SENATE, No. 20

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 22, 1948

By Mr. ARMSTRONG

Referred to Committee on State Government Reorganization

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2. The Governor shall designate one of the members of the board of public utility commissioners as president of such board. Any member of the board so designated shall serve as such president during the term of the Governor designating him and until his successor has been designated. The president of the board shall be its presiding officer and the chief administrative officer of the Department of Public Utilities. The other members of the board shall be eligible to appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of president of the board.

3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with any of the provisions of this act are, to the extent of such inconsistency, hereby repealed.

4. This act shall be known as, and may be cited as, the "Department of Public Utilities Act of 1948."

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