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Amendment to HB 169-FN

1 Amend RSA 363:1 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 363:1 Commission; Term. There shall be a public utilities commission, which shall be an
4 independent **regulatory** agency administratively attached to the department of energy pursuant to
5 RSA 21-G:10. The chair of the commission shall have the powers and duties set forth in RSA 21-G:9,
6 ***except for the adoption of rules, which requires a majority of the commission.*** The
7 commission shall be composed of 3 commissioners who shall be full-time employees and who shall
8 engage in no other gainful employment during their terms as members. Their term of office shall be
9 for 6 years. Of the 3 commissioners, one shall be an attorney and a member of the New Hampshire
10 Bar and one shall have either background or experience or both in one or more of the following:
11 engineering, economics, accounting or finance.
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13 Amend RSA 363:16 as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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15 363:16 Quorum. A majority of the commission shall constitute a quorum to issue orders, ***and***
16 ***establish rules***, and any hearing may be held or conducted by 2 commissioners or by a single
17 commissioner. ***In this chapter, "majority" means at least 2 commissioners, regardless of any***
18 ***vacancies.***

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill defines "majority" of the public utilities commission as 2, regardless of any vacancies, and provides that a majority of the commissioners shall be required for the adoption of rules.

The bill further defines the commission as a regulatory agency.