

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

## EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 28

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 that:

1. Friday, December 24, 1971 (the day preceding Christmas Day) be declared an extra holiday for State employees.

2. Friday, December 31, 1971 (the day preceding New Year's Day) be declared an extra holiday for State employees.

[SEAL] Given, under my hand and seal this 30th day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-one, and of the Independence of the United States, the one hundred and ninety-sixth.

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

Attest:

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

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WHEREAS, In 1964, the commission created by Joint Resolution No. 7 of that year to study capital punishment and to weigh the need for its continuance or abolition, concluded, although not unanimously, that capital punishment should be retained; it did agree unanimously that the penalty provision involving life imprisonment should be increased so that no one sentenced to life imprisonment would be eligible for parole for a period of at least 30 years; the majority further recommended a review of the subject of capital punishment after the recommended increased penalty for life imprisonment had been in effect for a reasonable period of time; and

WHEREAS, Although an increased penalty for life imprisonment has not been effected as recommended by said commission, there has been increased sentiment favoring abolition of capital punishment since the 1964 study, evidenced, in part, by the steady increase in the number of our sister states that have seen fit to abolish the death penalty in some respect and it is deemed appropriate to again study and review the question of capital punishment;

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 a commission to be known as the Commission to Study Capital Punishment (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission") composed of nine 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. 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 vice-chairman of the Commission. The chairman shall preside over the meetings and affairs of the Commission and 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 Commission shall organize as soon as may be after the appointment of its members and shall select a secretary who need not be a member of the Commission.

4. It shall be the duty of the Commission to study the subject of capital punishment, to evaluate the conditions under which it has been applied in New Jersey and its relative merits as compared with a purported deleterious moral and social effect. It shall be the further duty of the Commission to inquire into possible effects which abolition of the death penalty may have as a deterrent to certain crimes and on law enforcement and to evaluate the experience in those states and countries which do not have the death penalty. In conducting its studies, the Commission shall be guided by the imperative need of respect for and adherence to the law, and the need for revision of the law toward the end that it shall be compatible with modern moral, social, and scientific concepts.

5. Within the limits of funds available therefor, the Commission shall have the power to incur such expenses as may be necessary in order to exercise the powers conferred and to perform the duties imposed by this Order. Subject to the availability of funds, the Commission 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 Commission. All expenses incurred shall be approved by the chairman of the Commission and shall be submitted to the Treasurer of the State upon vouchers and warrants.

6. In order to carry out its functions, the Commission is authorized to conduct such public hearings and to solicit such information from the public and other sources as it deems appropriate. Notice of such 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 Commission is authorized to call upon any department, office, division or agency of the State to supply such statistical data, 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 Commission and to furnish it such information and assistance as it may find necessary in the discharge of its responsibilities under this Order.

8. The Commission shall make its report to the Legislature and to the Governor at the earliest date practical and its report may include recommendations for specific changes in the statutory law relating to the subject of capital punishment.

9. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Given, under my hand and seal this 21st day of  
[SEAL] October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-one, and of the Independence of the United States, the one hundred and ninety-sixth.

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

Attest:

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