EXECUTIVE ORDER
BY THE
Governor of the State of Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUSTIN, TEXAS

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WPC-89-1

ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the current system of financing political campaigns may foster the public's doubts about the impartiality of elected officials and their dedication to the welfare of all Texans; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need to examine state campaign finance laws and consider reforms that would bolster public confidence in the integrity of the electoral process;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of the State of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby create the CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM TASK FORCE, hereinafter referred to as the TASK FORCE.

I. Purpose
The TASK FORCE shall accept, consider, evaluate, and recommend proposals for reform of the laws governing campaign contributions, expenditures and disclosure requirements.

II. Functions
A. The TASK FORCE shall develop, and may accept from other persons and groups, suggested reforms and changes to the current campaign financing scheme.
B. The TASK FORCE may hold public hearings to take testimony regarding suggested reforms to the current campaign financing scheme.
C. The TASK FORCE shall study and evaluate the proposals submitted and develop and recommend suggested changes to the Governor and the Legislature.

III. Organization
A. The TASK FORCE shall consist of seven members appointed by the Governor, including the Texas Secretary of State, two members of the Texas Senate, two members of the Texas House of Representatives and two public members.
B. The Texas Secretary of State shall serve as Chairman of the TASK FORCE.
C. The members of the TASK FORCE shall serve without compensation or reimbursement of actual expenses.
D. The TASK FORCE shall meet at the call of the Chairman. A majority of the TASK FORCE shall constitute a quorum.
IV. Reports

The TASK FORCE shall submit to the Governor and the Legislature a report containing recommendations for suggested legislative changes in the current campaign financing scheme.

This Executive Order rescinds and replaces Executive Order WPC 88-11 in its entirety and shall be effective immediately and remain in full force and effect until modified, amended or rescinded by me.

Given under my hand this 4th day of January, 1989.

William P. Clements, Jr.
Governor of Texas

Jack M. Rains
Secretary of State

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