

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 14

23620

I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby issue this Executive Order in regard to the establishment of an Ombudsman Commission for the purpose of establishing an office of Ombudsman for the Department of Corrections accountable to the Governor with authority to investigate decisions, acts, and other matters of the Department of Corrections, so as to promote higher standards of competence, efficiency and justice in the administration of corrections.

The Ombudsman Commission shall be composed of ten (10) members:

1. The Commissioner of Corrections, or his representative.
2. The Attorney General, or his representative.
3. The State Public Defender, or his representative.
4. The Commissioner of Human Rights, or his representatives.
5. The remainder of the Commission shall be appointed by the Governor, provided that there be at least one woman and two representatives of racial minorities.

The term of office for the members of the Ombudsman Commission shall be for one and one-half (1½) years.


The Governor shall make appointments to vacancies occurring during the term of the members.


The powers and Duties of the Ombudsman Commission shall be as follows:

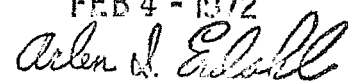
1. The Commission shall convene within 10 days after the effective date of this order, and act as a board of selection and review for the purpose of submitting names of nominees to the Governor to fill the office of Department of Corrections Ombudsman.

2. The Commission shall, by majority vote of all of the members thereof, submit to the Governor the names of the nominees, who in the judgement of the Commission are persons well equipped to analyze questions of law, administration, and public policy, and the Governor shall appoint from this list the Department of Corrections Ombudsman.
3. If after 30 days the Commission is unable to determine the names of the nominees, the Governor may proceed to appoint his own nominee.
4. The Ombudsman Commission may submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature, commenting on and analyzing the function and operation of the office of Ombudsman for the Department of Corrections.
5. The Commission may act in an advisory capacity to the Ombudsman, and shall provide any other assistance requested by the Ombudsman.
6. The Commission shall meet on the call of the Ombudsman, or the call of the Chairman of the Ombudsman Commission.
7. The Ombudsman Commission shall be subject to any further executive orders issued for this project.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 1972.

  
ARLEN I. ERDAHL  
Secretary of State

  
WENDELL R. ANDERSON  
Governor

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