

## MEMORANDUM 2026-35

### Election of Officers

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The California Law Revision Commission's<sup>1</sup> *Handbook of Practices and Procedures* establishes a one-year term for the offices of Chair and Vice Chair from the date of the election or until the election of successors, whichever is later.<sup>2</sup> The incumbent Chair is Richard Simpson, and the incumbent Vice Chair is Victor King.

#### 150. Officers

(a) Commission officers are the Chair and the Vice Chair. The terms of office are one year.

(b) Commissioners shall elect the Commission officers at the end of the last meeting of the calendar year, and the terms for new officers are effective immediately.

(c) In case of an officer vacancy, the Commission shall elect an officer to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the vacant term.

(d) No officer is eligible to succeed themselves in the same office in which the officer has served a full term. However, an officer who has served less than a full term may succeed themselves in the same office for a full term. If the Chair is reelected to office under this provision, the incumbent Vice Chair is eligible for reelection even though reelection may result in the Vice Chair succeeding themselves for another full term.

(e) Before the terms of the Chair and Vice Chair end, the staff will prepare a memorandum entitled "Election of Officers" for the Commission to consider at an upcoming meeting. This will provide an opportunity for the Commission to elect officers for the coming term.

At its September 18, 2025 meeting, the Commissioners held elections and decided the term for the current Chair and Vice-Chair would run from October 11, 2025 to October 11, 2026.<sup>3</sup> Consistent with the Handbook's directive that the terms of office are one year, the Commission should consider electing a new Chair and Vice Chair at the October 30, 2026

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<sup>1</sup> Any California Law Revision Commission document referred to in this memorandum can be obtained from the Commission. Recent materials can be downloaded from the Commission's website ([www.clrc.ca.gov](http://www.clrc.ca.gov)). Other materials can be obtained by contacting the Commission's staff, through the website or otherwise.

The Commission welcomes written comments at any time during its study process. Any comments received will be a part of the public record and may be considered at a public meeting. However, comments that are received less than five business days prior to a Commission meeting may be presented without staff analysis.

<sup>2</sup> California Law Revision Commission, *Handbook of Practices and Procedures*, [Rule 150](#). However, pursuant to Rule 15, the Handbook does not bind the Commission, and the Commission is free to waive or change non-statutorily required provisions.

<sup>3</sup> [Minutes](#) (September 2025) p. 3.

meeting to take office on October 31, 2026, and hold office until October 31, 2027 or until the election of successors, whichever is later.

Respectfully submitted,

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