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OFFICE OF  
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 6 FY 96/97  
DATE May 22, 1997

**AN ORDER REVISING THE MAINE  
JUSTICE ASSISTANCE COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, the Justice Assistance Act of 1984 created the Justice Assistance Grant program and called for the statewide coordination of criminal justice improvement projects by public officials within each state; and

**WHEREAS**, the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986 created the Local and State Narcotics Assistance Program to implement narcotics enforcement grant programs to states; and

**WHEREAS**, the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 created the Drug Control and System Improvement Formula Grant Program and requires that a statewide strategy to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, with emphasis on drug trafficking, violent offenders, and serious crime, be developed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, amends the Omnibus Crime and Safe Streets Act of 1968, the Justice Assistance Act of 1984, the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986, and the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 to allow grants to increase police presence, to expand and improve cooperative efforts between law enforcement agencies and members of the community to address crime and disorder problems, and otherwise to enhance public safety;

**WHEREAS**, each state is encouraged to establish a broad-based policy board to serve as a forum for communication and a structure for coordination in the development of the statewide strategy,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Angus S. King, Jr., Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby revise and consolidate the responsibilities of the Maine Justice Assistance Council concerning the Justice Assistance Act of 1984, the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986, the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, and Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994.

## **1. Purpose**

The Maine Justice Assistance Council shall operate as the broad-based policy board recommended to fulfill responsibilities pursuant to the Justice Assistance Act of 1984, the State and Local Narcotics Assistance Program of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986, the Drug Control and System Improvement Program of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, and Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994.

## **2. Membership**

Members of the Council shall include the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety or his designee; the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections or his designee; the Department of Corrections Associate Commissioner of Adult Services or her designee; the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court or his designee; the Attorney General or his designee; the Director of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy; the Law Enforcement Coordinating Council (L.E.C.C.) coordinator, U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Maine; the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Director of the Office of Substance Abuse Services or her designee; and the Chairperson of the Maine Commission on Domestic Abuse or her designee.

In addition, the Governor shall appoint the following members to the Council: one sheriff, two police chiefs, a district attorney, a representative of a state law enforcement agency, a representative of a domestic abuse prevention organization, and a victim services representative.

## **3. Terms of Membership**

Members of the Council requiring appointment shall be appointed by the Governor for terms of three years or until a successor is appointed and shall be eligible for reappointment at the discretion of the Governor.

## **4. Officers**

The Chair of the Council shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor for a term of three years or until a successor is appointed and shall be eligible for reappointment at the discretion of the Governor.

## **5. Functions and Duties**

- a) The Council shall be responsible for:
  - i) Establishing policies and priorities in regard to the Justice Assistance Act, the State and Local Narcotics Assistance Program established by the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986, the Drug Control and System Improvement Program established by the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, and the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. With respect to Narcotics Enforcement matters, the Council shall provide full opportunity for the Intergovernmental Drug Enforcement Policy Board to present recommendations for funding priorities;
  - ii) Issuing requests for proposals and other appropriate information pertaining to the Justice Assistance Act, the Anti-Drug Abuse Acts of 1986 and 1988, and the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994;
  - iii) Receiving funding applications and making funding recommendations; and
  - iv) Responding to other requirements as necessary and appropriate.
- b) The Department of Public Safety is designated as the State Office responsible for:
  - i) Preparing applications to obtain funds, to include a statewide strategy to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system;
  - ii) Administering funds received from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, including receipt, review technical assistance, grant adjustments, accounting, auditing, and fund disbursement;
  - iii) Providing for the fulfillment of any other necessary requirements pursuant to the Justice Assistance Act and the Anti-Drug Abuse Acts of 1986 and 1988, and the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994; and
  - iv) Coordinating the distribution of funds provided under the Anti-Drug Abuse Acts of 1986 and 1988, and the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, with state agencies receiving federal funds for drug abuse education, prevention, treatment, and research activities and programs.

**6. Meetings**

The Council shall meet at the call of the Chair.

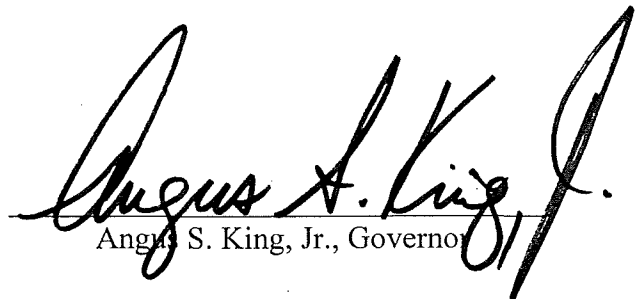
**7. Compensation**

Members of the Justice Assistance Council may be reimbursed for travel expenses. Such expense may be paid from funds available under this federal block grant directly or through an employee of the state office responsible for the administration of this grant and approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety.

This Order supercedes Executive Order 10 FY 94/95 dated March 7, 1995, "An Order Amending Executive Order 10 FY 91/92".

**8. Effective Date**

The effective date of this Executive Order is May 22, 1997.



August S. King, Jr., Governor