

Bruce Sundlun, Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

94-20

NOVEMBER 7, 1994



State House,
Providence

FORMING A BI-PARTISAN PREPARATORY COMMISSION TO ASSEMBLE
INFORMATION ON CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS IN
PREPARATION FOR A VOTE BY THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS

WHEREAS, Article XIV Section 2 of the Constitution of Rhode Island provides that the question "Shall there be a convention to amend or revise the Constitution?" must appear on the ballot at the next general election if it has not been placed before the electors during any ten (10) year period; and

WHEREAS, the said question has not been before the voters since 1984; and

WHEREAS, Article XIV Section 2 of the Constitution further provides that "prior to a vote by the qualified electors on the holding of a convention, the general assembly, or the governor if the general assembly fails to act, shall provide for a bi-partisan preparatory commission to assemble information on constitutional questions for the electors . . .";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRUCE SUNDLUN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, hereby establish a Preparatory Commission and charge said Commission as follows:

1. The Preparatory Commission shall assemble information on constitutional questions for the electors, and;
2. The Preparatory Commission shall consist of twenty (20) members, to serve until the submission of their final report, and I hereby appoint the following as members to the Committee:

The Honorable Roberto Gonzalez
Speaker John Harwood
Senate Majority Leader Paul Kelly
Representative Wayne Salisbury
Senator Bradford Gorham
Mayor Vincent Cianci
Mayor Francis Lanctot
Mayor David Roderick
David Cooper
Sheldon Sollosy

Barbara Cottam
Stephen Carlotti
Francis X. Flaherty
Carol Grant
Rabbi Gutterman
Casby Harrison
Frank Montanaro
Gary Sasse
Vincent Vespia
Tina Benik

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4. The Preparatory Commission shall consider, among other issues, the following matters:

- (a) Elimination of obsolete constitutional language
- (b) Methods of selection of general officers
- (c) Such other issues as it may see fit to consider

and provide information to the electors thereon; and

5. The Preparatory Commission shall report its findings to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the Senate, the Minority Leaders of the House and Senate, and to the public, through the news media, no later than June 1, 1994.

The Chairperson of the Commission shall be Francis X. Flaherty. Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment.

The membership of said Commission shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be allowed their travel and necessary expenses. The Commission may engage such clerical, technical and other assistance as it may deem necessary, and spend such other funds as are necessary to accomplish its purpose.

All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish such advice and information, documentary and otherwise, to said Commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or desirable by the Commission to facilitate the purposes of this Executive Order.

This Executive Order shall take effect on the date hereof.

DATE

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GOVERNOR



