

**Introduced by Senator Peace**

December 7, 1998

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An act to repeal and add Section 305 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to public utilities.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 33, as introduced, Peace. Public Utilities Commission: president.

Existing law requires the members of the Public Utilities Commission to elect one of their number president of the commission and requires the president to preside at all meetings and sessions of the commission. Existing law authorizes the commission to appoint an attorney and an executive director to the commission, as specified. Under existing law, the executive director is responsible for the commission's executive and administrative duties, including, but not limited to, directing the operations and affairs of the commission.

This bill would, instead, require the Governor to designate the president of the commission from among its members. The bill would require the president to direct the executive director, the attorney, and other staff of the commission in the performance of their duties, in accordance with commission policies and guidelines. The bill would require the president to preside at all meetings and sessions of the commission.

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 305 of the Public Utilities Code  
2 is repealed.

3 ~~305. The commissioners shall elect one of their~~  
4 ~~number president of the commission. The president shall~~  
5 ~~preside at all meetings and sessions of the commission.~~

6 SEC. 2. Section 305 is added to the Public Utilities  
7 Code, to read:

8 305. The Governor shall designate a president of the  
9 commission from among the members of the commission.  
10 The president shall direct the executive director, the  
11 attorney, and other staff of the commission in the  
12 performance of their duties, in accordance with  
13 commission policies and guidelines. The president shall  
14 preside at all meetings and sessions of the commission.

