

quarterly progress reports on housing sales and rental revisions for the first year and semi-annually thereafter.

10. The provisions of this Executive Order shall not apply to armories or other military facilities governed by N. J. S. 38A:12-5, nor to dormitories and other student housing currently administered by the trustees of the State colleges.

11. This Order shall take effect January 1, 1983.

Issued September 8, 1982.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 16

WHEREAS, The Declaration of Independence states that it is the natural right of a free people to govern themselves; and

WHEREAS, The 15th Amendment of the United States Constitution recognizes the right to vote as a paramount right; and

WHEREAS, Article 2, paragraph 3, of the New Jersey Constitution acknowledges the importance of voting by all competent citizens, 18 years of age and older; and

WHEREAS, The nation's voting-age population has grown larger and younger as the baby-boom generation becomes of voting age; and

WHEREAS, The U. S. Census Bureau predicts that two of every five persons of voting age will be 25 to 44 years old, and one in five will be under 25 years old; and

WHEREAS, The U. S. Census Bureau predicts that only 32.5 percent of the voting-age population will actually exercise their franchise in 1982, an all-time low in voter participation; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the people of New Jersey that as many people as possible participate in the process of government, and that voting is the fundamental means of participation;

Now, THEREFORE, I, Thomas H. Kean, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution 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 three years; except that of the first 25 members, 13 shall be appointed for a term of three years, and 12 for a term of two 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.

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.

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