



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2005 Wisconsin Act 23**  
[2005 Senate Bill 225]

**Commission on Uniform State  
Laws**

2005 Wisconsin Act 23 modifies the requirements for membership on the Commission on Uniform State Laws, which is the Wisconsin delegation to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

The statutes create a nine-member Commission on Uniform State Laws which consists of the Director of the Legislative Council Staff or a professional employee of the Legislative Council Staff designated by the Director, the Chief of the Legislative Reference Bureau or a professional employee designated by the Chief, the Revisor of Statutes, two Senators, two Representatives, and two public members appointed by the Governor.

The statutes specify that only Senators and Representatives who are members of the State Bar Association may be appointed to the Commission (unless the National Conference of Commissioners permits persons to become voting members or associate members of the National Conference of Commissioners without regard to bar membership). However, the statutes specify that a seat designated for a Senator or Representative that cannot be filled because of the bar membership requirement may be filled by a former Senator or Representative from the applicable political party who served on the Commission during his or her term as a Senator or Representative and who is a member of the Bar Association. Act 23 expands this provision to specify that a seat designated for a Senator or Representative that cannot be filled because of the bar membership requirement, or because a Senator or Representative is unwilling or unable to serve on the Commission, may be filled by such a former Senator or Representative.

**Effective Date:** Act 23 takes effect on August 5, 2005.

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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.state.wi.us/>.