EXECUTIVE ORDER

REORGANIZING AND RESTRUCTURING THE TEXAS ORGANIZED CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL; REPEALING EXECUTIVE ORDER D.B. 21

WHEREAS, the State of Texas recognizes its responsibilities to protect the lives and property of its citizens through the detection and apprehension of criminals; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas recognizes that the existence and proliferation of organized crime in Texas poses a serious threat to the lives and property of Texans through such illegal activities as prostitution, gambling, theft, fencing, and other racketeering, particularly the smuggling, manufacture, and distribution of illicit drugs; and

WHEREAS, the development of planning and technical assistance capabilities can increase the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of state and local law enforcement efforts to combat organized crime:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the power vested in me, do hereby revoke, rescind and repeal Executive Order D.B. 21 and do hereby create and establish the Texas Organized Crime Prevention Council.

The Texas Organized Crime Prevention Council (Council) shall be composed of the following:

1. The Governor or his designee, who shall also serve as Chairman.
2. The Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety.
3. The Attorney General of Texas.
4. Chairman of the Criminal Justice Division Advisory Board.
5. One member of the Criminal Justice Division Advisory Board who is a member of a law enforcement agency in a metropolitan area, to be appointed by the Governor.
6. One member of the Criminal Justice Division Advisory Board who is a prosecutor from a metropolitan area, to be appointed by the Governor.
7. One member who is a member of a local law enforcement or prosecutorial agency from a metropolitan area, to be appointed by the Governor.
8. One member who is an active member of a law enforcement agency in a non-metropolitan area, to be appointed by the Governor.
9. Other interested citizens to be appointed by the Governor.

The Council shall have the following duties:

1. It shall make an annual report to the Governor, including the amount, nature, and significance of organized crime in Texas, and of the efforts
of law enforcement to combat it. The annual report shall be made by January 31 of each year, covering the preceding calendar year. The Council shall provide a copy of the report to the Criminal Justice Division for the purpose of planning.

2. It shall annually develop data from local and state law enforcement agencies to document the need for legislation and resources to combat organized crime, and shall assess data from state and local law enforcement agencies to determine the effect of existing laws on detection, apprehension, and prosecution of organized crime. Local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies shall cooperate with the Council by providing the necessary statistical data. By December 31 of each year, this data shall be incorporated into a report, and provided to the Governor, and also to the Criminal Justice Division for the purpose of planning.

3. It shall annually assess the statewide status of drug trafficking and use, and the role of organized crime in trafficking and distribution of illicit drugs, through local law enforcement agencies' statistical data. By December 31 of each year, this assessment shall be incorporated into a report and provided to the Governor, and also to the Criminal Justice Division for the purpose of planning.

4. It shall annually assess capabilities, accomplishments, cost-effectiveness, and funding sources of multi-unit law enforcement efforts against organized crime, and shall provide technical assistance to improve those capabilities against organized crime. This assessment shall be incorporated into a report and provided to the Governor, and also to the Criminal Justice Division for the purpose of planning, by December 31 of each year.

5. It shall prepare and submit annually, by December 31 of each year, to the Criminal Justice Division for consideration a recommended program description and uniform indicators of goal achievement and funding policy for the effort against organized crime in Texas.

6. It shall provide technical assistance to local criminal justice planners in the development of local capabilities to combat organized crime.

7. It shall provide technical assistance to local law enforcement agencies to develop goals, methods, and goal achievement indicators for special units to combat organized crime.

8. It shall provide technical assistance to local law enforcement in the development, implementation, and management of local capabilities to combat organized crime.

9. It shall assist the Texans War Against Drugs Committee as requested.

The Council shall meet no less than quarterly, and may name subcommittees of its membership from time to time to carry on work as necessary.

All state officials and employees serving on the Council shall serve as an additional duty to their respective offices. Members of the Council shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.
The appointed members of the Council shall serve a term of one year. All members of the Council serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

The Governor shall fill by appointment for the unexpired term any vacancy on the Council caused by death, inability to serve, or resignation from the Council or the position in the criminal justice system upon which membership was predicated. Inability to serve shall include failure to attend three consecutive meetings. Members whose terms have expired shall continue to serve until their successors are appointed and have accepted their appointment.

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

Given under my hand this 5th day of April, 1979.

[Signature]
WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, JR.
GOVERNOR OF TEXAS

ATTEST:

[Signature]
GEORGE W. STRAKE, JR.
SECRETARY OF STATE

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