



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2017 Wisconsin Act 200
[2017 Assembly Bill 667]

**Wisconsin Commission on
Uniform State Laws**

BACKGROUND

The Wisconsin Commission on Uniform State Laws is directed to advise the Legislature regarding uniform and model laws. Commission members also serve as the Wisconsin delegation to the national Uniform Law Commission. The commission members include all of the following:

- The Director of the Legislative Council Staff, or the Director's designee.
- The Chief of the Legislative Reference Bureau, or the Chief's designee.
- Two senators and two representatives of the Assembly from the two major political parties, appointed as are members of standing committees.
- Two public members appointed by the Governor.

[s. 13.55, Stats.]

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In addition to several minor or technical changes relating to the commission, 2017 Wisconsin Act 200 modifies certain requirements regarding membership on the Wisconsin Commission on Uniform State Laws. First, the Act allows the Legislature to appoint any member of the Wisconsin Bar Association to the commission if there is no sitting or former legislator who is a Wisconsin Bar Association member and is able and willing to serve. Under prior law, Legislature-appointed members were required to be current or former legislators who are members of the Wisconsin Bar Association.

This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.

Second, the Act allows the current members of the commission to appoint people who have the status of “life member” in the national Uniform Law Commission as additional commission members with four-year terms.

Finally, the Act modifies the dates on which Legislature-appointed commissioners’ terms expire to match the Legislature’s biennial schedule.

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