

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 53

Providing for the delegation of certain duties, responsibilities and powers to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Minnesota, pursuant to (1971) M. S. 4.04, Subd. 2.

I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, the voters of the State of Minnesota amended the Constitution in November, 1972, to alter the duties of the Lieutenant Governor; and

— — WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature provided by law in 1971 that the Governor may delegate to the Lieutenant Governor such powers, duties, responsibilities and functions as are prescribed by law to be performed by the Governor, subject to his control; and

WHEREAS, the powers, duties, responsibilities, and ministerial and ceremonial acts required of the Governor by the Constitution, laws of the State of Minnesota, and tradition have increased steadily over time; and

WHEREAS, the Federal laws and the general increase in the responsibility of the Executive Branch of Minnesota state government have placed increasing responsibility on the Office of the Governor as the point of central responsibility for the Federal-State-Local government partnership; and

WHEREAS, the public demand for efficiency and accountability in the administrative and fiscal operations of state government have added additional burdens to the Office of the Governor as the office publicly accountable for the effective administration of state government agencies and services, and for the effective management of tax dollars which support those agencies and services; and

WHEREAS, the present total burden of executive responsibilities of the Office of the Governor requires the judicious delegation of responsibility in the interest of administrative efficiency and the effective operation of Minnesota state government; and

WHEREAS, by Constitutional provision, legislative action, and the elective decision of the people of the State of Minnesota, the Lieutenant Governor is designated as a full-time constitutional officer and a full partner in the Executive Department of Minnesota state government;

NOW THEREFORE, I order the immediate delegation to the Lieutenant Governor of the following responsibilities:

1. As specifically authorized in writing by the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor shall coordinate and direct selected reorganizations and administrative modifications of the operations of state government which have been recommended by the Loaned Executives Action Program, created by Executive Order No. 18 on March 13, 1972, and amended by Executive Order No. 23 on March 28, 1972, and are reported in the December 23, 1972, Final Report of the Program.
2. The Lieutenant Governor shall coordinate and direct such responsibilities as may be assigned to the State of Minnesota to implement the provisions of the Federal Rural Development Act of 1972 and are specifically delegated by the Governor as the provisions of the Act become operative, including the responsibility to serve as the Governor's representative on the Rural Development Council created by Executive Order No. 52 on January 2, 1973.
3. The Lieutenant Governor shall serve as Chairman of the Human Services Council created by Executive Order No. 45 on October 6, 1972; and as chairman he shall be responsible to the Governor for effectively carrying out the responsibilities and functions of the Council in cooperation with the other members of the Council and its staff, so as to identify functional duplications, eliminate functional gaps, and otherwise work toward the coordination and integration of human services programs and support services provided by the state agencies represented on the Council.

4. The Lieutenant Governor shall develop, coordinate, and wherever possible implement a systematic state program to preserve and enhance the aesthetic environment in Minnesota, including but not limited to the following activities:

- a. Providing stimulation and assistance to local subdivisions of government so that they may take advantage of presently available authority and resources for the removal of dilapidated buildings, junked automobiles, unnecessary road signs, and other manifestations of visual pollution in the State;
- b. Communicating with state business firms and individuals in order to plan and provide for the removal of unsightly and inoperative physical facilities;
- c. Preparing and stimulating legislative proposals to strengthen state laws relating to the state's aesthetic environment, and working for the enactment of such legislative proposals.

5. The Lieutenant Governor shall assume the following responsibilities assigned to the Governor by statute as follows:

- a. Ex-officio membership on the State Arts Council (1971 Minnesota Statutes 139).
- b. Ex-officio membership on the Indian Affairs Commission (Minnesota Statutes 3.922).
- c. Membership on the State Employees Insurance Benefit Board (Minnesota Statutes 43.43).
- d. Membership on the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Commission (Minnesota Statutes 15.50).

6. The Lieutenant Governor shall serve as the Governor's liaison officer to certain boards, agencies, and commissions as enumerated in the attached addendum, which is hereby made a part of this Executive Order and may be amended in writing as appropriate upon the signature of the Governor. He shall be responsible for communicating between

the enumerated boards, agencies, and commissions and the Office of the Governor; shall seek to expedite decisions required of the Governor concerning their activities; and shall make appropriate recommendations to the Governor concerning their responsibilities, functions, and organization in order that their work may be carried out efficiently, effectively, and in the best interests of the government and the people of the State of Minnesota.

7. The Lieutenant Governor shall discharge ministerial and ceremonial duties as the Governor may designate from time to time, and represent the Governor at public events and presentations upon the request of the Governor. He shall be responsible for representing the Office of the Governor officially in carrying out such duties, and when called upon to do so by the Governor, he shall present such official documents and statements as the Governor may deem appropriate.

8. The Lieutenant Governor shall make such periodic reports to the Governor as he may request from time to time regarding the discharge of the duties and responsibilities delegated in this order. In carrying out the responsibilities delegated under Item 1 above, he shall submit a monthly report in writing which specifies what has been achieved during the previous month and outlines contemplated activities during the subsequent month; and he shall make such evaluations and recommendations relating to his activities as he may deem appropriate.

This Order shall become effective on January 10, 1973.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand on this tenth day of January, 1973.

Wendell R. Anderson

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Governor

Filed according to Law:

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Secretary of State



ADDENDUM TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 53
ITEM NUMBER SIX

GOVERNMENTAL BOARDS, AGENCIES AND COMMISSIONS WHERE THE
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR WILL SERVE AS THE GOVERNOR'S LIAISON
OFFICER

1. Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Commission
2. State Zoological Board
3. Minnesota Resources Commission
4. Experimental City Authority
5. Public Employee Groups

State Employees Merit Award Board
Highway Patrolmen's Retirement Association
Public Employees Retirement Association
Minnesota State Retirement System
Teachers Retirement Association
State Police Officers Retirement Board
Credit Union Advisory Council

6. Interstate Development and Cooperation Activities

Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Tidewater Commission
Great Lakes Commission
Mississippi River Basin Commission
Mississippi River Parkway Commission
Upper Mississippi and St. Croix River Improvement Commission
Minnesota Commission on Interstate Cooperation
Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Area Legislative Advisory
Commission
Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Area Commission
Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Area Technical Advisory
Committee
Minnesota-South Dakota Boundary Waters Commission