EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 85-1

PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF THE GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON STATE-LOCAL RELATIONS

I, RUDY PERPICH, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, questions regarding the division of service delivery and financing responsibilities and powers between the state and its local governments are of preeminent importance for responsible and efficient governance; and

WHEREAS, the state is responsible for the overall design of a workable system of local governments; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to improve the state government's capacity to anticipate and identify emerging issues in state-local relations and to improve the quality of discussion of state-local relations issues;

NOW, THEREFORE, I order:

1. There is hereby created a Governor's Advisory Council on State-Local Relations to monitor local government issues and state-local relations, and to advise the Governor on state-local affairs.
2. The Council shall be composed of the following:

a. Two members appointed by the League of Minnesota Cities,
b. Two members appointed by the Association of Minnesota Counties,
c. Two members appointed by the Minnesota Association of Townships,
d. Two members appointed by the Minnesota School Board Association,
e. One member appointed by the Minnesota Association of Regional Commissions,
f. The Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Economic Development,
g. The Commissioner of the Department of Finance,
h. The Commissioner of the Department of Education,
i. The Director of the State Planning Agency, and
j. The Chairman of the Metropolitan Council.

The Speaker and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives are each invited to appoint one Representative to the Council. The Majority Leader and the Minority Leader of the Senate are also each invited to appoint one Senator to the Council.

In the event that an agency or department head who is a member of the Council is unable to attend a scheduled meeting, he or she shall designate a deputy or an assistant to represent the department or agency.

The Council shall elect a chairperson from among its membership, and adopt by-laws governing its operation.
3. Duties of the Council

The Council shall monitor local government affairs and state-local relationships, identify issues needing attention by the state, and make policy recommendations to the Governor. These responsibilities shall be met through the following activities:

a. Informal hearings and surveys to solicit local government attitudes on state-local issues.

b. Review and comment on proposals submitted to the Council for review by the Governor.

c. Review of special research reports and issue papers on local government issues prepared by state agencies and departments.

d. Development of policy recommendations on specific issues.

The Council shall also prepare an annual report identifying emerging issues prior to each legislative session. The report shall be presented to the Governor's Subcabinet on Local and Regional Affairs no later than November 15 of each year.

The Council shall meet at least four times each year or more often, as requested by the Governor.


The Director of the State Planning Agency shall provide staff support as he deems necessary for the Council to fulfill its duties.
Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 4.035, this Order shall be effective fifteen (15) days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 4.035, Subdivision 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have set my hand this 22nd day of January, 1985.

RUDY PERICH
Governor

Filed According to Law:

JOAN ANDERSON GROWE
Secretary of State