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**HOUSE BILL 3**

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 1999**

**INTRODUCED BY**

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**AN ACT**

**RELATING TO THE PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION; CLARIFYING THAT COMMISSIONERS SERVE FULL TIME; CLARIFYING THAT SANTA FE IS THE DESIGNATED POST OF DUTY FOR COMMISSIONERS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:**

**Section 1. Section 8-8-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1998, Chapter 108, Section 3) is amended to read:**

**"8-8-3. PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION. --**

**A. The "public regulation commission", created in Article 11, Section 1 of the constitution of New Mexico, is composed of five commissioners elected from districts as provided in that article and the Public Regulation Commission Apportionment Act.**

**B. Each commissioner shall devote full time to his**

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1 official business. The designated post of duty for public  
2 regulation commissioners is Santa Fe, and a commissioner shall  
3 not receive reimbursement for per diem and mileage between  
4 either his permanent or temporary residence and the designated  
5 post of duty.

6 [B-] C. The commission shall annually elect one of  
7 its members chairman, who shall preside at hearings. In the  
8 absence of the chairman, the commission may appoint any other  
9 member to preside. "

10 Section 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
11 peace, health and safety that this act take effect  
12 immediately.