

WHEREAS, the judiciary of the State of Wisconsin has, deservedly a renowned reputation; but

WHEREAS, many of the courts in the State of Wisconsin have become intolerably overburdened with cases; and

WHEREAS, the delays and expense involved with litigation have made it more difficult for citizens to receive a prompt disposition of their legal problems; and

WHEREAS, the wide-spread problems being experienced by the Wisconsin judicial system indicate that basic changes might be possible which would improve the situation; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, E. Harold Hallows, in a speech before the Wisconsin Judicial Conference in Milwaukee on January 13th, called for the establishment of a blue ribbon task force made up of non-judges to look into the problems facing the Wisconsin judiciary; and

WHEREAS, the structure of the Wisconsin judiciary, and the quality of justice in the State of Wisconsin is an important concern and responsibility of the State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICK J. LUCEY, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby create a special, non-statutory, committee as provided for under Section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes to be known as the "Citizens Study Committee on Judicial Organization", to operate as follows:

1. The Committee shall consist of members appointed by the Governor of whom at least more than half shall be non-lawyers. The chairman of the Committee shall have the responsibility for prescribing reasonable procedures to be followed by the Committee.
2. The Committee shall investigate the adequacy, and efficiency of the present judicial system in the State of Wisconsin, and shall make recommendations to my office on suggested changes in the operations, organization, procedures, judicial selections, and any other matter which might be germane to the improved efficiency of Wisconsin's judicial system.
3. In order to fully carry out its charge, the Committee or any Sub-Committee thereof may hold public hearings and request all interested parties, including judges, to testify on any pertinent matter. The Committee will also have full authority to conduct independent research, investigate judicial organization in other localities, publish

interim and final reports, contract for services, accept grants, and do whatever else might be required to complete its task. Budget and staff support will be coordinated by the Director of the Council on Criminal Justice, which Director may request cooperation of other state agencies as needed in support of the Committee.

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 _____ day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-one.

PATRICK J. LUCEY
G o v e r n o r

BY THE GOVERNOR:

SECRETARY OF STATE