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## AN ORDER TO AMEND THE ORDER REESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S SELECT COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS

WHEREAS, Article V, part I, section 8 of the Constitution of Maine vests the Governor with the power to nominate and, subject to confirmation, appoint specified Maine judicial officers; and

WHEREAS, there is established the Governor's Select Committee on Judicial Appointments (hereinafter "Committee"), which committee was reestablished on 10 February 1995 through Executive Order 9 FY 94/95; and

WHEREAS, the present structure of the Committee has evolved since that time; and

WHEREAS, the important work of the Committee in its selection of candidates for the Maine Judicial Branch requires that the information received and created by the Committee is received and created with full candor; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Freedom of Access Act was amended after issuance of Executive Order 9 FY 94/95 in a manner that affects the proceedings of advisory committees established by Executive Order:

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, John E. Baldacci, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby amend Executive Order 9 FY 94/95 in the following manner:

With respect to membership: The Committee shall consist of five (5) or more members, who shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Governor.

With respect to information received or created by the Committee for its internal use, documents in possession of members of the Committee shall not be public records within the meaning of the Freedom of Access Act, Title 1, Chapter 13, subchapter I et seq. of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated. To the extent that the Committee provides documents to the Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary, or the Office of the Governor, those documents shall be treated as records of the party receiving them for purposes of determining the applicability of the Freedom of Access Act.

In all other respects, the terms of Executive Order 9 FY 94/95 (dated 10 February 1995) remain the same.

## Effective Date

The effective date of this Executive Order is 14 May 2003.

Save for Executive Order 9 FY 94/95 (dated 10 February 1995), this Executive Order revokes and replaces all prior Executive Orders that establish entities whose function is the same or substantially the same as the Committee.

ohn E. Baldacci, Governor