

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 886

Introduced by Assembly Member Chau

February 26, 2015

An act to amend Section 335 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to public utilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 886, as introduced, Chau. Electricity restructuring: Electricity Oversight Board.

Existing law restructured the electrical services industry to provide for the authorization of direct transactions between electricity suppliers and end use customers and for the establishment of an Independent System Operator and a Power Exchange. Existing law establishes the Electricity Oversight Board to oversee the Independent System Operator and the Power Exchange.

This bill would make various nonsubstantive, technical changes in provisions that establish the Electricity Oversight Board.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 335 of the Public Utilities Code is
2 amended to read:
3 335. In order to ensure that the interests of the people of
4 California are served, a five-member Electricity Oversight Board
5 is hereby ~~created~~ *established*, as provided in Section 336. For
6 purposes of this chapter, any reference to the Oversight Board

1 shall mean the Electricity Oversight Board. Its functions shall be
2 all of the following:

3 (a) To oversee the Independent System Operator and the Power
4 Exchange.

5 (b) To determine the composition and terms of service and to
6 exercise the exclusive right to decline to confirm the appointments
7 of specific members of the governing board of the Power Exchange.

8 (c) To serve as an appeal board for majority decisions of the
9 Independent System Operator governing board, as ~~they~~ *those*
10 *decisions* relate to matters subject to exclusive state jurisdiction,
11 as specified in Section 339.

12 (d) Those members of the Power Exchange governing board
13 whose appointments the Oversight Board has the exclusive right
14 to decline to confirm include proposed governing board members
15 representing agricultural end users, industrial end users,
16 commercial end users, residential end users, end users at large,
17 nonmarket participants, and public interest groups.

18 (e) To investigate any matter related to the wholesale market
19 for electricity to ensure that the interests of California's citizens
20 and consumers are served, protected, and represented in relation
21 to the availability of electric transmission and generation and
22 related costs, during periods of peak demand.