

(S.B. 2355)

No. 115

(Approved July 6, 2000)

AN ACT

To amend Subsection (a) of Section 5 of Act No. 109 of June 28, 1962, as amended, known as the “Puerto Rico Public Service Act”, to provide that the Public Service Commission shall be composed of seven (7) commissioners.

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

In today’s society, the Public Service Commission has important duties that directly and indirectly serve our ever-growing population. The technologic innovations of today’s Puerto Rico make it imperative that **public proceedings** be promptly resolved. According to this new vision of government we have increased the quality, speed and manner that public matters are handled. Bearing in mind the great increase of population that our Island has seen in the past decades, we are aware of the vertiginous increase of requests for the services this Commission provides. Therefore, it is necessary to increase the number of Public Service Commissioners to seven (7), in order to offer better quality, speedier and more efficient services to our society.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF PUERTO RICO:

Section 1.- Subsection (a) of Section 5 of Act No. 109 of June 28, 1962, as amended, known as the “Puerto Rico Public Service Act”, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 5.- Composition of the Commission

(a) The Commission shall be composed of seven (7) Public Service Commissioners appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, of which one shall be its Chairman.

The Chairman shall have discretion to allocate working areas in the adjudicative phase as well as the quasi-legislative and/or operational phase of the Agency, to one or more Associate Commissioners.

The Commission shall operate in full, or at the discretion of the Chairman, divided into chambers composed of two Commissioners, who may operate and adjudicate cases apart from each other. Except as provided in Section 6 of this Act in the case of a tied vote, as well as those cases in which the Chairman may exercise his discretion to be part of a chamber, each chamber may definitely resolve the cases before its consideration through the signature of both Commissioners on the resolutions and/or orders, without the need of any further procedure.

The Chairman, at his/her discretion, or by petition of any of the Commissioners that compose one of the chambers, may remove any case from one chamber to the Commission in full.

(b) ...”

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. 115 (S.B. 2355) of the 7th Session of the 13th 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, today 10th of November of 2003.

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Director