

## Executive Order

AWR 94-19

Appointment of Secretary of State as Chief Officer

WHEREAS, the 103rd Congress passed House Resolution 2, now known as the National Voter Registration Act of 1993; and

WHEREAS, each state in the Union is required to designate a Chief Officer to carry out the duties of the National Voter Registration Act; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires the State of Texas to implement rules and directives in order to comply with such federal law; and

WHEREAS, this Act will not require the State to amend its constitution but only the laws of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Act will take effect in Texas on January 1, 1995; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature will not convene for its regular session until January 10, 1995;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ann W. Richards, Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby designate the Secretary of State, who also serves as the Chief Election Officer of Texas, as the Chief Officer in charge of carrying out the duties and requirements of the National Voter Registration Act and ensuring all citizens of Texas that this Act will be implemented in a fair manner.

The Secretary of State, in accordance with this Executive Order and pursuant to the authority given to him by the laws of this state, shall issue any rules, guidelines, or directives necessary for the state to comply with the National Voter Registration Act. The Secretary's directives shall remain in effect until superseded by legislative enactments of the 74th Legislature.

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executive order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until modified, amended, or rescinded by me.

Issued in Austin, Texas, on June 8, 1994.

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Ann W. Richards  
Governor of Texas

