

Introduced by Senator Battin

February 20, 2002

An act to add Section 2888.1 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to telecommunications.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1553, as introduced, Battin. Telephone services: extended area service.

Existing law authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to regulate telephone corporations. An existing decision of the commission prohibits the filing of new complaints to establish new extended area service routes in the state that allow the extension of the geographic reach of local toll-free telephone calls.

This bill would, notwithstanding that decision of the commission, require the commission to allow the filing of complaint cases seeking to establish new extended area service routes within the state.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 2888.1 is added to the Public Utilities
2 Code, to read:
3 2888.1. (a) Notwithstanding the commission's Decision
4 Number 98-06-075, the commission shall allow the filing of
5 complaint cases seeking to establish new extended area service
6 routes within the state.
7 (b) For the purposes of this section, "extended area service"
8 means telephone service authorized in certain designated

- 1 communities that extends the geographic reach of a local toll-free
- 2 calling area.

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