

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 17, 1999

SENATE BILL

No. 33

Introduced by Senator Peace

December 7, 1998

~~An act to repeal and add Section 305 of the Public Utilities~~
An act to amend Section 309.1 of, and to repeal and add
Section 305 of, the Public Utilities Code, relating to public
utilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 33, as amended, Peace. Public Utilities Commission:
president: *advisers*.

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. *Existing law authorizes the Governor to appoint one adviser for each member of the commission upon the request of the commission member and prohibits the total number of advisers exempt from civil service from exceeding 5.*

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. *The bill would authorize the Governor to appoint up to 4 advisers for each member of the commission upon the request of the commission member and would prohibit the total number of advisers exempt from civil service from exceeding 20.*

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2 is repealed.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 SEC. 2. Section 305 is added to the Public Utilities
4 Code, to read:

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

12 SEC. 3. Section 309.1 of the Public Utilities Code is
13 amended to read:

14 309.1. The Governor may appoint ~~one adviser~~ up to
15 *four advisers* for each member of the commission upon
16 the request of the commission member. Each adviser
17 shall receive a salary ~~as shall be~~ fixed by the commission
18 with the approval of the Department of Personnel
19 Administration. ~~In no event shall the~~ *The* total number of
20 advisers exempt from civil service ~~may not exceed five~~ 20.