

~~COMMISSIONER OR A PART-TIME COMMISSIONER SHALL ALSO BE ELIGIBLE FOR DESIGNATION BY THE GOVERNOR AS THE STATE'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION.~~

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~~(A) THE COMMISSION MAY CONDUCT ITS PROCEEDINGS IN THREE-MEMBER PANELS. THE PANELS MAY CONSIST OF ANY COMBINATION OF COMMISSIONERS, REGULAR OR PART-TIME, OR MAY CONSIST OF TWO COMMISSIONERS, REGULAR OR PART-TIME, AND A HEARING EXAMINER. COMPOSITION OF THE PANELS SHALL BE DESIGNATED BY THE CHAIRMAN. TWO MEMBERS OF THE PANEL SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM WITH FULL POWER TO ACT FOR THE COMMISSION; OR~~

~~(B) THE COMMISSION MAY DELEGATE TO A REGULAR COMMISSIONER, A PART-TIME COMMISSIONER OR A HEARING EXAMINER THE AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT ANY PROCEEDING WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION. IN EACH DELEGATED PROCEEDING, THE REGULAR COMMISSIONER, PART-TIME COMMISSIONER OR HEARING EXAMINER SHALL CONDUCT THE HEARING AND ANY OTHER PROCEEDING THAT HE MAY DEEM NECESSARY. WHEN DELEGATING THE AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT A PROCEEDING, THE COMMISSION SHALL SPECIFY WHETHER THE REGULAR COMMISSIONER, PART-TIME COMMISSIONER OR HEARING EXAMINER IS TO FILE A REPORT WITH THE COMMISSION, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, OR FILE A PROPOSED ORDER, INCLUDING FINDINGS OF FACT, WHICH SHALL BECOME FINAL 30 DAYS AFTER FILING WITH THE COMMISSION UNLESS STAYED BY THE COMMISSION. A PROPOSED ORDER SHALL BE SERVED ON ALL PARTIES TO THE PROCEEDING SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH ITS BEING FILED WITH THE COMMISSION.~~

~~ANY PARTY TO A PROCEEDING SHALL HAVE 20 DAYS AFTER BEING SERVED WITH A PROPOSED ORDER IN WHICH IT MAY FILE EXCEPTIONS WITH THE COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION SHALL PROMPTLY CONSIDER THE EXCEPTIONS ON THE RECORD BEFORE THE REGULAR COMMISSIONER, PART-TIME COMMISSIONER OR HEARING EXAMINER WHO FILED THE PROPOSED ORDER AND, IF DEEMED NECESSARY TO MAKE A REVISION, SHALL, BEFORE THE END OF THE 30-DAY PERIOD COMMENCING WITH THE FILING OF THE PROPOSED ORDER, ISSUE A STAY AND THEREAFTER, IF DEEMED NECESSARY, REQUIRE THE FILING OF BRIEFS AND/OR THE HOLDING OF ORAL ARGUMENT BEFORE ISSUING A FINAL ORDER IN THE MATTER.~~

~~(C) THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION SHALL DESIGNATE A REGULAR COMMISSIONER TO ACT IN HIS ABSENCE.~~

~~SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the full-time commissioners as specified in the law in existence immediately prior to July 1, 1977 are continued as the terms of the regular commissioners and that the members of the Public Service Commission holding office thereunder as full-time commissioners and in office immediately prior to July 1, 1977, shall continue~~