

(S. B. 1044)

(No. 80-2010)

(Approved July 16, 2010)

AN ACT

To amend subsection (c) of Section 5 of Act No. 109 of June 28, 1962, as amended, known as the “Puerto Rico Public Service Act,” in order for the term of the office of Commissioners to be for eight (8) years.

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

The Public Service Commission has important functions in our current society, which directly and indirectly serve our growing citizenry. The technological advancements of our society make it necessary for government services to be efficient and expedited.

In spite of the Commission’s arduous work, it is known that the services it provides through its Commissioners take long, sometimes coinciding with changes in the offices of Commissioners when their terms expire. To prevent delays in these services due to the change in Commissioners every four years, it is necessary to increase such Commissioners’ terms from four (4) to eight (8) years, thus guaranteeing a higher quality, effective, and expedited service as well as providing the agency with more stability and solidity.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF PUERTO RICO:

Section 1. – To amend subsection (c) of Section 5 of Act No. 109 of June 28, 1962, as amended, known as the “Puerto Rico Public Service Act,” in order for the term of the office of Commissioner to be for eight (8) years, to read as follows:

“(c) The Commissioners first appointed pursuant to this part shall hold office for terms of two (2), three (3) and four (4) years, respectively. The term for each one shall be fixed by the Governor, but their successors shall be appointed for a term of eight (8) years. Any person chosen to fill a vacancy shall be appointed only for the unexpired term of the Commissioner whom he/she succeeds. Vacancies occurring in the Commission shall in no way whatsoever impair the right of the remaining Commissioners to perform all the duties thereof, subject to the provisions of Section 1053 of this title. Upon expiration of the term of any Commissioner, he/she may continue to hold office until his/her successor is appointed and takes charge of such office.”

Section 2. – This Act shall take effect immediately after its approval.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to the Secretary of State that the following **Act No. 80-2010 (S. B. 1044)** of the **3rd Session of the 16th Legislature** of Puerto Rico:

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has been translated from Spanish to English and that the English version is correct.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, on the 31st day of August, 2012.

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