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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 50

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

Brief*

SB 50 would amend the law concerning the members of the Advisory Committee to the Kansas Commission on Interstate Cooperation (the Commission) and the Joint Committee on Special Claims Against the State (Joint Committee). The bill would clarify the Commission would be composed of the chairpersons of the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary, if such chairpersons are members of the Kansas Bar. If the Senate Committee on Judiciary chairperson is not a member of the Kansas Bar and there is not another member of the Senate Committee on Judiciary who is a member of the Kansas Bar, the bill would allow the chairperson to appoint, with the advice of the Senate President, a current or former member of the Legislature who is a member of the Kansas Bar to serve on the Commission in lieu of the chairperson for the chairperson's current legislative term.

Additionally, the bill would strike the requirement that at least one representative member and one senator member of the Joint Committee be attorneys licensed to practice law in the State of Kansas. The bill would also make technical amendments.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

Background

The bill was introduced at the request of Senator Haley. In the Senate Committee on Judiciary hearing, an assistant revisor explained the members of the Commission are the official representatives or delegates for the State of Kansas to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. Senator Haley answered questions about the bill. No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee adopted an amendment to allow a Senate Committee on Judiciary chairperson who is not a member of the Kansas Bar to appoint, with the advice of the Senate President, a former legislator who is a member of the Kansas Bar to serve on the Commission in lieu of the chairperson when there is not another member of the Senate Committee on Judiciary who is a member of the Kansas Bar. The bill, as introduced, would have allowed the Senate President to appoint any member of the Kansas Bar, with the advice of the Senate Committee on Judiciary chairperson.

The Senate Committee of the Whole adopted an amendment to allow a Senate Committee on Judiciary chairperson who is not a member of the Kansas Bar to appoint a current legislator who is a member of the Kansas Bar to serve on the Commission in lieu of the chairperson.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Kansas Legislature indicates the bill, as introduced, would have no fiscal effect.