property owners; and

WHEREAS, It is generally agreed that tax reform in New Jersey is long overdue; and

WHEREAS, It is essential to any such reform that an immediate and thorough examination be undertaken of the existing State and

local tax structure, the present and future revenue requirements for providing governmental services at all levels of government, and the roles of the various levels of government in raising such revenues and providing such services; and

WHEREAS, Only after such examination can meaningful recommendations for tax reform be developed to meet future revenue requirements and to provide an equitable distribution of the cost of government; and

WHEREAS, Such examination and recommendations can best be undertaken and made by a study committee of citizens and residents of this State which will have the full support of the State government and the ability to conduct public hearings and utilize the services of experts and consultants in various fields, including but not limited to, those of taxation, finance, education and welfare costs, to the end that the committee shall make such recommendations which will provide the most equitable, economically and effective means of financing the legitimate and proper needs of our citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM T. CAHILL, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. There is hereby created the New Jersey Tax Policy Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee") composed of 40 members, all of whom shall be citizens and residents of the State and shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Governor. Two members of the Committee shall be appointed from among the membership of the State Senate with the recommendation of the President of the Senate, and four members of the Committee shall be appointed from among the membership of the State Assembly with the recommendation of the Speaker of the Assembly, provided that there shall be equal political representation of membership from each of the two legislative houses. The remaining members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Governor so as to provide a broad spectrum of viewpoints with respect to tax reform, and shall include representatives of State and local government, business and labor, taxpayers, professions and other persons knowledgeable in major areas of governmental services and methods of raising revenue by government. The 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.

2. The Governor shall designate a chairman and a vice-chairman of the Committee. The chairman shall preside over the meetings and affairs of the Committee and shall create such sub-committees as he deems appropriate to carry out the functions of the Committee. The chairman shall direct any such sub-committees to render such interim reports to the Committee as he determines appropriate. The chairman shall have such further powers and duties as may be conferred upon him by the Governor. In the absence of the chairman, the vice-chairman shall have all the powers and duties of the chairman.

3. The Committee shall conduct a thorough study and investigation of the following:

(a) The constitutional and statutory provisions relating to taxes imposed by the State and its political subdivisions.

(b) The existing and future demand for governmental services at all levels within the State of New Jersey.

(c) The ability of the various levels of government to raise the revenues necessary to provide present and future governmental services.

(d) The proper and efficient allocation of costs among the various levels of government of the present and future governmental services.

(e) Methods of providing revenues to finance governmental services in a manner to provide for the equitable distribution of the cost of government among all the taxpayers in the State.

4. The Committee shall render to the Governor such interim reports as it may deem appropriate, or as the Governor may request, and upon completion of its work, the Committee shall render to the Governor a full report of its findings and recommendations for tax reform. The Committee shall proceed promptly with its study and investigation so as to make its final recommendations in as short a time as is consistent with the nature of the study to be undertaken.

5. Within the limits of funds available therefor, the Committee shall have the power to incur such expenses as may be necessary in

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order to exercise the powers conferred and to perform the duties imposed by this Order. The Committee may retain such professional personnel and clerical and technical assistants as it may require and may provide for the printing, advertising and publication of its proceedings and all interim and final reports promulgated by the Committee. All expenses incurred shall be approved by the chairman of the Committee and shall be submitted to the Treasurer of the State upon vouchers and warrants.

6. In order to carry out its functions, the Committee is authorized to conduct such public hearings and to solicit such information from the public and any other source as it deems appropriate. Notice of such public hearings shall be given in such manner as the chairman may direct so as to provide an opportunity for interested members of the public to be heard.

7. (a) The Committee is authorized to call upon any department, office, division or agency of the State to supply such statistical data, program reports, and other information or personnel and materials as it deems necessary to discharge its responsibilities under this Order.

(b) Each department, office, division or agency of the State is authorized and directed, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate with the Committee and to furnish it such information and assistance as it may find necessary in the discharge of its responsibilities under this Order.

8. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Given, under my hand and seal this 22nd day of  
[SEAL] April, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine  
hundred and seventy, and of the Independence of the  
United States, the one hundred and ninety-fourth.

/s/ WILLIAM T. CAHILL,  
*Governor.*

Attest:

/s/ JEAN E. MULFORD  
*Acting Secretary to the Governor.*