

SENATE BILL No. 50

By Committee on Judiciary

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1 AN ACT concerning the legislature; relating to membership of the  
2 advisory committee on uniform state laws and the joint committee on  
3 special claims against the state; amending K.S.A. 46-407a and K.S.A.  
4 2016 Supp. 46-912 and repealing the existing sections.

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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 46-407a is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-  
8 407a. **(a) (1)** There is hereby established an advisory committee to the  
9 Kansas commission on interstate cooperation. Such committee shall be  
10 composed of five members.

11 **(2)** Three of such members shall be members of the Kansas bar to be  
12 appointed by the commission with the advice of the president of the bar  
13 association of the state of Kansas and the incumbency of each such  
14 member of the committee shall extend until the first day of February of the  
15 odd-numbered year following appointment and thereafter until a successor  
16 is appointed. ~~The other two members shall be: (1) The chairpersons~~  
17 ~~chairperson of the house and senate standing committees committee on~~  
18 ~~judiciary, except that each such chairperson may appoint another member~~  
19 ~~of the house committee on judiciary of the same house who is an attorney~~  
20 ~~to serve as a member in lieu of such chairperson for such member's then~~  
21 ~~current term as a legislator; and (2) a member of the Kansas bar to be~~  
22 ~~appointed by the president of the senate with the advice of the chairperson~~  
23 ~~of the senate standing committee on judiciary to serve as a member for~~  
24 ~~such president's then current term as a legislator.~~

25 **(3)** *One member shall be the chairperson of the standing house*  
26 *committee on judiciary, if such chairperson is a member of the Kansas*  
27 *bar, or such chairperson may appoint another member of the standing*  
28 *house committee on judiciary who is a member of the Kansas bar to*  
29 *serve as a member in lieu of such chairperson for such chairperson's*  
30 *then-current term as a legislator.*

31 **(4)** *One member shall be the chairperson of the standing senate*  
32 *committee on judiciary, if such chairperson is a member of the Kansas*  
33 *bar, or such chairperson may appoint another member of the standing*  
34 *senate committee on judiciary who is a member of the Kansas bar to*

1 *serve as a member in lieu of such chairperson for such chairperson's*  
2 *then-current term as a legislator. If such chairperson is not a member of*  
3 *the Kansas bar and there is not another member of the standing senate*  
4 *committee on judiciary who is a member of the Kansas bar, such*  
5 *chairperson may appoint, with the advice of the president of the senate,*  
6 *a {current or} former member of the legislature who is a member of the*  
7 *Kansas bar to serve as a member in lieu of such chairperson for such*  
8 *chairperson's then-current term as a legislator.*

9 (b) The members of such committee shall be the official  
10 representatives or delegates of the state of Kansas to the national  
11 conference of commissioners on uniform state laws. Such committee shall  
12 account to and advise with the Kansas commission on interstate  
13 cooperation and it shall be its duty to investigate and consider the  
14 advisability or uniformity of the laws of the several states and to make  
15 recommendations on all subjects where uniformity may be desirable and  
16 practical. Such committee shall report to the Kansas commission on  
17 interstate cooperation from time to time on its activities and make such  
18 recommendations as it deems advisable for appropriate legislation.

19 (c) (1) Members of the committee shall be paid compensation and  
20 travel expenses and subsistence expenses or allowances for attendance at  
21 meetings of the committee as authorized by K.S.A. 75-3212, *and*  
22 *amendments thereto.*

23 (2) Any person who by reason of membership on such committee has  
24 been accredited by the national conference of commissioners on uniform  
25 state laws as a life member of that organization shall be an associate  
26 member of the committee and shall receive the same travel expenses and  
27 subsistence expenses for attendance at meetings as regular members of the  
28 committee, but shall receive no per diem compensation. Whenever any  
29 regular member of the committee shall be so accredited by the national  
30 conference of commissioners on uniform state laws, such member shall  
31 thereupon become an associate member and a vacancy shall exist in the  
32 regular membership of the committee. Such vacancy shall be filled by  
33 appointment by the commission with the advice of the president of the bar  
34 association of the state of Kansas.

35 (3) All amounts authorized under this section shall be paid by the  
36 Kansas commission on interstate cooperation.

37 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 46-912 is hereby amended to read as  
38 follows: 46-912. There is hereby established the joint committee on special  
39 claims against the state which shall have seven members consisting of  
40 three members of the senate and four members of the house of  
41 representatives. The representative members shall be appointed by the  
42 speaker, and the senator members shall be appointed by the senate  
43 committee on organization, calendar and rules. Of the members of the

1 house, three members shall be from the majority party with the remaining  
2 member from the minority ~~part~~ party. Of the members of the senate, two  
3 members shall be from the majority party with the remaining member  
4 from the minority party. ~~Not less than one representative member and not~~  
5 ~~less than one senator member shall be attorneys licensed to practice law in~~  
6 ~~the state of Kansas.~~ Not less than one representative member shall be a  
7 member of the house committee on appropriations and not less than one  
8 senator member shall be a member of the senate committee on ways and  
9 means. In the biennium commencing with the convening of the regular  
10 session of the legislature in 1979, and in the biennium commencing with  
11 the convening of the regular session of the legislature each four years  
12 thereafter, the chairperson of the joint committee shall be a representative  
13 member designated by the speaker of the house of representatives. In the  
14 biennium commencing with the convening of the regular session of the  
15 legislature in 1981, and in the biennium commencing with the regular  
16 session of the legislature each four years thereafter, the senate committee  
17 on organization, calendar and rules shall designate a senator member to be  
18 the chairperson of the joint committee. If a chairperson shall die, resign or  
19 otherwise be incapable of serving as chairperson for the full two-year  
20 period, a successor shall be designated to fill the unexpired portion of such  
21 period in the same manner as the original chairperson was selected. The  
22 joint committee shall meet in the interim between legislative sessions on  
23 the call of the chairperson as authorized by the legislative coordinating  
24 council. Any four members of the joint committee shall constitute a  
25 quorum. Any action of such joint committee may be taken by an  
26 affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, if a quorum is  
27 present.

28 The provisions of article 12 of chapter 46 of the Kansas Statutes  
29 Annotated, and amendments thereto, applicable to special committees  
30 shall apply to the joint committee on special claims against the state to the  
31 extent the same do not conflict with the specific provisions of this act  
32 applicable to such committee.

33 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 46-407a and K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 46-912 are hereby  
34 repealed.

35 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
36 publication in the Kansas register.