

Joint Rule 25. Oversight Responsibilities of Committees

(c) **Committees of reference**, the Capital Development Committee, and the Joint Technology Committee **shall also be kept advised by staff members** assigned thereto and by personnel of departments, divisions, sections, offices, agencies, operations, and programs and instrumentalities under their jurisdiction of new or proposed federal legislation, **proposed uniform or model acts**, suggested state legislation and compacts, and efforts in the area of interstate cooperation, which may affect their areas of responsibility.

2-3-601. Commission on uniform state laws - creation. (1) There is hereby created the Colorado commission on uniform state laws, referred to in this part 6 as the "commission", which shall consist of six members appointed for terms of two years each and until their successors are appointed and, in addition thereto, any citizen of this state who is elected a life member of the national conference of commissioners on uniform state laws.

(2) **The six members shall be appointed or reappointed by joint resolution of the general assembly** no later than ten days after the convening of the first regular session of the general assembly held in each odd-numbered year. **At least two commissioners shall be appointed from the general assembly and at least two commissioners from the public at large.** Appointments to fill vacancies shall be made by the committee on legal services for the unexpired term of the vacant office.

(3) **The six members of the commission shall be attorneys** admitted to practice law in the state of Colorado.

(4) The terms of the two members of the commission appointed after July 18, 1975, shall be effective August 11, 1975; thereafter, the appointment of members to succeeding terms shall be in conformance with subsection (2) of this section.

2-3-603. Meetings - organization. The commissioners shall meet at least once a year and shall organize by the election of a chairman who shall hold office for a term of one year and until his successor is elected. The director of the office of legislative legal services shall be ex officio the secretary of the commission, or the director may designate an employee of the office to act as secretary of the commission. The office shall provide assistance to the commissioners who are members of the general assembly in their efforts to enact legislation concerning subjects upon which uniformity may be deemed desirable.

2-3-604. Duties of commissioners. **Each commissioner shall** attend the meeting of the national conference of commissioners on uniform state laws and, both in and out of such national conference, **shall do all in his power to promote uniformity in state laws where uniformity may be deemed desirable and practicable.** The commission shall prepare and transmit a report and its recommendations to the general assembly on or before January 1 of each year concerning subjects of legislation upon which uniformity among the states may be deemed desirable and concerning the proceedings and recommendations of the most recent meeting of the national conference of commissioners on uniform state laws.

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Colorado Commission on Uniform State Laws

The Colorado Commission on Uniform State Laws (CCUSL) is created in section 2-3-601, C.R.S., and is charged with working with the Uniform Law Commission (ULC) to promote uniformity in state laws where uniformity may be deemed desirable and practicable. This is achieved by developing proposed uniform legislation through the ULC that can be adopted by the various state legislatures.

Uniform laws are developed after formation of a study committee and, if the results of the study are positive, a drafting committee. Draft acts are submitted to ULC at its annual meeting. Each act must be considered section by section at no less than two annual meetings by all commissioners sitting as a Committee of the Whole.

The 2014-2015 Guide to Uniform and Model Acts lists the uniform and model acts currently recommended for enactment.

At its 124th Annual Meeting, this year held in Williamsburg, Virginia, the Uniform Law Commission approved seven new acts for adoption by the states:

- Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act
- Uniform Home Foreclosure Procedures Act
- Revised Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act
- Uniform Trust Decanting Act
- Uniform Commercial Real Estate Receiverships Act
- Uniform Recognition and Enforcement of Canadian Domestic Violence Protection Orders Act
- Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act

Also at the Annual Meeting, the Executive Committee of the ULC authorized the appointment of two new drafting committees and three new study committees. These are in addition to the new committees authorized at its 2015 Midyear meeting. The four new drafting committees are:

- Drafting Committee on a Uniform Electronic Registry for Residential Mortgage Notes
- Drafting Committee to Revise the Uniform Principal and Income Act
- Drafting Committee on a Model Veterans' Court Act
- Drafting Committee on Amendments to the Model Tribal Secured Transactions Act

The six new study committees are:

- Study Committee on Involuntary Pornography
- Study Committee on Model Equal Rights Act
- Study Committee on Regulation of Drones
- Study Committee on Bad Faith Patent Litigation
- Study Committee on Declarations of Quarantine
- Study Committee on Possible Amendments to the Uniform Parentage Act, and other ULC Acts, in Light of Potential Supreme Court Decisions Concerning Same-Sex Marriage

Here are links to ULC's currently operating study committees and drafting committees.

Videos concerning the ULC are available [here](#).

CCUSL Meetings and Uniform Laws Adopted in Colorado

Under Joint Rule 24 (b) (1) (D), CCUSL may recommend bills for introduction during a legislative session of the Colorado General Assembly. CCUSL meets at the annual summer ULC conference to adopt a preliminary legislative agenda for the upcoming regular session. It then typically meets at least once prior to the next regular session to finalize the agenda.

Upcoming Committee Schedule

The next CCUSL meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12 at 1:30 p.m. in Committee Room 0112 in the Colorado State Capitol building.

CCUSL's meeting notices and agendas are available [here](#).

Subscribe to the CCUSL mailing list if you wish to receive an e-mail notification that the CCUSL has an upcoming meeting.

Uniform acts adopted by the Colorado General Assembly are available [here](#).

ULC Acts under consideration for 2016 introduction in the Colorado General Assembly are available [here](#).

CCUSL Membership

Colorado's commissioners are required to be attorneys admitted to practice law in Colorado. Six members are appointed or reappointed by joint resolution of the General Assembly and serve terms of two years. For 2015-16, Robert Gardner, Claire Levy, Anne McGihon, Brandon Shaffer, and Representative Jon Keyser and Senator Pat Steadman were appointed as commissioners.

In addition, any Colorado citizen who is elected as a life member of the ULC (after twenty years of membership) is a member of the Colorado Commission. The currently active life members are Thomas Grimshaw, Donald Mielke, and Charles Pike.

The Director of the Office of Legislative Legal Services, or the Director's designee, has the same status as appointed members of the commission and also serves as the ex officio secretary of the Colorado Commission. Thomas Morris was appointed as the Director's designee to the Commission on March 2, 2011. The Office of Legislative Legal Services also provides assistance to the legislative members of the Colorado Commission in their efforts to enact legislation regarding uniform acts. The Committee on Legal Services is statutorily charged with filling vacancies on the Colorado Commission.

Here are lists of former and current members of CCUSL, organized chronologically and alphabetically.

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