

The Little Hoover Commission Role in Governor's Reorganization Plans

Government Code Section 8523

8523. (a) The Governor shall submit to the commission for study and recommendation any reorganization plan which he intends to submit to the Legislature pursuant to authority vested in the Governor by the Legislature under Section 6 of Article V of the Constitution at least 30 days prior to submission of such plan to the Legislature. The commission shall make its report to the Governor and the Legislature within 30 days of the date on which the Governor submits any such plan to the Legislature. The commission may, on its own initiative, undertake a study of any reorganization proposal submitted to the Legislature and make reports to the Governor and the Legislature as it deems necessary.

(b) Prior to transmittal of a plan to the Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy pursuant to this section the Governor shall submit each plan to the Legislative Counsel in order that it may be submitted to the Legislature in the form and language suitable for enactment in the statutes at large. The Legislative Counsel shall prepare a digest of the plan which shall be printed commencing on the first page thereof.

It is the intent of the Legislature in requiring the use of statutory format language to insure that reorganization plans submitted to it express clearly and specifically the nature and purposes of the plan.

(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (a) of this section, the Governor may submit a reorganization plan directly to the Legislature if such plan is substantially identical to a plan previously submitted to the commission during the same legislative session.

(Added by Stats. 1974, Ch. 1242.)