

SENATE BILL No. 28

January 11, 1989, Introduced by Senators CARL, POSTHUMUS and EHLERS
and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Technology.

A bill to amend section 3 of Act No. 3 of the Public Acts of
1939, entitled as amended

"An act to provide for the regulation and control of public utilities and other services affected with a public interest within this state; to create a public service commission and to prescribe and define its powers and duties; to abolish the Michigan public utilities commission and to confer the powers and duties vested by law therein on the public service commission; to provide for the continuance, transfer, and completion of certain matters and proceedings; to abolish automatic adjustment clauses; to prohibit rate increases without notice and hearing; to qualify residential energy conservation programs permitted under state law for certain federal exemption; to provide for a restructuring of rates for certain utilities; to provide for appeals; to provide appropriations; to declare the effect of this act; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal all acts contrary to this act,"

being section 460.3 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 3 of Act No. 3 of the Public Acts of
2 1939, being section 460.3 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is
3 amended to read as follows:

1 Sec. 3. The salary of the ~~chairman~~ CHAIRPERSON of the
2 commission and of each of the other members and the schedule for
3 reimbursement of expenses shall be established annually by the
4 legislature. The commission may appoint a secretary and the dep-
5 uties, clerks, assistants, inspectors, heads of divisions, LEGAL
6 COUNSEL, and employees necessary for the proper exercise of the
7 powers and duties of the commission. All salaries and other
8 expenses incurred by the commission shall be paid out of funds
9 appropriated by the legislature. All fees and other ~~moneys~~
10 MONEY received by the commission shall be paid over at the end of
11 each month to the state treasurer, taking a receipt therefor.
12 The commission may employ engineers and experts in public utili-
13 ties and public service matters and fix their compensation for
14 services, which may be paid out of the appropriation provided by
15 the legislature. The engineers, inspectors, and employees shall
16 be entitled to their actual and necessary expenses incurred in
17 the performance of the work of the commission pursuant to the
18 schedule established by the legislature. Each deputy, clerk,
19 assistant, engineer, inspector, or expert shall perform the
20 duties required by the commission. IF THE COMMISSION APPOINTS A
21 LEGAL COUNSEL, HE OR SHE SHALL REPRESENT THE COMMISSION IN ALL
22 LEGAL MATTERS AND PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AS PRESCRIBED BY THE
23 COMMISSION. Each member of the commission shall devote his OR HER
24 entire time to the performance of the duties of his OR HER
25 office.