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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 2015-003
DATE February 27, 2015

**AN ORDER TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS TO SERVE ON 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, Executive Order 39 FY 04/05 and Executive Order 20 FY 06/07; and

WHEREAS, the restructuring of the Committee to allow for appointment of a member who, will serve as a representative from the Governor's Office, will expedite the judicial selection process; 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, Paul R. LePage, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby amend Executive Orders 9 FY 94/95, 12 FY 02/03, 39 FY 04/05, and 20 FY 06/07:

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 evaluation and selection among a pool of qualified candidates for professional positions, and, who have exhibited those qualities in their private and

professional lives which would assist them in evaluating candidates for judicial office; or (4) serve as a representative of the Governor's Office.

In all other respects, the terms of Executive Order 9 FY 94/95 as amended by Executive Order 12 FY 02/03, Executive Order 39 FY 04/05, and Executive Order 20 FY 06/07 remain the same.

The effective date of this Executive order is February 27, 2015.


Paul R. LePage, Governor