

Preside or Lead?

The Attributes and Actions of Effective Regulators

33. Legislatures and Commissions: How Well Do They Work Together?

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Legislatures delegate powers to commissions. To delegate is to decide: Which problems are best addressed by the legislature, and which by the commission? Regulatory statutes often answer this question suboptimally. Here are three examples and three common causes, followed by two principles for effective legislature–commission relations.

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