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THE GOVERNOR

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#### GOVERNOR'S 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, John R. McKernan, Jr., Governor of the State of Maine, do establish the GOVERNOR'S BOARD ON EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY, the structure and function of which will be as follows:

#### Membership

The Board shall consist of three persons appointed by the Governor to serve at his pleasure. The Chair 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 their private and professional lives that would assist them in evaluating the rehabilitation of persons convicted under our criminal justice laws.

#### Meetings

The Board shall meet at the call of the Chair but no less than every two months. Notice shall be given to members at least seven days prior to the meeting.

#### Compensation

Members of the Board shall serve without compensation. Reimbursement of all necessary expenditures incurred by members while in the performance of their duties on the Board which are allowed by State law shall be administered by the Governor's Office.

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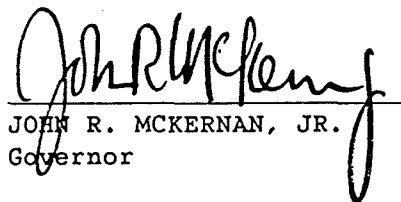
Purpose

The Board will investigate, evaluate and provide advice on all applications for executive clemency. The final decision to grant clemency in any case will rest solely with the Governor. The Governor may provide the Board with the power to terminate any individual application whenever it deems it appropriate.

Administration

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

The effective date of this Order is January 16, 1987. This Order supercedes Executive Order 6 FY 78/79.

  
JOHN R. MCKERNAN, JR.  
Governor