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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. B-45-78

WHEREAS, the passage of Proposition 13 has drastically reduced tax revenues available to cities, counties, schools and other special districts; and

WHEREAS, substantial financial assistance from the State will be necessary to enable local governments and districts to provide essential public services; and

WHEREAS, there is an immediate need to develop fundamental reforms of government tax laws and spending programs at both the State and local levels;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby issue this order to become effective immediately:

1. There is established the Commission on Government Reform. Said Commission shall be composed of not more than 20 members appointed by the Governor, with a Chairperson to be designated by the Governor. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for actual expenses.

2. The Commission shall meet on a regular basis to:

- (a) study the long-term economic impacts of Proposition 13 on state and local government finances;
- (b) review the tax structures and financing of cities, counties, school and other special districts; and
- (c) examine the functions and services provided by cities, counties, schools and other special districts, and their relationship to one another and state government.

3. No later than January 15, 1979 the Commission shall deliver to the Governor and the Legislature an interim report summarizing its findings. The Commission's report shall also include recommendations for permanent reforms in the tax, revenue and spending systems of both state and local government, as well as any reforms the Commission believes necessary in the structure of state or local governmental entities.

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4. The Commission shall be provided with whatever facilities and personnel are necessary to complete its assignment from within existing structures of state government. The Governor's Executive Secretary shall insure that all necessary resources are made available to the Commission.


5. All state agencies, departments, boards and commissions are hereby directed to assist and cooperate with the Commission in carrying out its responsibilities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this twenty-third day of June, A.D. nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.



Governor of California

ATTEST



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Secretary of State

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