SENATE FILE 2070
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[= New Language by the Senate

A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the commission on uniform state laws.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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

5.1 Commission on uniform laws — vacancies.

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

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

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

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

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

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

5.2 Tenure — compensation — expenses.

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

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

5.4 Duties — reports.

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

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