

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER SIXTY-SIX

WHEREAS, the Governor's Cost Control Survey was completed in September of 1972, covering a broad area of study, a portion of which dealt with the current organization of State government in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Branch of State government in our State is made up of more than 140 commissions, boards, agencies, and departments; and

WHEREAS, there is a great deal of duplication, duplicity, and overlapping of the functions of said commission, boards, agencies, and departments, which in itself points out unnecessary expense to the taxpaying public in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid Cost Control Survey recognized many problems as the result of the current organizational structure of State government, and made certain recommendations and suggestions in its official report (pages 131 - 134 and 173 - 174), stating in said report that the present structure of government in Alabama on the State level does not provide sufficient accountability to

the Governor as Chief Executive Officer of the State, and that said lack of accountability limits efficient management of State services; and

WHEREAS, the goal of State government in Alabama is to establish the most efficient, productive, and dedicated system of government possible keeping in mind the basic principle that government should be the servant of its people; and

WHEREAS, there is a great need to complete the reorganizational efforts initiated by the Cost Control Survey team; and

WHEREAS, such reorganization efforts will result in substantial savings of tax dollars along with increased efficiency and productivity in State government, which comes at a time when economic conditions throughout the country and in our State demand such activity at the State level; and

WHEREAS, prominent and outstanding leaders of business, labor, education, and government have agreed to work together on this project in the best interest of the people of Alabama.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George C. Wallace, Governor of the State of Alabama, under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, do hereby:

1. Designate the Governor's Committee on State Government Reorganization as the agency to implement and carry out the reorganization efforts directed hereunder.

2. Direct the Alabama Development Office and the Alabama Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation to work with and to assist the Governor's Committee in carrying out their duties and responsibilities hereunder.

3. Authorize the Governor's Committee, the Alabama Development Office, or the Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation, or either of them, to receive State, Federal, or private grants or funding in the performance of their duties hereunder.

4. State the objectives of the reorganization efforts to be:

a. To realign the operating units of State government into a simplified and logical grouping of functions, and modernize policy making responsibilities and accountability.

b. To plan, organize, and develop management systems within the Executive Branch of governments establishing coordinated planning and program management therein.

c. To do whatever else necessary to bring about more productivity, efficiency, and accountability in the operation of State government.

d. To prepare a detailed reorganization plan to be submitted to the Governor and to the Legislature no later than the 5th Legislative Day of the regular session of the Legislature to be held in 1977.

5. Direct said Committee to make such studies and investigations as may be necessary to ascertain the means, methods, and manner by which the reorganization efforts shall be carried out.

6. Authorize the Chairman of the Committee to delegate to either the Alabama Development Office or the Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation any of the duties or responsibilities assigned to the Committee.

In furtherance whereof, I do hereby create the Governor's Committee on State Government Reorganization, with the Lieutenant Governor as Chairman, the Speaker of the House of Representatives as Vice-Chairman, and the Director of the Alabama Development Office as Secretary-Treasurer, to assist in accomplishing the goals and objectives stated herein. The remainder of the Committee shall be composed of 19 individuals from business, labor, finance, education, and government; all of whom shall be appointed by the Governor and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. I do further charge every officer and employee of this State to cooperate fully with the Governor's Committee and to furnish whatever information and documentation necessary concerning their respective departments, divisions, agencies, bureaus, boards, and commissions; or other official branches of State government, and to assist the Committee in every way possible in the performance of their duties. To assist in this undertaking, I do further authorize said Committee to select

and retain the services of a recognized and reputable consulting firm, with the approval of the Governor. The Alabama Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation and the Alabama Development Office shall furnish whatever staff or clerical assistance necessary for the Committee's work. The members of the Governor's Committee shall be paid their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. In addition, the Chairman of the Governor's Committee shall serve as Executive Director of the Committee and shall be entitled to receive an amount equal to his regular per diem and expenses, as compensation for the additional duties created hereunder, to be paid as members of the Legislature are paid and only during the period in which this Order is in effect. The Committee shall prepare an order of transmittal and a report hereunder to the Governor and the Legislature on, or before, May 15, 1977. The Governor's Committee shall coordinate the implementation of the Legislative program during the 1977 or subsequent sessions of the Legislature to achieve the enactment of laws to bring about a complete reorganization of the structure of State government, as hereinabove directed. The Order shall remain in effect until such time as the reorganization effort is fully completed.

It is further recommended and requested that the Legislature properly fund the activities of the Committee required under this Order in its general appropriations bill presently pending and

in future appropriation bills until the work of the Committee is completed.

DONE THIS, THE 6th DAY OF August, 1975.



George C. Wallace
GEORGE C. WALLACE
Governor of the State of Alabama

ATTEST:

Mrs. Agnes Bazzett
SECRETARY OF STATE