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(As Amended and Passed by the Senate March 9, 2026)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the commission on uniform state laws.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 5.1, Code 2026, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **5.1 Commission on uniform laws — vacancies.**

4 1. The governor shall appoint three commissioners, each of
5 whom commission on uniform state laws is created, composed of
6 the following members:

7 a. One member, appointed by the governor, who shall be
8 a member in good standing of the bar of this state, in good
9 standing, who shall constitute and be known as the commission
10 on uniform state laws, and upon.

11 b. One member, appointed by the speaker of the house of
12 representatives, who shall be a member in good standing of the
13 bar of this state.

14 c. One member, appointed by the president of the senate
15 after consultation with the majority leader of the senate, who
16 shall be a member in good standing of the bar of this state.

17 2. Upon the death, resignation, or refusal to serve of any
18 of the commissioners so appointed, the governor appointing
19 authority shall make an appointment to fill the vacancy so
20 caused, such new appointment to be for the unexpired balance of
21 the term of the original appointee.

22 Sec. 2. Section 5.2, Code 2026, is amended to read as
23 follows:

24 **5.2 Tenure — compensation — expenses.**

25 ~~Said commissioners~~ Commissioners shall hold office for
26 a term of ~~four~~ two years, beginning on February 1 of each
27 odd-numbered year, and until their successors are duly
28 appointed, ~~but nothing herein contained shall be construed to~~
29 ~~render a commissioner who has faithfully performed the duties~~
30 ~~of commissioner ineligible for reappointment.~~ A member is
31 eligible for reappointment. No member of ~~said~~ the commission
32 shall receive any compensation for services as a commissioner,
33 but each commissioner shall be entitled to receive actual
34 disbursements for expenses in performing the duties of the
35 office.

1 Sec. 3. Section 5.4, Code 2026, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **5.4 Duties — reports.**

4 The commissioners shall attend the meeting of the national
5 conference of commissioners on uniform state laws, or arrange
6 for the attendance of at least one of their number at the
7 national conference, and both in and out of the national
8 conference they shall do all in their power to promote
9 uniformity in state laws, upon all subjects where uniformity is
10 deemed desirable and practicable. The commission shall ~~report~~
11 submit to the legislative council of the general assembly, an
12 ~~account of its transactions, and its advice and recommendations~~
13 ~~for legislation. This report shall be printed for presentation~~
14 ~~to the council~~ the commission's expenses under section 5.2 for
15 approval. The ~~council~~ commission shall submit ~~the a~~ report
16 of recommended legislation to the speaker of the house and
17 president of the senate who shall forward ~~it~~ the report to the
18 appropriate committees of the general assembly for further
19 study. The commission shall bring about as far as practicable
20 the uniform judicial interpretation of all uniform laws and
21 generally devise and recommend additional legislation or other
22 or further course of action as shall tend to accomplish the
23 purposes of **this chapter**.

24 Sec. 4. TRANSITION PROVISION. Notwithstanding any
25 provision of law to the contrary, members of the commission on
26 uniform state laws serving on the effective date of this Act
27 shall serve until January 31, 2027, and until their successors
28 are duly appointed, or until the member ceases to hold office,
29 whichever occurs first.