

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3843**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act Increasing the Number of Massachusetts appointees to the National Commission to Create Uniform State Laws..

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section  
2 26, as appearing in the 2005 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:

3 Section 26. “There shall be a board of commissioners on uniform state laws, consisting  
4 of seven members: one Member of the Senate, appointed by the Senate President; one Member  
5 of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker; three additional members appointed  
6 by the Governor; the Secretary of State or a designee of the Secretary of State; and the Attorney  
7 General or a designee of the Attorney General. Provided further, any person, not otherwise a  
8 member of the commission, elected as life member of the National Conference of Commissioner  
9 on Uniform State Laws based upon service as a member of the commission shall serve on the  
10 board of commissioners.

11 The Members of the Legislature appointed to the commission shall serve at the pleasure  
12 of the appointing Authority and shall participate in the activities of the commission to the extent

13 that the participation is not incompatible with their respective positions as member of the  
14 Legislature.

15 A commissioner must be eligible to practice law in the Commonwealth of the  
16 Massachusetts to be appointed.

17 A commissioner appointed pursuant to subsection (b) shall serve a term of five years  
18 beginning from the date of appointment.

19 SECTION 2. Said chapter 6 is hereby further amended by striking out section 27, as  
20 appearing in the 2005 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:

21 Section 27. The commissioners shall: Represent the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in  
22 the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and attend its annual  
23 meeting;

24 Examine subjects upon which uniformity of legislation in the various states of the United  
25 States is desirable and practicable.

26 Confer upon these matters with the commissioners appointed by the others states for the  
27 same purpose in the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws;

28 Consider and draft uniform laws to be submitted for approval and adoption by the several  
29 states;

30 Devise and recommend such other or further course of action as may tend to accomplish  
31 such purposes; and

- 32            Maintain a record of their doings and make an annual report to the governor, the
- 33 legislature, the secretary of state, and the attorney general.