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To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 503
(As Sent to Governor)

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 Governor shall appoint as commissioners to the
12 National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws three
13 (3) members, in good standing, of The Mississippi * * * Bar. In
14 addition to the Governor's appointees, the commission on uniform
15 state laws shall consist of the following appointed
16 commissioners * * * , all of whom shall be members, in good
17 standing, of The Mississippi * * * Bar: a member of the Senate
18 appointed by the Lieutenant Governor; a member of the House of
19 Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House; any member
20 of the bar who has been elected a life member of the conference;
21 and the Directors of the Mississippi Law Research Institute, and
22 the Senate and House Legislative Services Offices.

23 The commissioners so appointed shall confer and act with the
24 commissioners of other states and territories in the formulation
25 of uniform laws on all subjects. The commissioners shall prepare
26 a report on their recommendations to be submitted to the
27 Legislature for its consideration for adoption.

28 SECTION 2. Section 7-1-503, Mississippi Code of 1972, is

29 amended as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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