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To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 503

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 7-1-501 AND 7-1-503, MISSISSIPPI
2 CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY APPOINTMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE
3 NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF COMMISSIONERS ON UNIFORM STATE LAWS; TO
4 AMEND SECTION 7-1-505, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW THE
5 APPOINTING AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE A SUBSTITUTE TO ATTEND THE
6 CONFERENCE'S ANNUAL MEETING, IN THE EVENT THAT A COMMISSIONER OR
7 ASSOCIATE MEMBER IS UNABLE TO ATTEND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

9 SECTION 1. Section 7-1-501, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
10 amended as follows:

11 7-1-501. The commission on uniform state laws shall consist
12 of the following appointed commissioners to the National
13 Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, all of whom
14 shall be members, in good standing, of the Mississippi State Bar:
15 two (2) members of the bar appointed by the Governor; a member of
16 the Senate appointed by the Lieutenant Governor; a member of the
17 House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House;
18 any member of the bar who has been elected a life member of the
19 conference; and the Directors of the Mississippi Law Research
20 Institute, and the Senate and House Legislative Services Offices.

21 The commissioners so appointed shall confer and act with the
22 commissioners of other states and territories in the formulation
23 of uniform laws on all subjects. The commissioners shall prepare

24 a report on their recommendations to be submitted to the
25 Legislature for its consideration for adoption.

26 SECTION 2. Section 7-1-503, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
27 amended as follows:

28 7-1-503. Two (2) associate members of the National
29 Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, all of whom
30 shall be members, in good standing, of the Mississippi State Bar,
31 shall be appointed to act in accordance with the constitution and
32 bylaws of the conference as follows:

33 (a) The Lieutenant Governor shall appoint one (1)
34 associate member from the * * * staff of the Senate * * *; and

35 (b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
36 appoint one (1) associate member from the * * * staff of the
37 House * * *.

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39 SECTION 3. Section 7-1-505, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
40 amended as follows:

41 7-1-505. The commissioners and associate members shall serve
42 until such time as they are removed or their successors are
43 appointed by the aforesaid appointing authorities. In the event
44 that a commissioner or associate member is unable to attend an
45 annual meeting of the conference, the appointing authority shall
46 designate a substitute person to attend the meeting.

47 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from
48 and after its passage.