

# State of Wisconsin



2017 Assembly Bill 667

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## 2017 WISCONSIN ACT 200

AN ACT *to repeal* 13.55 (5); *to renumber and amend* 13.55 (1) (b); *to amend* 13.55 (1) (a) 1. (intro.), 13.55 (1) (a) 2., 13.55 (2), 13.55 (3) (intro.) and 20.765 (3) (fa); and *to create* 13.55 (1) (a) 1. f., 13.55 (1) (b) 3. and 13.55 (1) (c) of the statutes; **relating 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) (a) 1. (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

13.55 (1) (a) 1. (intro.) There is created ~~an 8-member~~ a commission on uniform state laws to advise the legislature with regard to uniform laws and model laws. Except as provided under par. (b), the commission shall consist of all of the following:

**SECTION 2.** 13.55 (1) (a) 1. f. of the statutes is created to read:

13.55 (1) (a) 1. f. Members having the status of life members of the national Uniform Law Commission as delegates of this state, appointed by the commission members specified in subd. 1. a. to e., for 4-year terms.

**SECTION 3.** 13.55 (1) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

13.55 (1) (a) 2. The terms of members appointed by ~~the governor or by the legislature~~ under subd. 1. e. or f. shall expire on May 1 of an odd-numbered year. ~~The members, other than the appointees of the governor or of the legislature, may each designate an employee to represent them at any meeting of the conference under sub. (3).~~

**SECTION 4.** 13.55 (1) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 13.55 (1) (b) 1. and amended to read:

13.55 (1) (b) 1. Except as otherwise provided in ~~this paragraph subs. 2. and 3.~~, only senators and representatives to the assembly who are members of the bar association of this state may be appointed to seats designated for the offices of senator and representative to the assembly under par. (a).

2. A seat designated for ~~one of these offices~~ the office of senator or representative to the assembly under par. (a) that cannot be filled because of ~~this~~ the requirement under subd. 1., or because a senator or representative to the assembly is unwilling or unable to serve on the delegation, may be filled by a former senator or representative to the assembly from the applicable political party who served on the commission during his or her term as a senator or representative to the assembly and who is a member of the bar association of this state. ~~The~~

4. A former senator or representative to the assembly or other person may be appointed as provided in subd. 2. or 3. as are members of standing committees and shall serve for a 2-year term as provided under par. (a).

5. This paragraph does not apply if the ~~National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws~~ national Uniform Law Commission permits individuals to become voting commissioners or associate members of the ~~National Conference of Commissioners on Uni-~~

\* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."

~~form State Laws national Uniform Law Commission~~ without regard to membership in the bar of the state that the individual represents.

**SECTION 5.** 13.55 (1) (b) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

13.55 (1) (b) 3. A seat designated for the office of senator or representative to the assembly under par. (a) that cannot be filled as provided in subd. 1. or 2. because there is no individual meeting the described eligibility criteria who is able or willing to serve on the delegation may be filled by any member of the bar association of this state.

**SECTION 6.** 13.55 (1) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

13.55 (1) (c) Except as provided in sub. (2), members of the commission appointed under par. (a) 1. f. shall have the same rights and responsibilities as all other members, including voting rights.

**SECTION 7.** 13.55 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

13.55 (2) **QUORUM; SCHEDULED MEETINGS.** Any 5 members of the commission shall constitute a quorum. For purposes of determining whether a quorum exists,

members appointed under sub. (1) (a) 1. f. may not be counted. The commission shall meet at least once every 2 years.

**SECTION 8.** 13.55 (3) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

13.55 (3) **NATIONAL CONFERENCE.** (intro.) Each commissioner may attend the annual meeting of the ~~National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws~~ national Uniform Law Commission and shall do all of the following:

**SECTION 9.** 13.55 (5) of the statutes is repealed.

**SECTION 10.** 20.765 (3) (fa) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.765 (3) (fa) *Membership in national associations.* A sum sufficient to be disbursed under s. 13.90 (4) for payment of the annual fees entitling the legislature to membership in national organizations including, without limitation because of enumeration, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the ~~National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws~~ national Uniform Law Commission, and the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Laws and Ordinances.