

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 82-7

Providing For The Establishment Of A Governor's Task Force On Income Tax Simplification

I, ALBERT H. QUIE, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, including but not limited to, Minnesota Statutes 1981, Sections 4.033 and 15.0593, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, the individual income tax system was adopted by the Legislature in 1933; and

WHEREAS, during the past 49 years, the Legislature has made numerous changes in Minnesota's individual income tax system; and

WHEREAS, many of these changes have made the income tax system more complicated and difficult to understand; and

WHEREAS, the goals of any income tax system should be to provide equity and simplicity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Order:

- 1. The establishment of a Governor's Task Force on Tax Simplification pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1981, Section 15.0593 and other applicable statutes. The Task Force shall consist of fifteen (15) members appointed by the Governor. At least one-half of the members of the Task Force shall be taxpayers who are not professional tax practitioners. The Chair of the Task Force shall be chosen by the Governor.
- 2. The Task Force shall examine three major approaches to simplification of the individual income tax system: (1) a federal piggyback system, including the option of actual federal collection and the option of state collection based on a percent of federal tax or a percent of federal adjusted gross income; (2) alternative changes in Minnesota law, other than the federal piggyback system, which would facilitate tax simplification; and (3) simplification of forms and instructions under existing law.
- 3. The Task Force shall prepare a report containing detailed recommendations to be submitted to the Governor and to the Senate Committee on Taxes and Tax Laws and the House Committee on Taxes by October 1, 1982.
- 4. The Department of Revenue shall provide staff for the Task Force.
- 5. The terms of Task Force members shall coincide with the term of this Executive Order.

Pursuant to <u>Minnesota Statutes</u> 1981, Section 4.035, this Order shall be effective fifteen (15) days after its publication in the <u>State Register</u> and filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect until it is rescinded by proper authority or expires in accordance with the provisions of

Section 4.035, Subdivision 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand on this 26th day of April, 1982.

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ALBERT H. OUIE

GOVERNOR

Filed According to Law:

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