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HOUSE BILL            *[bill number]*

AN ACT                relative to a quorum of the public utilities commission.

SPONSORS:           [sponsors]

COMMITTEE:         [committee]

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ANALYSIS

This bill defines "majority" of the public utilities commission to be a 2/3 majority regardless of any vacancies and further defines the commission as a regulatory agency.

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Explanation:        Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                         Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~.  
                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five*

AN ACT                      relative to a quorum of the public utilities commission.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

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

10           2 Quorum. Amend RSA 363:16 to read as follows:

11           363:16 Quorum. A majority of the commission shall constitute a quorum~~[-to issue orders, and~~  
12 ~~any hearing may be held or conducted by 2 commissioners or by a single commissioner].~~ ***In this***  
13 ***chapter, "majority" means at least 2/3 of the commission regardless of any vacancies.***

14           3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.