

By the Committee on Utilities & Communications and  
Representative Arnall

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Florida Public Service  
3           Commission; amending s. 350.01, F.S.; deleting  
4           obsolete provisions; amending s. 350.011, F.S.;  
5           clarifying the jurisdiction, powers, and duties  
6           of the commission; providing an effective date.

7  
8   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

9  
10           Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 350.01, Florida  
11   Statutes, is amended to read:

12           350.01 Florida Public Service Commission; terms of  
13   commissioners; vacancies; election and duties of chair;  
14   quorum; proceedings.--

15           ~~(2)(a) Each commissioner serving on July 1, 1978,~~  
16   ~~shall be permitted to remain in office until the completion of~~  
17   ~~his or her current term. Upon the expiration of the term, a~~  
18   ~~successor shall be appointed in the manner prescribed by s.~~  
19   ~~350.031(3) and (4) for a 4-year term, except that the terms of~~  
20   ~~the initial members appointed under this act shall be as~~  
21   ~~follows:~~

22           ~~1. The vacancy created by the present term ending in~~  
23   ~~January, 1981, shall be filled by appointment for a 4-year~~  
24   ~~term and for 4-year terms thereafter; and~~

25           ~~2. The vacancies created by the two present terms~~  
26   ~~ending in January, 1979, shall be filled by appointment for a~~  
27   ~~3-year term and for 4-year terms thereafter.~~

28           ~~(b) Two additional commissioners shall be appointed in~~  
29   ~~the manner prescribed by s. 350.031(3) and (4) for 4-year~~  
30   ~~terms beginning the first Tuesday after the first Monday in~~  
31

1 ~~January, 1979, and successors shall be appointed for a 4-year~~  
2 ~~term terms thereafter.~~

3 (c) Vacancies on the commission shall be filled as  
4 provided in s. 350.031 for the unexpired portion of the term  
5 ~~in the same manner as original appointments to the commission.~~

6 Section 2. Section 350.011, Florida Statutes, is  
7 amended to read:

8 350.011 Florida Public Service Commission;  
9 jurisdiction; powers and duties.--The jurisdiction, powers,  
10 and duties of the Florida Public Service Commission, formerly  
11 known as the Florida Railroad and Public Utilities Commission  
12 or the Florida Public Utilities Commission, are as provided,  
13 but not limited to, those enumerated in this chapter and in  
14 chapters 364, 366, 367, and 368. The status of any action  
15 taken by, or in relation to, such former commissions continues  
16 in full force and effect.~~The state regulatory agency~~  
17 ~~heretofore known as the Florida Railroad and Public Utilities~~  
18 ~~Commission or Florida Public Utilities Commission shall be~~  
19 ~~known and hereafter called Florida Public Service Commission,~~  
20 ~~and all rights, powers, duties, responsibilities,~~  
21 ~~jurisdiction, and judicial powers now vested in said Railroad~~  
22 ~~and Public Utilities Commission or said Florida Public~~  
23 ~~Utilities Commission and the commissioners thereof are vested~~  
24 ~~in the Florida Public Service Commission and the commissioners~~  
25 ~~thereof. Whenever reference is made to the Florida Railroad~~  
26 ~~and Public Utilities Commission or Florida Public Utilities~~  
27 ~~Commission and the commissioners thereof in the laws of the~~  
28 ~~state previously enacted or enacted at this session of the~~  
29 ~~Legislature, such reference shall be construed to mean the~~  
30 ~~Florida Public Service Commission and the commissioners~~  
31 ~~thereof and all appropriations for the use of said Railroad~~

