Executive Orders

WPC-4A

Executive Order WPC-4 is amended as follows and shall be known as WPC-4 as Amended October 4, 1979, restructuring the Texas Organized Crime Prevention Council; amending Executive Order WPC-4.

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

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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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of the State of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby amend Executive Order WPC-4 involving the Texas Organized Crime Prevention Council to read as follows:

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 nonmetropolitan 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 the efforts of law enforcement to combat it;
(2) it shall annually assess capabilities, accomplishments, cost-effectiveness, and funding sources of multijurisdictional law enforcement efforts against organized crime, and shall provide technical assistance to improve those capabilities against organized crime.

The chairman shall call such meetings of the council as is deemed necessary, and may name subcommittees of its membership from time to time to carry on work as necessary.

The Criminal Justice Division will serve as the primary staff for the council and will work under the direction of the chairman.

All state officials’ and employees’ services on the council shall be in addition to the duties of 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. Members whose terms have expired shall continue to serve until their successors are appointed and have accepted their appointment.

This amendment of WPC-4 shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until modified, amended, or rescinded by me.

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