

## Executive Order

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WHEREAS, community service and volunteerism are at the heart of this state's spirit and strength; and

WHEREAS, encouraging citizens, organizations, and institutions to help solve our most critical problems by volunteering their time, effort, energy, and service enhances the long-term prosperity of Texas and promotes the capabilities of its people; and

WHEREAS, providing the opportunity to perform hands-on community service helps young people develop a sense of connection with their community and become more responsible citizens; and

WHEREAS, Congress passed and the President signed the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993 to reward youth service with education grants; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a comprehensive and coordinated effort to maximize available resources and foster the best volunteer service opportunities from which all Texans will benefit;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ann W. Richards, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the power vested in me, do hereby create Texas State Commission on National Community Service, hereinafter referred to as the Commission.

The Commission is charged with the following responsibilities:

1. Encouraging community service and volunteer participation as a means of community and state problem-solving;
2. Promoting and supporting voluntary citizen involvement in government and private programs throughout the state;
3. Developing a comprehensive national and community service plan for the state that shall be updated annually; and
4. Serving as the state's liaison to the Corporation for National and Community Service and applying for funding under the National and Community Service Trust Act.

The total number of voting members on the Commission shall be at least 15, but not more than 25. The members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Not more than 50% plus one of the members of the Commission shall be from the same political party. The voting members of the Commission who are officers or employees of the state not exceed 25% of the total membership of the Commission. The voting members of the Commission shall select the Commission's chairperson by majority vote. The Commission shall include the following voting members and such other voting members as the Governor may appoint:

1. an individual with expertise in the educational, training, and development needs of youth, particularly disadvantaged youth;
2. an individual with expertise in promoting the involvement of older adults in service and volunteerism;
3. a representative of community-based organizations within the state;
4. the head of the state educational agency;
5. a representative of local governments in the state;
6. a representative of local labor unions in the state;
7. a representative of business;
8. an individual between the ages of 16 and 25 who is a participant or supervisor in a service program; and
9. a representative of a national service program.

A member of the Commission is not entitled to compensation, but is entitled to reimbursement from the General Services Commission for travel expenses incurred in performing the duties of the Commission as provided for members of state boards and commissions in the General Appropriations Act.

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Ann W. Richards  
Governor of Texas

