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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 28767.8 is added to the Public Utilities Code, to read:

28767.8. (a) The board may establish an office of independent police auditor, reporting directly to the board, to investigate complaints filed by members of the public against district police officers.

(b) The independent police auditor shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) To investigate those complaints or allegations of on-duty misconduct by district police officers received from members of the public, within the independent police auditor's purview as it is set by the board.

(2) To reach independent findings as to the validity of each complaint.

(3) To recommend appropriate disciplinary action against district police officers for those citizen complaints determined to be sustained.

(c) The board shall organize, reorganize, and manage the office of the independent police auditor. Notwithstanding the authority granted the general manager in this part, the board may, by resolution, authorize a citizen review board to participate in recommending appropriate disciplinary action, if any, within the independent police auditor's authority. ~~The board may also recommend the appropriate level of discipline for any district police officer against whom a citizen complaint has been sustained.~~

(d) The independent police auditor shall prepare, in accordance with the rules of the office, reports of his or her activities as permitted by law.



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