



## Executive Order

WPC-1

### Mayors Advisory Committee to the Governor

WHEREAS, many actions by the federal government and the State of Texas through legislation and regulation directly affect Texans living or working in the cities of Texas and their city governments.

WHEREAS, mayors are locally elected, are close to the people, and are able spokespersons for the cities and the citizens residing therein.

WHEREAS, the establishment of a meaningful communication mechanism between the cities and the governor will promote an understanding of problems and issues and will facilitate their resolution through the proper cooperation and coordination of the activities of the Office of the Governor and the mayors of Texas.

WHEREAS, the establishment of a permanent advisory committee of mayors to have direct input to the Governor of Texas and to serve as a sounding board for his policies and programs will greatly assist both the governor and mayors throughout the state in the performance of their duties.

WHEREAS, the Governor of Texas is the highest elected officer of this state and is directed by constitution, statute, and tradition to be the chief spokesman for the State of Texas in dealing with the federal government.

WHEREAS, the Governor of Texas is the proper officer to receive input from and to coordinate state actions with the mayors of the cities of Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby create and establish the Mayors Advisory Committee to the Governor.

Said committee will consist of at least 30 mayors, designated by the governor, broadly representative of each region of the state with a proper balance between cities of various sizes. Members will serve at the pleasure of the governor for terms expiring on the first day of September of even-numbered

years. The governor shall designate a chairman who shall hold such designation at the pleasure of the governor.

Members will serve in a volunteer capacity without state pay and without state reimbursement for travel expenses.

Said committee is directed to meet at least once annually and other times as may be directed by the chairman or the governor.

Said committee shall, in addition to the agenda set by its chairman, make such studies and reports as the governor may from time to time request and shall keep the governor and the other mayors throughout Texas advised as to the committee's activities.

All state agencies in the Executive Department of Texas are hereby directed to assist fully the Mayors Committee in the performance of its duties.

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 February 7, 1979.

Doc. No. 790894      William P. Clements, Jr.  
Governor of Texas

For further information, please call (512) 475-3021.

## Proclamation

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### 55 mph Speed Limit Reinstatement

WHEREAS, Article 6701d, Section 169B, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, provides that the State Highway Commission may establish temporary maximum prima facie speed limits applicable to all highways in this state, including highways under the control of the Texas Turnpike Authority, incorporated cities and towns, and counties if certain circumstances are found to be existing and if specific problems and proper notice to the public are followed in establishing such speed limits; and

WHEREAS, Article 6701d, Section 169B(b)(4), Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, provides that the State Highway Commission may issue an order establishing temporary maximum prima facie speed limits if "The failure to alter State speed limits will prevent the State from receiving revenue for highway purposes from the federal government"; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has enacted, and the President has signed into law, Public Law 93643, 23 U.S.C. 154, which act provides that unless a state establishes a maximum speed limit of 55 miles per hour for any highway within its jurisdiction, the Secretary of Transportation has the authority to withhold federal highway funds from any such state so failing to comply; and

WHEREAS, the State Highway Commission of the State of Texas issued its Finding or Minute Order No. 75237 dated January 31, 1979, finding that a specified maximum speed limit of 55 miles per hour is required by federal law, and that unless the State of Texas establishes a maximum speed limit of 55 miles per hour, the State of Texas is threatened with the