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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 20 FY 06/07
DATE August 17, 2006

**AN ORDER TO AMEND THE AMENDMENTS TO 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 amended by Executive Order 12 FY 02/03 and Executive Order 39 FY 04/05; and

WHEREAS, the restructuring of the Committee to allow for appointment of members who, although involved in the judicial system or knowledgeable in legal and judicial matters, do not hold a license to practice law in the State of Maine, will create a more diverse and balanced Committee; and

WHEREAS, a well-rounded Committee representing many interests in the judiciary will help ensure the nomination and appointment of the most qualified candidates to represent the State of Maine as judicial officers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John E. Baldacci, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby amend Executive Orders 9 FY 94/95, 12 FY 02/03 and 39 FY 04/05:

By amending the Membership as follows:

All members of the Committee must be citizens of the State of Maine who:

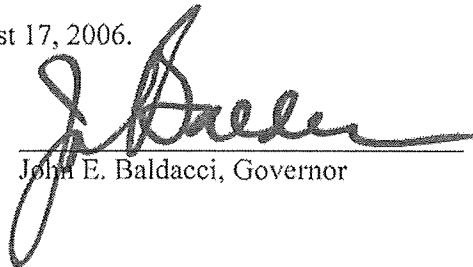
- (1) maintain a license in good standing to practice law in the State of Maine; or*
- (2) participate substantially, or have participated substantially in the past, as a layperson in the judicial or legal system, whether by profession or by volunteer activities; or*

(3) demonstrate superior knowledge and interest in matters involving the judicial or legal system, and, who have exhibited those qualities in their private and professional lives which would assist them in evaluating candidates for judicial office.

In all other respects, the terms of Executive Order 9 FY 94/95 (dated 10 February 1995) as amended by Executive Order 12 FY 02/03 (dated 14 May 2003) and Executive Order 39 FY 04/05 (dated 03 May 2005) remain the same.

Effective Date

The effective date of this Executive Order is August 17, 2006.



John E. Baldacci, Governor