

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 14

WHEREAS, the structure of local government in Wisconsin was devised at a time when the state was basically rural in nature, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin in recent years has joined the ranks of urbanizing states and has, within its bounds, metropolitan urban areas in which the social and economic communities transcend the boundaries of existing local governments, and

WHEREAS, the recent increases in spending by local governments in metropolitan areas and the social pressures being exerted upon them today make it more necessary for them to be as efficient and as responsive as possible to local needs in a genuinely democratic manner, and

WHEREAS, the structure of local government 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 committee as provided under Section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes to be known as the "Citizen Study Committee on Metropolitan Problems", to be constituted as follows:

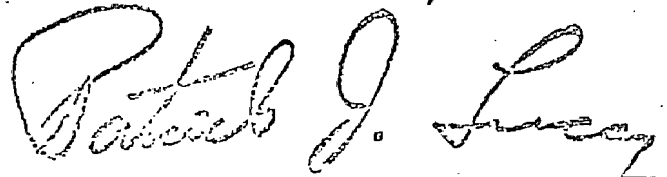
I. The Committee shall be appointed by the Governor, a majority of whom shall be residents of the city of the first class or incorporated municipalities directly or indirectly contiguous thereto. Members shall have demonstrated an interest in the problems of local government and a knowledge thereof. The Chairman of the Committee shall have the responsibility for prescribing reasonable procedures to be followed by the Committee. Advisory Committees of technical experts may be created to serve on the Committee and the Committee may be enlarged if that is deemed desirable.

II. The Committee shall investigate the fairness, adequacy, efficiency, and responsiveness to the people of local government in the metropolitan areas of the state. The Committee shall consider not only existing problems but shall also determine how the problems of the future might best be provided for. The Committee shall then report to the Governor to recommend possible modifications of state statutes concerning local government within a period of approximately one year from the date hereof.

III. 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 officials of local government, to testify and submit data. The Committee will also have full authority to conduct independent research, investigate working metropolitan arrangements in other localities, publish interim and final reports, contract for services, accept grants and services, and do whatever else might be required to

complete its task. Budget and staff support will be coordinated by the Secretary of the Department of Local Affairs and Development which Secretary may request the 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
Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE