



## Executive Orders

### WPC-7C

*Executive Order WPC-7 as amended by WPC-7A is amended as follows and shall be known as WPC-7 as amended June 28, 1979, Extending Guidelines for Motor Gasoline End-User Allocation to Additional Counties.*

WHEREAS, the same findings and circumstances that existed on June 19, 1979, with regard to Dallas, Harris, and Tarrant Counties, continue to exist; and

WHEREAS, those same findings and circumstances exist additionally in Denton, Fort Bend, Galveston, and Waller Counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby determine and declare that the counties of Denton, Fort Bend, Galveston, and Waller are experiencing shortages of motor gasoline available for retail distribution, such that the public health, safety, and welfare is endangered, and I do hereby include such four counties in the allocation system for all motor gasoline retail outlets outlined in Sections 1-11 of WPC-7 issued June 19, 1979, and as amended June 20, 1979.

This amendment of WPC-7 as amended June 20, 1979, is effective at 12:01 a.m. on July 2, 1979, and shall remain in full force and effect until modified, amended, or rescinded by me.

Issued in Austin, Texas, on June 28, 1979.

Doc. No. 794073      William P. Clements, Jr.  
Governor of Texas

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## Proclamations

### 14-1758

*Extending the 55 m.p.h. speed limit for 120 days.*

WHEREAS, Article 6701d, Section 169B, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, provides that the State Highway and Public Transportation 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 and Public Transportation 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 United States Code 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 and Public Transportation Commission of the State of Texas issued its Finding or Minute Order No. 75844 dated June 20, 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 loss of federal highway funds, and so fixed the maximum speed limit on all highways in the State of Texas, within and outside the limits of incorporated cities, at 55 miles per hour effective on July 9, 1979, at 12:01 a.m. for a period of 120 days or until such time as such order is amended or repealed for reasons consistent with federal laws and directives or state law.

WHEREAS, said finding or minute order having been filed in my office, and I having independently found that the failure to alter our state speed limits to a maximum speed limit of 55 miles per hour will prevent the State of Texas from receiving revenue for highway purposes from the federal government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I do hereby proclaim that the facts necessary to support the issuance of the State Highway and Public Transportation Commission's Finding or Minute Order No. 75844 exist and the commission's finding or minute order shall take effect on July 9, 1979, at 12:01 a.m.

Issued in Austin, Texas, on June 26, 1979.

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Governor of Texas

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