

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 54

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's local governments may be required to expend local tax resources to perform certain functions mandated by state law; and

WHEREAS, in view of the availability of increasingly limited resources to each level of government, a review of the necessity, cost effectiveness and efficacy of such mandates is advisable;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LEE SHERMAN DREYFUS, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 14.019, Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby

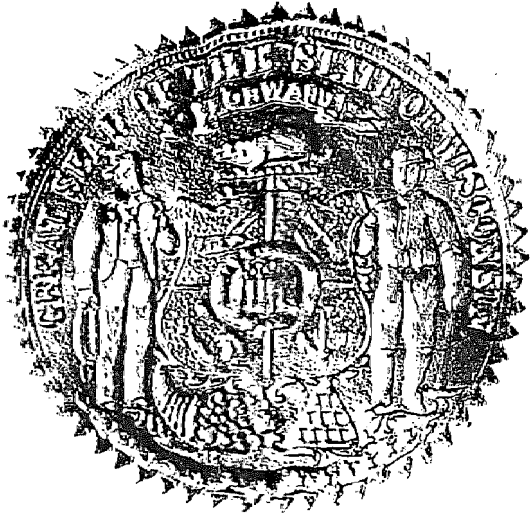
1. Create the Governor's Special Committee on State Mandates to consist of the following members appointed by the Governor:
 - (a) three persons representing the Wisconsin Towns Association;
 - (b) three persons representing the League of Wisconsin Municipalities;
 - (c) three persons representing the Wisconsin County Boards Association;
 - (d) one person representing the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance who shall be chairman.
2. Charge the Special Committee with examining state mandates on local governments and recommending to the Governor by March 1, 1981, changes in state law or practice which will relieve unnecessary fiscal, or other burdens, and which will reflect the proper balance of state and local powers and responsibilities. Such review of mandates should not include basic governmental structure or the provision of essential services.
3. Direct the Secretary of the Department of Development to provide staff coordination for the Special Committee and further direct the Secretaries of all Executive Departments to provide staff support at the request of the Department of Development in all such instances where mandates within their areas of responsibility are under consideration. This directive includes, but is not limited to, the Departments of Revenue; Administration; Natural Resources; and Industry, Labor and Human Relations.

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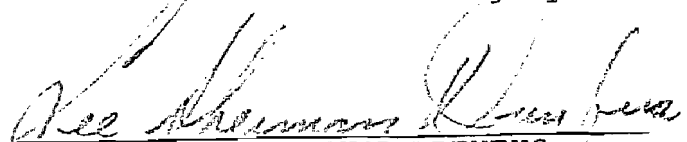
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4. Instruct the Secretary of the Department of Administration to provide the Special Committee with such sums of money as are necessary for legitimate travel and operating expenses as provided by the Joint Finance Committee under Section 20.505(5)(a), Wisconsin Statutes.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 13th day of October in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eighty.


LEE SHERMAN DREYFUS

By the Governor:


VEL R. PHILLIPS
Secretary of State

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