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OFFICE OF  
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 11FY 78/79 (amended)

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MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, there is a need for the various municipalities of the State of Maine and State Government to work closely together to seek solutions to common problems in a manner that will be beneficial to the people of Maine, and

WHEREAS, it is important that representatives of the municipalities be able to effectively voice their concerns on a variety of matters which affect the quality of life in Maine communities and the future development of those communities from legislative matters and the spending of public funds to the responsiveness of government agencies and the policies those agencies adopt, and

WHEREAS, both the Governor and the municipalities need to jointly direct their attention to a discussion of significant issues that will improve mutual understanding and make a foundation for more creative and practical responses to problems, and

WHEREAS, effective government can best be accomplished when the channels for communication between the various levels of government are fully open on a regular and organized basis,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Governor Joseph E. Brennan, do create a Governor's Municipal Advisory Council. Of the 12 members, there shall be one each from the following six groups: the Maine Conference of Mayors, the Maine Association of Assessing Officers, the Maine Municipal Association, the Maine Town and City Clerks Association, the Maine Town and City Managers Association, and the Maine Association of Regional Councils. The Regional Council member shall be a municipal official from a council's governing board. Six others shall be named by the Governor. The Executive Director of the Maine Municipal Association shall participate in an advisory capacity.

The term of each appointed member shall be for two years or until a successor is appointed. In the case of a vacancy other than the expiration of a term, the appointment of a successor shall be made in like manner for the balance of the term. The Council shall elect a chairman, vice chairman and secretary from among its membership, and shall meet at the call of the chairman not less than four times a year. The Council shall advise the Governor on any matters which it feels have substantial impact on the future desirable development of Maine municipalities and the quality of life of their residents.

  
JOSEPH E. BRENNAN, GOVERNOR