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OFFICE OF  
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 4 FY 87/88  
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AN ORDER REESTABLISHING  
THE GOVERNOR'S SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS

WHEREAS, Article 5, Part 1, Section 8 of the Constitution of Maine vests the Governor with the power to nominate, and, subject to confirmation, to appoint all Maine judicial officers; and

WHEREAS, such responsibility requires thorough background information on, evaluation of and close personal attention to each potential candidate; and

WHEREAS, there exist Maine citizens who can offer valuable expertise which will aid and advise the Governor in the selection of potential candidates; and

WHEREAS, former Governors have sought the advice of members of the Maine Bar with respect to judicial appointments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN R. MCKERNAN, JR., Governor of the State of Maine, do reestablish THE GOVERNOR'S SELECT COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS, the structure and function of which shall be as follows:

Purpose

The Committee shall investigate, evaluate and provide advice on all potential candidates for judicial appointments. The final decision in any case shall rest solely with the Governor.

Membership

The Committee shall consist of five or more persons appointed by the Governor to serve at his pleasure. The Chairman of the Committee shall be named by the Governor.

All members of the Committee shall be Maine citizens and members of the Maine Bar who have demonstrated those qualities in their private and professional lives which would assist them in evaluating candidates.

Meetings

The Committee shall meet at the call of the Chairman. At least seven days notice shall be given to members prior to each meeting.

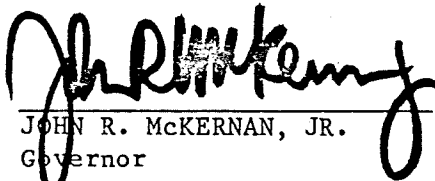
Compensation

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

Administration

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

The effective date of this Order is August 26, 1987. This Order supercedes Executive Order 5 FY 78/79.

  
JOHN R. MCKERNAN, JR.  
Governor