

# COMMISSION ON UNIFORM LEGISLATION

(a.k.a. Uniform Laws Commission)

- Senator Rusch resigned due to a scheduling conflict.

Current Member	Appointing Authority	Term Expires	New Appointment
Feinstein, Marc	Executive Board	7/31/2021	-----
Geu, Thomas	Executive Board	7/31/2022	-----
Gosch, Brian	Executive Board	7/31/2020	-----
Johns, Timothy	Executive Board	7/31/2022	-----
Rusch, Arthur	Executive Board	7/31/2021	-----
DeMersseman, Michael*	Per SDCL 2-11-1	Life Member	-----
Lebrun, Gene*	per SDCL 2-11-1	Life Member	-----
* "Any person, not otherwise a member of the commission, elected as a life member of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, shall also be a life member of the commission."			

## Statutory Authority

**2-11-1. Composition of commission--Appointment and terms--Life members--Vacancies.** The appointed members of the Commission on Uniform Legislation consist of five suitable persons learned in the law, appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council for terms of three years each. The terms shall begin on the first of August of the year of appointment. The terms shall be staggered so that no more than two terms expire each year. The members shall hold office until their successors have been appointed. Any person, not otherwise a member of the commission, elected as a life member of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, shall also be a life member of the commission. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Board for the remainder of the term in which the vacancy occurred.

**2-11-2. Meetings of commission--Chairman and secretary--Record of transactions.** The commissioners shall meet at the state capital at least once in two years. They shall organize by the election of one of their number as chairman and another as secretary, who shall hold their respective offices for a term of two years and until their successors are elected and qualified. Said board of commissioners shall keep a record of all its transactions.

**2-11-4. Purpose of commission.** The general purpose of the commission on uniform legislation shall be the promotion of uniform legislation in the United States.

**2-11-5. Subjects studied by commission--Recommendations for legislation.** It shall be the duty of said commissioners to examine the subjects of marriage and divorce, insolvency, the form of notarial certificates, the descent and distribution of property, the acknowledgment of deeds, the execution and probate of wills, and other subjects upon which uniformity in state laws is desirable. It shall also be the duty of said commission on uniform legislation to bring about as far as practicable the uniform judicial interpretation of all uniform laws, and generally to devise and recommend such additional legislation, or other or further course of action as shall tend to accomplish the purposes of this chapter.

**2-11-6. Attendance at meetings of National Conference--Promotion of uniformity.** It shall be the duty of each of said commissioners to attend the meetings of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, or to arrange for the attendance of at least one of their number at such national conference, and both in and out of such national conference they shall do all in their power to promote uniformity in state laws, upon all subjects where uniformity may be deemed desirable and practicable.

**2-11-8. Commission reports to Legislature.** The commission on uniform legislation shall report to the Legislature from time to time as said commission may deem proper, an account of its transactions, and its advice and recommendations for legislation.