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Memorandum

To: Members of the Kansas Commission on Interstate Cooperation

FROM: Gordon Self, Secretary

DATE: June 29, 2022

RE: Summary of the Commission's role in appointing uniform law commissioners

The Kansas Commission on Interstate Cooperation was established in 1941 (K.S.A. 46-404) to carry forward the participation of Kansas in CSG and NCSL, maintain contact with other states, the federal government and local units of government, and to advance cooperation with other states by developing proposals and facilitating the adoption of uniform laws and compacts (K.S.A. 46-406).

The commission is composed of the seven members of the senate committee on interstate cooperation (K.S.A. 46-401), the seven members of the house committee on interstate cooperation (K.S.A. 46-402), and the six members of the governor's committee on interstate cooperation (K.S.A. 46-403). The revisor of statutes serves as secretary of the commission (K.S.A. 46-404). The governor's committee consists of the secretary of administration, ex officio; the attorney general, ex officio; the director of the budget; two administrative officials or employees designated by the governor; and the governor who may be chairperson or may appoint one of the other members as the chairperson (K.S.A. 46-403).

One of the responsibilities of the commission is to appoint three out of five members of an advisory committee to the commission. These three advisory committee members shall be members of the Kansas bar to be appointed upon the recommendation of the president of the Kansas Bar Association. The other two members of the advisory committee are the chairperson of the standing senate committee on judiciary and the standing house committee on judiciary, if the chairperson is a member of the Kansas bar. The members of the advisory committee are the official representatives or delegates of Kansas to the national conference of commissioners on uniform state laws. The advisory committee is responsible for considering and recommending appropriate uniform laws among the several states and legislation to carry out such recommendations (K.S.A. 46-407a). Current advisory committee members are Senator Kellie Warren, Representative Fred Patton, and Dean James Concannon. There are two vacancies to which the president of the Kansas Bar Association is presenting recommendations today to the Kansas Interstate Cooperation Commission.