

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NORTH DAKOTA COMMISSION ON UNIFORM STATE LAWS - 2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

North Dakota Century Code Section 54-55-01 establishes the North Dakota Commission on Uniform State Laws, consisting of:

- An individual engaged in the practice of law in this state (David J. Hogue);
- The dean or a full-time member of the faculty of the law school of the University of North Dakota (Bradley Myers);
- A law-trained judge of a court of record in this state (District Judge Gail Hagerty);
- A member of the House of Representatives of the Legislative Assembly (Representative Lawrence R. Klemin);
- A member of the Senate of the Legislative Assembly (Senator Dave Nething);
- A member of the Legislative Council staff (Jay E. Buringrud);
- Any residents of this state who, because of long service in the cause of uniformity of state legislation, have been elected life members of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (Owen L. Anderson; Jay E. Buringrud); and
- Any residents of this state who have been previously appointed to at least five years of service on the commission (William E. Kretschmar; Candace Zierdt).

Commissioners are required to attend the annual meeting of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and to promote uniformity in state laws on those subjects where uniformity may be deemed desirable and practicable. Under Section 54-55-04, the commission may submit its recommendations for enactment of the uniform and

model laws to the Legislative Management for its review and recommendation.

The commission meets during the annual meeting of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and determines which uniform or model Acts to recommend to the next session of the Legislative Assembly.

As the result of its meeting on July 11, 2011, the commission determined that the following uniform Acts may be appropriate for recommendation to the Legislative Management for introduction during the 2013 legislative session:

- Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act, approved by the national conference in 2011.
- Uniform Certificate of Title for Vessels Act, approved by the national conference in 2011.
- Model Protection of Charitable Assets Act, approved by the national conference in 2011.
- Uniform Collaborative Rules/Law Act, approved by the national conference in 2009 and amended in 2010.

The commission will be distributing these Acts to interested parties for review before making a final recommendation to the Judiciary Committee. For example, the Supreme Court and the Attorney General will be contacted concerning whether they would desire to be included in the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act's coverage; the Game and Fish Department will be contacted regarding its interest in the Uniform Certificate of Title for Vessels Act; the Attorney General will be contacted concerning interest in the Model Protection of Charitable Assets Act; and the Supreme Court will be contacted concerning the Uniform Collaborative Rules/Law Act.