

EXECUTIVE ORDER 89-06

Creating the DNA Identification System Oversight Committee

On May 12th, I vetoed Section 3 of Second Substitute Senate Bill 5375 (Chapter 350, Laws of 1989) a bill creating a statewide DNA Identification System. This Section established an oversight committee consisting of twelve members; eight of whom were Legislators. As I stated in my veto message, a more balanced group is needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Booth Gardner, Governor of the State of Washington, by virtue of the power vested in me, do hereby establish the DNA Identification System Oversight Committee, as follows:

A. The Committee shall consist of no more than 12 members, to be appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall appoint the Chair, who shall be the Chief of the State Patrol or his designee, and the membership, except the four Legislators designated, shall include persons with expertise in the fields of forensic evidence, biomedical ethics, civil liberties, medicine, or the criminal justice system.

B. Four Legislators, two selected by the Senate and two selected by the House, shall serve as Committee members.

C. The Committee shall have the following responsibilities:

1. Develop proposed rules and procedures for the collection, analysis, storage, expungement, and use of DNA identification data.

2. Design proposed rules and procedures to reasonably protect the privacy interests of affected parties.

D. The Committee shall submit a report to the Legislature by November 1, 1969, containing its recommendations for rules and procedures, including requesting legislation to grant the State Patrol the authority to adopt rules.

E. The Committee shall complete its responsibilities prior to January 1, 1990, and will automatically be disbanded on that date.

This Executive Order is effective immediately.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Washington to be affixed at Olympia this 30th day of June A.D., Nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

Booth Gardner

Governor of Washington

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary of State
