

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 144

Creating the Governor's Appointments Commission

I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, representation of Minnesota citizens on various state boards and commissions has historically been limited to a small segment of the state's population; and

WHEREAS, strong commitments to openness in government and affirmative action have been made by the government of the United States and of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, federal and state programs have not resulted in adequate representation of women, minorities, and rural citizens in state government; and

WHEREAS, a coordinated effort is needed to increase participation in government, particularly by the above-named groups, and thereby improve the quality of government; and

WHEREAS, the effective and just administration of government in Minnesota depends on the participation of those able and committed citizens who are most affected by decisions made:

NOW, THEREFORE, I order:

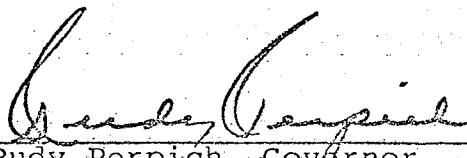
1. The establishment of a Governor's Appointments Commission, made up of appropriate representatives from each congressional district of the state, to address this problem.
2. Assessment by the Commission of the current status of representation on boards and commissions for which I have the appointing authority.
3. Dissemination of information regarding openings on state boards and commissions to the public, with special encouragement to apply given to women, minorities, and rural citizens.
4. Consideration of all applicants for such openings, including incumbents, and recommendations to me of the most qualified persons.
5. The development by the Commission of a Talent Bank, to be catalogued for reference, comprised of knowledgeable, interested, and able citizens.
6. Recommendations to me of other approaches to remedy the above problem.

7. The above procedure will apply to all top-level, full-time salaried positions in my administration, except members of my office staff; and to all boards, commissions, and agencies with substantial rule-making powers, governed by the State Ethical Practices Board.

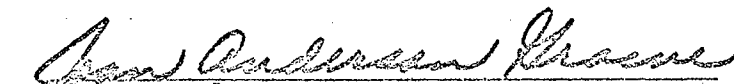
8. This Commission shall be chaired by Gloria Griffin, Excelsior, and shall include the members on the attached list, plus others with technical expertise to assist in an advisory capacity if the need arises.

This order shall be retroactively effective as of February 1, 1977, and shall remain in effect until January 30, 1978, or until superseding legislation is passed, whichever is the earlier.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand on this 29th day of March, 1977.


Rudy Perpich, Governor

Filed according to law:


Joan Anderson Grove
Secretary of State

COMMISSION ON APPOINTMENTS

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