

EXECUTIVE ORDER #190

Relating to Updates to the Telecommunications Relay Service Council

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized to create and abolish non-statutory committees to conduct studies and advise the Governor in such matters under Section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes;

WHEREAS, the Telecommunications Relay Service Council helps ensure individuals who are Deaf, DeafBlind, Hard of Hearing, and those with a speech disability can fully participate in our communities and allow them equal access to communicate with others; and

WHEREAS, individuals now serving on the Telecommunications Relay Service Council remain members until they resign, or until they are removed or replaced by the Governor.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State, hereby replace Section 2 of the 1991 Executive Order 131:

- A. Section 2 of the 1991 Executive Order 131, recreated without change in 1995, 1999, 2003, 2007, 2011, 2015, 2019, and 2023, shall now read:
 - 2. Provide the Council shall consist of not more than nine members, appointed by the Governor, to serve at his pleasure, including the following:
 - a. Six members who use telecommunications relay service, consisting of four members who are Deaf, DeafBlind or Hard of Hearing; one member with a speech disability; and one member who does not have a speech or hearing disability.
 - b. Three members consisting of one professional in the field of speech disability, low vision/blindness, hearing loss or deafness; one representative of a small or rural telecommunications provider; and one representative of a large or urban telecommunications provider. One of the two telecommunications providers must represent a wireless telecommunications carrier.
 - c. A chairperson, selected by the Governor from among the council membership.
- B. The Telecommunications Relay Service Council and the 1991 Executive Order 131 shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.

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 seventh day of April in the year of two thousand twenty-three.

Pis TONY EVERS

Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI Secretary of State