

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 828

Introduced by Assembly Member Conroy

February 22, 1995

An act to add Section 495.6 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to public utilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 828, as introduced, Conroy. Telecommunications: service options.

Under existing law, every public utility other than a common carrier is required to file with the commission, and to print and keep open for public inspection, all rates, tolls, rentals, charges, and classifications, and all rules, contracts, privileges, and facilities as they relate to rates, tolls, rentals, charges, classifications, or services.

Existing law, until January 1, 1998, authorizes the commission, by rule or order, to waive for certain classes of telephone corporations the above filing requirements, in full or in part, for telephone services defined as enhanced services by the commission.

This bill would permit the commission, by rule or order, to partially or completely exempt telecommunications services offered by telephone or telegraph corporations from the above filing requirements if the commission determines that the provider of the service lacks significant market power in the market for that service, and to revoke any exemption so granted.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 495.6 is added to the Public
2 Utilities Code, to read:
3 495.6. The commission may, by rule or order, partially
4 or completely exempt telecommunications services
5 offered by telephone or telegraph corporations from the
6 filing requirements pursuant to Sections 454, 489, and 495
7 if the commission determines that the provider of the
8 service lacks significant market power in the market for
9 that service. The commission, by rule or order, may
10 revoke any exemption granted under this section.

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