

STATE OF LOUISIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

BATON ROUGE, LA

EXECUTIVE ORDER 93 - 20



WHEREAS: the people of Louisiana with disabilities have special concerns and needs relative to independent living skills and facilities, and

WHEREAS: the State of Louisiana should support the efforts of its citizens with disabilities to live independently, and

WHEREAS: the citizens of Louisiana have a need for information and education on the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and

WHEREAS: the State of Louisiana would best serve the independent living needs of its people with disabilities through a centralized and coordinated effort; and

WHEREAS: The Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, mandates that the state establish an Independent Living Council in order to participate in the benefits provided by the Act;

NOW THEREFORE I, EDWIN W. EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby create and establish the Governor's Statewide Independent Living Council within the Executive Department, Office of the Governor, and do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The duties and functions of the Governor's Statewide Independent Living Council shall be to formulate a state plan according to the mandates of Section 705 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; and to monitor, review, and evaluate the implementation of the state plan.

SECTION 2: The Statewide Independent Living Council shall coordinate activities with the State Rehabilitation Advisory Council established under the Section 105 and councils that address the needs of specific disability populations and issues under federal law.

SECTION 3: The members of the Statewide Independent Living Council shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor and shall receive no compensation for their services except necessary expenses incurred to attend council meetings as outlined in State or Federal regulations.

SECTION 4: The Council shall include:

- (A) One director of a center for independent living chosen by the directors of centers for independent living within the state
- (B) ex officio, nonvoting members:
 - a representative from the designated State unit and a representative from other state agencies that provide services for individuals with disabilities

(C) Additional members may include:

- (1) representatives from centers for independent living
- (2) parents and guardians of individuals with disabilities
- (3) advocates of and for individuals with disabilities
- (4) representatives from organizations that provide services for individuals with disabilities

SECTION 5: The Council shall select a chairperson from among the membership of the Council.

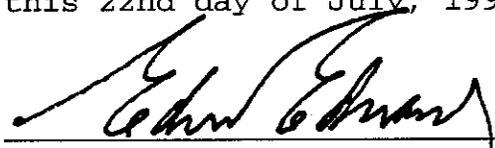
SECTION 6: Each member of the Council shall serve for a term of three (3) years except that initial terms shall be staggered.

SECTION 7: All departments, commissions, boards, agencies, and officers of the state or of any political subdivision thereof are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Governor's Statewide Independent Living Council.

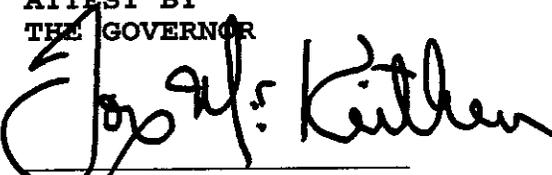
SECTION 8: This Executive Order shall be effective upon signature.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 22nd day of July, 1993.


GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE