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GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY BOARD ON EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

WHEREAS, with the abolition of the Executive Council, the sole discretion to grant reprieves, pardons and commutations is vested with the Governor by virtue of Article 5, Part 1, Section 11 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 particular applicant for a reprieve, pardon or commutation; and

WHEREAS, there exists valuable citizen 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 ADVISORY BOARD ON EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY, THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION OF WHICH WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board shall consist of three 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 who have demonstrated humanitarian concern as well as thorough knowledge of the criminal justice system, and who have demonstrated such qualities in the private and professional lives that would assist time in evaluating the rehabilitation of persons convicted under our criminal justice laws.
2. The Board shall meet at the call of the Chairman but no less than every two months. 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 applications for gubernatorial clemency. 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.
5. The Governor may provide the Board with the power to terminate any individual application whenever they deem it appropriate.


JOSEPH E. BRENNAN, GOVERNOR