

STATELAWLIBRADY AUGUSTA, MAINE Executive Order NO. <u>9 FY 94/9</u>5 OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR DATE February 10, 1995

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 certain Maine judicial officers;

WHEREAS, this responsibility requires a thorough evaluation of the qualifications and background of each potential candidate; and

WHEREAS, members of the Maine Bar have valuable expertise that will aid the Governor in the selection of potential candidates and have advised prior Governors in judicial appointments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGUS S. KING, 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 to the Governor 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. Executive Order 9 FY 94/95 February 10, 1995 Page 2

#### Meetings

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The Committee shall meet at the call of the Chairman. At least seven days notice shall be given to members prior to each meeting, unless urgent circumstances require shorter notice.

## **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.

# Effective Date

The effective date of this Order is February 10, 1995. This Order supercedes Executive Order 4 FY 87/88.

.TR Governor