



STATE OF TENNESSEE
EXECUTIVE ORDER
BY THE GOVERNOR

Number 24

**AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S CITIZEN ADVISORY
GROUP ON ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT**

WHEREAS, maintaining high standards of honesty, integrity, impartiality, and conduct by elected officials, employees and agents of the State of Tennessee is essential to ensure the proper performance of government business and the maintenance of confidence by citizens in their government; and

WHEREAS, this Administration has been committed to providing the citizens of this state with a state government in which they can have complete confidence and trust, and the Governor's first three executive orders, signed February 3, 2003, established a strict new policy for members of the executive branch regarding ethics, conflicts of interest and acceptance of gifts; and

WHEREAS, recent events within state government have highlighted the need for a comprehensive review of all current state laws, rules, policies and practices related to ethics in state government and the potential need for legislative and administrative action to implement broad reforms in these areas; and

WHEREAS, this Administration seeks to pull together a broad range of Tennesseans from outside of state government, including representatives of the state's business, legal, law enforcement, media and faith communities, to evaluate the effectiveness of current state laws, rules, policies and practices in this area and to provide guidance and advice on any needed actions in this area.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and law, do hereby order and direct the following:

1. The Governor's Citizen Advisory Group on Ethics ("Citizen Advisory Group") is hereby established. This Citizen Advisory Group is charged with conducting a comprehensive review of all current state laws, rules, policies and practices related to ethics. This review shall include but not be limited to laws, rules, policies and practices related to lobbying activities, campaign finance, disclosure requirements and current enforcement mechanisms. Following this review, the Citizen Advisory Group shall provide to the Governor a written report detailing its findings and any recommended reforms or changes in this area.
2. The Citizen Advisory Group shall have twelve (12) members, all of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, and the Governor shall appoint two co-chairs.
3. The Citizen Advisory Group shall convene for its initial meeting on July 22, 2005. Thereafter, the Citizen Advisory Group shall meet at such times and places as determined by its co-chairpersons or by the Governor.
4. No later than September 30, 2005, the Citizen Advisory Group shall provide to the Governor a written report detailing its findings and any

recommendations pursuant to paragraph one (1). Following the presentation of this report, the Citizen Advisory Group shall cease to exist.

5. The Citizen Advisory Group shall be attached to the Department of Finance and Administration for administrative purposes.
6. Members of the Citizen Advisory Group shall receive no compensation for their service on the Citizen Advisory Group but may be reimbursed for those expenses allowed by the provisions of the comprehensive travel regulations as promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration and approved by the Attorney General and Reporter.
7. All Executive branch departments, agencies, boards and commissions and any other divisions of the Executive branch of state government shall fully cooperate with the Citizen Advisory Group and shall provide staff support and any other assistance as requested.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 11th day of July, 2005.



GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE