



STATE OF TENNESSEE

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR

No. 1

AN ORDER ESTABLISHING AN ETHICS COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the maintenance of high standards of honesty, integrity, impartiality, and conduct by 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, the creation of an Ethics Committee will facilitate the implementation and enforcement of these high standards;

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 the laws of Tennessee, do hereby direct and order that:

1. An Ethics Committee of the Executive Branch of the State of Tennessee is hereby established, to meet at such times and places as determined by its Chairperson.
2. The Committee shall have five members, consisting of the Governor or his designate, the Commissioner of Finance and Administration, the Commissioner of Personnel, and two representatives from the community at large appointed by the Governor to one year, renewable terms. The Governor or his designate shall serve as Chairperson of the committee.
3. The Legal Counsel to the Governor shall serve as legal advisor to the committee. The Governor's Chief Administrative Officer shall serve as recorder.
4. The duties of the Committee shall be to:
 - i. Consider alleged violations of Executive Orders 2 and 3 and recommend to the Governor appropriate action; and
 - ii. Consider circumstances in which an employee in the Executive Branch requests an exemption to or clarification of the Executive Orders in (i) above for the purpose of recommending to the Governor a course of action.
5. Executive Orders 1, 2 and 3 supercede and repeal all other Executive Orders and implementing directives and memoranda concerning ethics policies applicable to the Executive Branch.

6. This Executive Order is intended only to improve the internal management of the Executive Branch of the State of Tennessee and does not create any right to administrative or judicial review, or any other right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or equity by a party against the State of Tennessee, its agencies or instrumentalities, its officers or employees, or any other person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 3rd day of February, 2003.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

