OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 25 FY 11/12
DATE November 1, 2011

AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S BOARD ON EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

WHEREAS, the sole power to grant reprieves, pardons, and commutations is vested in the Governor by the Constitution of the State of Maine;

WHEREAS, such authority should rightly be exercised with the advice and counsel of citizens learned in such matters; and

WHEREAS, state personnel may be able to conduct investigations and compile relevant materials to determine the worthiness of the petitions of Maine citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul R. LePage, Governor of the State of Maine, hereby order as follows:

1. The Governor's Board on Executive Clemency ("board") is hereby established.

2. The membership of the board shall consist of three (3) persons appointed by the Governor to serve at his pleasure. Such service shall be without compensation. The Governor shall appoint a Chair to serve at his pleasure. The Department of Corrections shall provide administrative assistance to the board.

3. The powers of the board shall include:

    a. To hold public hearings on clemency petitions;
    b. To meet in executive session to formulate recommendations to the Governor and such recommendations shall be confidential;
    c. To request information from state agencies relevant to each petition; and
    d. Other such powers as the Governor may entrust to the board from time to time, provided that the final decision to grant clemency resides solely with the Governor.

4. The duties of the council shall include:

    a. To make recommendations on each clemency petition to the Governor;
    b. To meet at the call of the Chair to review pending petitions and hold public hearings; and
    c. To advise the Governor on statutes related to constitutional clemency powers.

The effective date of this Executive Order is November 1, 2011. This Executive Order supersedes Executive Order 8 FY 94/95.

Paul R. LePage

Paul R. LePage, Governor