

**ITEM 6**  
**ADOPTION OF COMMISSION ORDER TO INITIATE**  
**EMERGENCY RULEMAKING**  
**DIGITAL SIGNATURES ON E-FILED COMMISSION FORMS**  
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2, DIVISION 2, CHAPTER 2.5  
ARTICLE 1  
SECTION 1181.3

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Section 1188.1(b) of the Commission on State Mandates' (Commission's) regulations authorizes the Commission to adopt an order to initiate rulemaking. Following adoption of the order, staff will publish a notice of hearing and notice and rulemaking package to all interested persons for public comment.

The purpose of this emergency rulemaking to section 1181.3 of the Commission's regulations is to (1) require e-filed Commission forms to be digitally signed; (2) clarify the e-filing process; and (3) update reference citations.

These changes are discussed in detail in the attached Notice of Proposed Emergency Rulemaking Action and Finding of Emergency.<sup>1</sup>

**I. Exhibits**

The proposed regulatory text is attached as Exhibit B. The proposed text is in ~~strikeout~~ and underline to show proposed changes to current regulatory language. Before filing with OAL, staff may make technical corrections, as required. The Notice of Proposed Emergency Rulemaking Action and Finding of Emergency is attached as Exhibit C.

**II. Timetable**

If the order is adopted at the March 25, 2022 hearing of the Commission, staff will proceed pursuant to the following timetable:

March 29, 2022	Commission staff issues the Notice of Proposed Emergency Action. Public notice period begins.
April 5, 2022	Public notice period ends.
April 6, 2022	Emergency Rulemaking filed with the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for public comment and review. OAL publishes the

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<sup>1</sup> Exhibit C.

	notice on its website. Public comment period begins. OAL review period begins.
April 11, 2022	Public comment period ends.
April 14, 2022	If public comments are received, last day for Commission to submit a written response.
April 18, 2022	End of OAL review period. If approved, OAL files Emergency Regulations with the Secretary of State.
April 18, 2022 – October 15, 2022	Effective dates of Emergency Regulations (180 days).

**Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Commission adopt Proposed Order 22-02.