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2003 Wisconsin Act 172 [2003 Senate Bill 291]

Commission on Uniform State Laws

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2003 Wisconsin Act 172 modifies statutory requirements regarding attendance at Midwest and national meetings involving the Commission on Uniform State Laws.

By way of background, the Commission on Uniform State Laws is a nine-member commission that is established by statute to advise the Wisconsin Legislature with regard to uniform laws and model laws. Generally, the commission consists of the Director of the Legislative Council staff or a professional employee designated by the Director, the Chief of the Legislative Reference Bureau or a professional employee designated by the Chief, the Revisor of Statutes, two Senators and two Representatives from the two major political parties, and two public members appointed by the Governor.

Under prior law, the Director of the Legislative Council staff was required to attend, personally or through a professional employee designated by the director, all meetings of the Commission on Uniform State Laws and the Midwest and national meetings in which the commission participates. Act 172 modifies this requirement to provide that with respect to Midwest and national meetings in which the commission participates, the requirement applies only if the meetings will benefit the operations of the Legislative Council staff.

Effective Date: The Act takes effect on April 20, 2004.

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