

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 20, 1999

SENATE BILL

No. 1194

Introduced by Senator Sher

February 26, 1999

An act to add Section 381.5 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to public utilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1194, as amended, Sher. Electrical restructuring: public benefit programs.

~~(1) The~~

The Public Utilities Act requires the Public Utilities Commission to order specified electrical corporations to collect and spend certain funds for prescribed public benefit programs. The act specifically requires cost-effective energy efficiency and conservation activities to be funded by San Diego Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company at specified levels, commencing January 1, 1998, through December 31, 2001.

This bill, notwithstanding the above provision, would require the San Diego Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Gas Company, and any other public utility designated by the commission, to administer those activities, as prescribed by the commission, through December 31, 2001. The bill would require the commission, before January 1, 2002, to study the feasibility of administering the those activities through a nonprofit public benefit

corporation. ~~Because a violation of the act by a public utility is a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program by creating a new crime.~~

~~(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.~~

~~This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.~~

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 381.5 is added to the Public
2 Utilities Code, to read:

3 ~~381.5. Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of subdivision~~
4 ~~(e) of Section 381, San Diego Gas and Electric Company,~~
5 ~~Southern California Edison Company, Pacific Gas and~~
6 ~~Electric Company, Southern California Gas Company,~~
7 ~~and any other public utility designated by the~~
8 ~~commission, shall administer the cost-effective energy~~
9 ~~efficiency and conservation activities described in that~~
10 ~~paragraph, as prescribed by the commission, through~~
11 ~~December 31, 2001.~~

12 381.5. Before January 1, 2002, the commission shall
13 study the feasibility of administering *those activities the*
14 *cost-effective energy efficiency and conservation*
15 *activities described in paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of*
16 *Section 381* though a nonprofit public benefit
17 corporation.

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19 SEC. 2. ~~No reimbursement is required by this act~~
20 ~~pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California~~
21 ~~Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred~~
22 ~~by a local agency or school district will be incurred~~
23 ~~because this act creates a new crime or infraction,~~
24 ~~eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty~~
25 ~~for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section~~
26 ~~17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition~~

1 ~~of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article~~
2 ~~XIII B of the California Constitution.~~

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