tion, personnel and assistance as necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order.

7. This Order shall take effect immediately.

[SEAL] Given, under my hand and seal this 13th day of April in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven, of the Independence of the United States the two hundredth and first.

/s/ BRENDAN BYRNE, Governor.

Attest:
/s/ JOHN J. DEGAN, Executive Secretary to the Governor.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 54

WHEREAS, Boards, commissions, committees and councils are frequently established without provision for their termination upon achievement of their purpose; and

WHEREAS, The number of boards, commissions, committees and councils are proliferating needlessly; and

WHEREAS, A program should be established to provide for periodic review to end this proliferation of boards, commissions, committees and councils;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brendan T. Byrne, 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. Each department of this State shall during the month of December of each calendar year, report to the Office of Governor's Counsel, as to whether or not those boards within its jurisdiction should be continued, with the justification set forth for such continuation.
2. Where a board has a roster of current members, the board shall be requested by the department within which it is located to comment upon the need for its continued existence.

3. On or before February 15, the Office of Governor's Counsel shall issue a report to the Governor and Legislature on the activities of each board, together with legislation to repeal or amend the authorization, duties, or composition of any board for which such action is necessary.

4. Such legislation shall be offered for introduction by Governor's Counsel no later than March 1 of each calendar year.

5. Any board established by executive order shall terminate on the first day of the third March following its establishment unless otherwise indicated in the executive order or unless renewed by executive order.

6. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Given, under my hand and seal this 20th day of April [seal] in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven of the Independence of the United States the two hundredth and first.

/s/ BRENDAN BYRNE,
Governor.

Attest:

/s/ JOHN J. DEGNAN,
Executive Secretary to the Governor.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 55

Whereas, There exists a continuing need for the review and analysis of the fiscal position of State and local government; and

Whereas, The passage of significant legislation reforming the State's tax structure and imposing mandatory limits on increases in government spending creates new challenges and opportunities for government at all levels; and