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OFFICE OF
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GOVERNOR'S SELECT COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS

WHEREAS, the power to nominate, and subjected to confirmation, to appoint all judicial officers is vested with the Governor by virtue of Article 5, Part 1, Section 8 of the Constitution of Maine; and

WHEREAS, such responsibility requires full and complete information and background as well as evaluation and close attention to each potential candidate; and

WHEREAS, there exists valuable expertise that would aid the Governor and could advise him;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH E. BRENNAN, Governor of the State of Maine, do establish THE GOVERNOR'S SELECT COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS, the structure and function of which will be as follows:

- (1) The Board shall consist of four or more persons appointed by the Governor to serve at his pleasure. The chairman of the Board shall be designated by the Governor. All members of the Board will be Maine citizens and members of the bar who have demonstrated such qualities in their private and professional lives that would assist them in evaluating candidates.
- (2) The Board shall meet at the call of the chairman. At least seven days notice shall be given to members prior to the meeting. The Board shall receive \$45.00 per diem compensation plus expenses.
- (3) The Board will investigate, evaluate and provide advice on all potential candidates for judicial appointments. The final decision in any case will rest solely with the Governor.

- (4) The administrative procedures to be employed by the Board will be determined in conjunction with, and at the direction of, the Governor.


JOSEPH E. BRENNAN, Governor