

1. d. The Governor shall designate the Chairperson of the Council from among the members of the Council and appoint the Executive Director. Both positions shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The same member may serve as Chairperson and Executive Director. The Council members shall choose a Vice-Chairperson from among the members of the Council.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued June 18, 1986.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 143

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 participation in the election process by all competent citizens, 18 years of age and older; and

WHEREAS, There is a continuing need to review and revise the laws governing elections in our State to foster democracy;

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 an Election Advisory Council, which shall review our State's election procedures, recommend to the Governor revisions in our election laws and develop programs to increase voter participation in our election process.

2. The Council shall consist of 13 members:

a. The Secretary of State, who shall also serve as Chairperson of the Council;

b. The Chairpersons of the Republican and Democratic State Committees, or their respective designees, who shall serve ex officio;

c. Two representatives from the New Jersey Association of Election Officials, one Republican and one Democrat, who shall be

appointed by the Governor for terms of two years, but of the initial appointees, one shall serve for a term of one year and one shall serve for a term of two years;

d. One representative from the State Association of County Clerks, who shall be appointed by the Governor for a term of two years;

e. Seven residents of our State, appointed by the Governor for terms of two years, who shall possess broad knowledge and expertise in the election process in New Jersey. Four of the appointees, however, shall be appointed to initial terms of one year.

3. Members shall continue to serve after the expiration of their terms until a successor is appointed and qualified. All vacancies shall be filled by the Governor for the remaining portions of the unexpired terms. Members shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for any reasonable expenses incurred while carrying out their duties hereunder.

4. The Council shall meet at the call of the Chairman.

5. By May 1 of each year, the Council shall submit to the Governor a written report outlining the critical election concerns in our State and proposing legislative or other action which should be taken to address these concerns.

6. Executive Order No. 16 of September 16, 1982 is hereby revoked.

7. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued July 9, 1986.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 144

WHEREAS, On May 30, 1986, I created by Executive Order No. 140 the Constitutional Bicentennial Commission in the Department of State for the purpose of implementing New Jersey's celebration of the 200th anniversary of our ratification of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, The Commission is currently composed of 29 members, including the Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court, the Attorney General and the Secretary of State, among other distinguished members; and