

1979 Assembly Bill 880

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AN ACT to amend 13.55 (1) and (2); and to create 13.55 (5) of the statutes, relating to a membership restriction in the national conference of commissioners on uniform state laws and adding 4 legislators to the Wisconsin commission on uniform state laws.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 13.55 (1) and (2) of the statutes are amended to read:

13.55 (1) CREATION. There is created a ~~5-member~~ 7-member commission on uniform state laws to advise the legislature with regard to uniform laws and model laws. The commission shall consist of the executive secretary of the legislative council or a professional employe of the legislative council designated by the executive secretary, the chief of the legislative reference bureau or a professional employe under s. 13.92 (1) (b) designated by ~~him~~ the chief, the revisor of statutes, 2 senators and 2 representatives to the assembly from the 2 major political parties appointed as are members of standing committees for 2-year terms, and ~~2 members of the Wisconsin bar~~ public members appointed by the governor for 4-year terms. The terms of members, other than the ex officio members, shall expire on May 1 of an odd-numbered year. The ex officio members may each designate an employe to represent them at any meeting of the conference under sub. (3).

(2) QUORUM; SCHEDULED MEETINGS. Any ~~3~~ 4 members of the commission shall constitute a quorum. The commission shall meet at least once every 2 years.

SECTION 2. 13.55 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

13.55 (5) NONLAWYER MEMBERS. The commissioners shall individually and collectively endeavor to secure the right of any person to become a voting commissioner or associate member of the national conference of commissioners on uniform state laws without regard to his or her membership in the bar of the state which he or she represents. The commission shall include in its first 2 biennial reports under sub. (4) after the effective date of this act (1979) a description of the endeavors, an assessment of the probability of their success within the foreseeable future and further recommendations for accomplishing the objective described in this subsection.

SECTION 3. **Effective date.** This act takes effect on January 1, 1981.