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By Representatives Pedersen, Rodne, Goodman, and Morrell; by request of Uniform Legislation Commission

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1 AN ACT Relating to uniform laws; amending RCW 43.56.010, 43.56.020,  
2 and 43.56.040; and repealing RCW 43.56.050.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.56.010 and 1965 c 8 s 43.56.010 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The governor shall appoint three ((suitable)) qualified persons  
7 ((as a board of commissioners)) to serve on the Washington state  
8 uniform law commission for the promotion of uniformity of legislation  
9 in the United States. ((Any vacancy on the board shall be filled by  
10 appointment by the governor.)) A qualified person is a resident of the  
11 state of Washington and a member of the state bar association of this  
12 or another state, who is or has been a judge, law professor,  
13 legislator, or practicing attorney.

14 (2) In addition to the members of the commission appointed pursuant  
15 to subsection (1) of this section, the governor may appoint to the  
16 commission any person who has served at least twenty years on the  
17 commission and who is a life member in the national conference of  
18 commissioners on uniform state laws or its successor.

1       (3) In addition to the members of the commission appointed pursuant  
2 to subsections (1) and (2) of this section, the code reviser shall  
3 serve as a member of the commission.

4       **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.56.020 and 1965 c 8 s 43.56.020 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6       (1) The ((board)) commission shall ((examine the subjects of  
7 marriage and divorce, insolvency, the descent and distribution of  
8 property, the execution and probate of wills, and other subjects upon  
9 which uniformity of legislation in the various states is desirable, but  
10 which are outside of the jurisdiction of the congress of the United  
11 States)) identify areas of the law in which (a) uniformity in the laws  
12 among the states and other jurisdictions is desirable and practicable  
13 and (b)(i) the congress of the United States lacks jurisdiction to act  
14 or (ii) it is preferable that the several states enact the laws.

15       ((†)) (2) The commissioners, at the national conference of  
16 commissioners on uniform state laws or its successor, shall confer upon  
17 these matters with the commissioners appointed by other states for the  
18 same purpose and shall consider and draft uniform laws to be submitted  
19 for approval and adoption by the several states((+)).

20       (3) The commission shall propose to the governor and to the  
21 legislature for approval and adoption the uniform acts developed with  
22 the other commissioners and generally devise and recommend such other  
23 and further courses of action as shall accomplish such uniformity.

24       **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.56.040 and 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 34 s 118 are each  
25 amended to read as follows:

26       No member of the ((board)) commission shall receive any  
27 compensation for ((his)) services, but each member shall be paid travel  
28 expenses incurred in the discharge of official duty in accordance with  
29 RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 ((as now existing or hereafter amended)),  
30 after the account thereof has been audited by the ((board)) commission.

31       The ((board)) commission shall keep a full account of its  
32 expenditures and shall report it in each report. ((There shall be  
33 allowed such)) The commission shall allow expenses for only one  
34 ((annual)) meeting of the ((board)) commission within this state each  
35 year, and shall allow expenses for the members ((in attendance, not

1 ~~oftener~~) to attend, no more than once in each year, (~~at~~) any  
2 conference of the national conference of commissioners on uniform state  
3 laws, or its successor, outside of this state.

4 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. RCW 43.56.050 (Membership--Code reviser) and  
5 2001 c 205 s 1 are each repealed.

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