Memorandum 84-97

Subject: Revision of Statute Governing Law Revision Commission

At the last meeting, the Commission determined that the statute governing the Commission should be amended to permit replacement of members who consistently fail to attend meetings and to permit members and employees of the Commission to support Commission recommended legislation. The attached draft is designed to carry out the Commission's decisions.

The draft is presented for approval for introduction at the next session of the Legislature.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. DeMoully Executive Secretary An act to amend Section 8288 of, and to add Section 8281.5 to, the Government Code, relating to the California Law Revision Commission.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 8281.5 is added to the Government Code, to read:

8281.5. The office of a member of the commission appointed by the Governor becomes vacant if the member is absent for three consecutive regular meetings of the commission unless the member is excused from attending by the chairperson of the commission. When the office of a member of the commission becomes vacant under this section, the chairperson of the commission shall give notice of the vacancy to the Governor.

SEC. 2. Section 8288 of the Government Code is amended to read:

8288. No Except for legislation recommended by the commission, no employee of the commission and no member appointed by the Governor shall, with respect to any proposed legislation concerning matters assigned to the commission for study pursuant to Section 8293, advocate the passage or defeat of the legislation by the Legislature or the approval or veto of the legislation by the Governor or appear before any committee of the Legislature as to such matters unless requested to do so by the committee or its chairperson. In no event shall an employee or member of the commission appointed by the Governor advocate the passage or defeat of any legislation, or the approval or veto of any legislation by the Governor, in his or her official capacity as an employee or member.