

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER NINETY-FIVE

TO: Heads of All State Departments and Agencies

RE: The Establishment of the Delaware Task Force on Councils, Commissions, Committees and Boards.

WHEREAS, there are presently existing as adjuncts of State government at least 233 councils, committees, boards, commissions, and their like; and

WHEREAS, the membership on such councils, committees, boards, commissions, etc., exceeds 2,275 persons; and

WHEREAS, there exists overlapping jurisdiction among some of the councils, committees, boards, commissions, etc.; and

WHEREAS, the tendency is to perpetuate the existence of such councils, committees, boards, commissions, etc. without good reason for such action being tested periodically; and

WHEREAS, there has never been a study to determine the need and number and jurisdiction of the various councils, committees, boards, commissions, etc.; and

WHEREAS, a Governor must spend considerable time prior to making an appointment in determining the requirements of the composition of these councils, committees, boards, commissions, etc., often times including a determination of the political subdivision in which the person resides, the political affiliation, professional association and work experiences, and all of this done without a determination that perhaps fewer and more responsive groups would better serve the people of this State; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to assess this area by a responsible group that will return with recommendations which would hopefully simplify the State government while, at the same time, continue to attract creative, energetic citizens who wish to have a positive effect on State government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHERMAN W. TRIBBITT, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order as follows:

- 1. A "Task Force on Councils, Commissions, Committees, and Boards" is hereby established.
- 2. The Task Force shall be composed of eleven members to be appointed by the Governor, who shall represent State government and the private sector of our State.

- 3. The Task Force shall, with the cooperation of the various parts of the Executive Branch of State government, study the present State-associated posts, whether they are councils, committees, boards, commissions, etc., and determine which of these groups serve a viable function for our citizens and whether our citizens would be better served with fewer and more responsive groups.
- 4. The Task Force shall make its recommendations, including any legislative proposals, by May 15, 1976, and the Task Force shall cease to exist upon presentation of the recommendations.

APPROVED this day of February, 1976

Governor

ATTEST:

Secretary of State