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To reauthorize appropriations for the Civil Rights Commission Act of 1983,  
and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 25, 1996

Mr. BROWN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred  
to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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Commission Act of 1983, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Civil Rights Commis-  
5 sion Reauthorization Act of 1996”.

6 **SEC. 2. BIPARTISANSHIP.**

7 Section 2(b)(1) of the Civil Rights Commission Act  
8 of 1983 (42 U.S.C. 1975(b)(1)) is amended by inserting  
9 before the period the following: “, and of the members ap-

1 pointed not more than two shall be appointed from the  
2 same political party”.

3 **SEC. 3. APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF REPORTS.**

4 Section 3(c) of the Civil Rights Commission Act of  
5 1983 (42 U.S.C. 1975a(c)) is amended by adding at the  
6 end the following:

7 “(3) APPROVAL.—The Commission may submit  
8 a report under this subsection only with the approval  
9 of a majority of the members of the Commission  
10 that are present at a meeting when a quorum is  
11 present.”.

12 **SEC. 4. APPROVAL OF ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS.**

13 Section 3(e)(2) of the Civil Rights Commission Act  
14 of 1983 (42 U.S.C. 1975a(e)(2)) is amended by inserting  
15 after the first sentence the following: “The Commission  
16 may issue a subpoena under this paragraph only with the  
17 approval of a majority of the members of the Commission  
18 that are present at a meeting when a quorum is present.”.

19 **SEC. 5. REVIEW OF STAFF DIRECTOR.**

20 Section 4(a) of the Civil Rights Commission Act of  
21 1983 (42 U.S.C. 1975b(a)) is amended—

22 (1) by striking “There shall” and inserting the  
23 following:

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—There shall”;

1           (2) by striking “(A)” and inserting the follow-  
2           ing:

3                           “(i)”;

4           (3) by striking “(B)” and inserting the follow-  
5           ing:

6                           “(ii)”;

7           (4) by adding at the end the following:

8           “(2) REVIEW AND RETENTION.—The Commis-  
9           sion shall annually review the performance of the  
10          staff director and conduct a vote with respect to re-  
11          tention of the staff director. The Commission shall  
12          be considered to have removed the staff director if  
13          less than a majority of the members of the Commis-  
14          sion votes for retention of the staff director.

15          “(3) NONCAREER APPOINTEE.—The staff direc-  
16          tor shall be considered to be a noncareer appointee,  
17          as defined in section 3132(a) of title 5, United  
18          States Code.”.

19 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

20          Section 5 of the Civil Rights Commission Act of 1983  
21          (42 U.S.C. 1975c) is amended—

22                 (1) in the first sentence, by striking “for fiscal  
23                 year 1995” and inserting “for each of fiscal years  
24                 1997 and 1998”; and

1           (2) in the second sentence, by striking “fiscal  
2       year 1995” and inserting “fiscal year 1997 or  
3       1998”.

4 **SEC. 7. TERMINATION.**

5       Section 6 of the Civil Rights Commission Act of 1983  
6 (42 U.S.C. 1975d) is amended by striking “1996” and  
7 inserting “1998”.

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