

**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. There is hereby established an advisory committee to the Kansas  
9 commission on interstate cooperation. Such committee shall be composed  
10 of five members. Three of such members shall be members of the Kansas  
11 bar to be appointed by the commission with the advice of the president of  
12 the bar association of the state of Kansas and the incumbency of each such  
13 member of the committee shall extend until the first day of February of the  
14 odd-numbered year following appointment and thereafter until a successor  
15 is appointed. The other two members shall be: (1) ~~The chairpersons~~  
16 *chairperson of the house and senate standing committees committee* on  
17 judiciary, except that each such chairperson may appoint another member  
18 of the *house* committee on judiciary ~~of the same house~~ who is an attorney  
19 to serve as a member in lieu of such chairperson for such member's then  
20 current term as a legislator; and (2) *a member of the Kansas bar to be*  
21 *appointed by the president of the senate with the advice of the chairperson*  
22 *of the senate standing committee on judiciary to serve as a member for*  
23 *such president's then current term as a legislator.* The members of such  
24 committee shall be the official representatives or delegates of the state of  
25 Kansas to the national conference of commissioners on uniform state laws.  
26 Such committee shall account to and advise with the Kansas commission  
27 on interstate cooperation and it shall be its duty to investigate and consider  
28 the advisability or uniformity of the laws of the several states and to make  
29 recommendations on all subjects where uniformity may be desirable and  
30 practical. Such committee shall report to the Kansas commission on  
31 interstate cooperation from time to time on its activities and make such  
32 recommendations as it deems advisable for appropriate legislation.  
33 Members of the committee shall be paid compensation and travel expenses  
34 and subsistence expenses or allowances for attendance at meetings of the  
35 committee as authorized by K.S.A. 75-3212, *and amendments thereto.* Any  
36 person who by reason of membership on such committee has been

1 accredited by the national conference of commissioners on uniform state  
2 laws as a life member of that organization shall be an associate member of  
3 the committee and shall receive the same travel expenses and subsistence  
4 expenses for attendance at meetings as regular members of the committee,  
5 but shall receive no per diem compensation. Whenever any regular  
6 member of the committee shall be so accredited by the national conference  
7 of commissioners on uniform state laws, such member shall thereupon  
8 become an associate member and a vacancy shall exist in the regular  
9 membership of the committee. Such vacancy shall be filled by  
10 appointment by the commission with the advice of the president of the bar  
11 association of the state of Kansas. All amounts authorized under this  
12 section shall be paid by the Kansas commission on interstate cooperation.

13 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 46-912 is hereby amended to read as  
14 follows: 46-912. There is hereby established the joint committee on special  
15 claims against the state which shall have seven members consisting of  
16 three members of the senate and four members of the house of  
17 representatives. The representative members shall be appointed by the  
18 speaker, and the senator members shall be appointed by the senate  
19 committee on organization, calendar and rules. Of the members of the  
20 house, three members shall be from the majority party with the remaining  
21 member from the minority ~~part~~ party. Of the members of the senate, two  
22 members shall be from the majority party with the remaining member  
23 from the minority party. ~~Not less than one representative member and not~~  
24 ~~less than one senator member shall be attorneys licensed to practice law in~~  
25 ~~the state of Kansas.~~ Not less than one representative member shall be a  
26 member of the house committee on appropriations and not less than one  
27 senator member shall be a member of the senate committee on ways and  
28 means. In the biennium commencing with the convening of the regular  
29 session of the legislature in 1979, and in the biennium commencing with  
30 the convening of the regular session of the legislature each four years  
31 thereafter, the chairperson of the joint committee shall be a representative  
32 member designated by the speaker of the house of representatives. In the  
33 biennium commencing with the convening of the regular session of the  
34 legislature in 1981, and in the biennium commencing with the regular  
35 session of the legislature each four years thereafter, the senate committee  
36 on organization, calendar and rules shall designate a senator member to be  
37 the chairperson of the joint committee. If a chairperson shall die, resign or  
38 otherwise be incapable of serving as chairperson for the full two-year  
39 period, a successor shall be designated to fill the unexpired portion of such  
40 period in the same manner as the original chairperson was selected. The  
41 joint committee shall meet in the interim between legislative sessions on  
42 the call of the chairperson as authorized by the legislative coordinating  
43 council. Any four members of the joint committee shall constitute a

1 quorum. Any action of such joint committee may be taken by an  
2 affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, if a quorum is  
3 present.

4 The provisions of article 12 of chapter 46 of the Kansas Statutes  
5 Annotated, and amendments thereto, applicable to special committees  
6 shall apply to the joint committee on special claims against the state to the  
7 extent the same do not conflict with the specific provisions of this act  
8 applicable to such committee.

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

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