

The Governor

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Executive Order

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ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S LAW ENFORCEMENT COUNCIL

WHEREAS, providing for the safety and security of its citizens is the primary concern of Texas state government; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas appropriates \$1.25 billion annually on law enforcement and corrections activities; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to bring together leaders of law enforcement agencies, both state and local, for strategic planning purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ann W. Richards, Governor of Texas, do hereby create and establish the Governor's Law Enforcement Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council.

I. Organization

A. The Council is composed of:

- (1) the president of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association;
- (2) the president of the Sheriff's Association of Texas;
- (3) the president of the Texas Police Chiefs' Association;
- (4) the director of the Texas Department of Public Safety;
- (5) the director of the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office, who will serve as Chair; and
- (6) three other law enforcement representatives appointed by the governor to serve for a term expiring on January 31, 1992.

B. The Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office shall provide the Council with staff support.

II. Duties

The Council shall:

- A. advise and assist the Governor on state policies, plans, programs, and proposed legislation for law enforcement and crime prevention;
- B. monitor and evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of state law enforcement programs and seek ways to improve the performance of such programs;
- C. recommend policies and standards for the award of grants to local units of government by the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office for law enforcement programs; and
- D. perform other duties as necessary to improve and enhance the law enforcement policies, plans, and programs of the state.

This executive order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until modified, amended, or rescinded by me.

Given under my hand this 8th day of February, 1991.

Issued in Austin, Texas, on February 8, 1991.

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Ann W. Richards
Governor of Texas

