

EXECUTIVE ORDER MJF 96 - 5

Assistant District Attorneys Advisory and Review Commission

WHEREAS: the members of the Louisiana District Attorney's Association have a paramount interest in promoting improvement of the criminal justice system in the State of Louisiana; and to effectively discharge that responsibility, assistant district attorneys are needed to prosecute both civil and criminal matters; and

WHEREAS: there are annual requests from the Judicial Districts for additional assistant district attorneys as a result of population increases, increases in the rate of crimes and increases in the responsibilities of district attorneys; and

WHEREAS: there is currently no fixed criteria to determine the appropriateness and need for additional assistant district attorneys; and

WHEREAS: there is a need to establish a body to determine criteria, need, fiscal impact and feasibility of when to allocate warrants for additional assistant district attorneys; and

WHEREAS: such a body should be representative of the Judiciary, Legislative and Executive branches of government as well as experienced prosecutors.

NOW THEREFORE I, MURPHY J. FOSTER, JR., Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested in me through the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby create and establish the Governor's Advisory and Review Commission on Assistant District Attorneys, and do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The Governor's Advisory and Review Commission on Assistant District Attorneys shall be composed of the following members:

1. Judicial Administrator of the Louisiana Supreme Court;
2. Speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives, or his designee;
3. President of the Louisiana Senate, or his designee;
4. Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee;
5. Chairman of the Senate Judiciary "B" Committee;
6. President of the Louisiana District Attorneys Association; and
7. Executive Counsel to the Governor.

SECTION 2: The governor shall appoint the chairman of the Governor's Advisory and Review Commission on Assistant District Attorneys.

SECTION 3: No member of the Governor's Advisory and Review Commission on Assistant District Attorneys shall receive per diem or other compensation for the performance of their duties.

SECTION 4: The Governor's Advisory and Review Commission on Assistant District Attorneys shall be charged with the responsibility of determining the need, criteria, financial impact and feasibility of adding assistant district attorneys, and recommending the creation of such additional assistant district attorneys to the governor and legislature.

SECTION 5: All departments, commissions, boards, agencies, and officers of the state, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Governor's Advisory and Review Commission on Assistant District Attorneys in implementing the provisions of this Executive Order.

SECTION 6: The provisions of this Executive Order are effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until amended, modified, or rescinded by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 22nd day of March, 1996.

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
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Secretary of State
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