

**Assembly Bill No. 1055**

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Passed the Assembly May 19, 2011

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*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

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Passed the Senate September 1, 2011

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*Secretary of the Senate*

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This bill was received by the Governor this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_M.

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*Private Secretary of the Governor*

## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

An act to add Section 303.5 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to the Public Utilities Commission.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1055, Hill. Public Utilities Commission: solicitation of contributions from regulated persons or corporations.

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities, as defined. Existing law prohibits a commissioner from holding an official relation to or having a financial interest in a person or corporation subject to regulation by the commission and requires the commission to adopt an updated Conflict of Interest Code and State of Incompatible Activities.

This bill would prohibit a commissioner or employee of the commission from knowingly soliciting charitable, political, or other contributions from any person or corporation subject to regulation by the commission, or from any person that is representing, or regularly represents, persons or corporations regulated by the commission. The bill would additionally require the commission to annually report certain information to the Legislature relative to organizations that solicit charitable, political, or other contributions from any person or corporation subject to regulation by the commission, or from any person that is representing, or regularly represents, persons or corporations regulated by the commission on which a commissioner, the executive director, an assistant executive director, the attorney, an administrative law judge, or other exempt employee of the commission serves as an officer or member of the board of directors or other leadership body for the organization.

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

SECTION 1. Section 303.5 is added to the Public Utilities Code, to read:

303.5. (a) A commissioner or employee of the commission shall not knowingly solicit charitable, political, or other

contributions from any person or corporation subject to regulation by the commission, or from any person, including an attorney or law firm, that is representing, or regularly represents, persons or corporations regulated by the commission.

(b) (1) The commission shall annually report by June 30 of each year, all of the following to the Legislature:

(A) The name of each organization subject to disclosure.

(B) The name of the commissioner, executive director, assistant executive director, attorney, administrative law judge, or other exempt employee of the commission who serves as an officer or member of the board of directors or other leadership body of the organization subject to disclosure.

(C) The mission statement or statement of purpose for each organization subject to disclosure.

(2) For purposes of this subdivision, “organization subject to disclosure” means an organization that solicits or accepts charitable, political, or other contributions from any person or corporation subject to regulation by the commission, or from any person, including an attorney or law firm, that is representing, or regularly represents, persons or corporations regulated by the commission, on which a commissioner, the executive director, an assistant executive director, the attorney, an administrative law judge, or other exempt employee of the commission serves as an officer or member of the board of directors or other leadership body.

(3) A report submitted pursuant to this subdivision shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.

(4) The requirements for submitting a report pursuant to this subdivision is inoperative on July 31, 2016, pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code.

(c) (1) For purposes of this section, an affiliate or holding company of a public utility is a corporation subject to regulation by the commission.

(2) For purposes of this section, the holder of a state franchise, as defined in Section 5830, is considered a corporation subject to regulation by the commission.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

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*Governor*