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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS ON UNIFORM  
STATE LAWS

FOR THE

Year ending November 30, 1932



# THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

## TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS ON UNIFORMS STATE LAWS.

*To His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable Council of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:—*

The Commissioners on Uniform State Laws for the year ending November 30, 1932, have been Hollis R. Bailey, Chairman and Secretary, Joseph F. O'Connell and Professor James M. Landis.

Mr. Bailey has held office since 1908, Mr. O'Connell since 1914 and Prof. Landis since 1931.

### UNIFORM LAWS RECOMMENDED

Last year the Commissioners did not recommend for enactment in Massachusetts any of the uniform laws.

This year the Commissioners of Massachusetts recommend—

1. The Uniform Machine Gun Act.
2. The Uniform Criminal Extradition Act.
3. The Uniform Narcotic Act.
4. The Uniform Written Obligations Act.

1. The Uniform Machine Gun Act is especially needed at the present time on account of the increasing use of machine guns by the criminal classes. This Act has been carefully considered in detail and has been finally approved and recommended for enactment in all the state. It has also been approved by the American Bar Association.

2. The Uniform Criminal Extradition Act was given further consideration by the National Conference of Commissioners and several perfecting amendments were adopted at the last session of the Conference. Your Commissioners believe that this Act is a very desirable piece of legislation at the present time. They hope it can be enacted in Massachusetts.

3. The Uniform Narcotic Act has been very carefully drawn and the Commissioners on Uniform Laws had the advice and assistance of the Federal Government and its officers in the preparation of the same. It is highly desirable that the laws of all the states should be uniform in the matter of narcotics.

4. The Uniform Written Obligations Act is a short Act which was considered and approved by the National Conference of Commissioners in 1925. It was prepared by Professor Samuel Williston and is intended to enable parties having just claims to secure their payment.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE

The Forty-second Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws was held in the City of Washington, D. C. in October 1932. The meeting began October 4 and continued until October 10, 1932. There was a large attendance of Commissioners and a considerable number of proposed uniform laws were considered and several were finally approved and recommended for adoption. Among those approved were the following:—

- The Uniform Machine Gun Act.
- The Uniform Narcotic Drug Act,
- The Uniform Mechanics Lien Act.
- The Uniform Criminal Extradition Act.

The President, Hon. William M. Hargest, presided. Mr. Hargest was re-elected as President. John H. Voorhees, Esq., of South Dakota, was re-elected as Secretary and Bruce W. Sanborn, Esq., of Minnesota, was re-elected as Treasurer.

Joseph F. O'Connell, Esq., was appointed to be a member of the Uniform Social Welfare Section.

Prof. James M. Landis was continued as a member of the Committee on Compacts and Agreements between States and also a member of the Committee on Legislative Drafting.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Amount of Appropriation .....	\$750—reduced to \$600.00
Transferred from Small Items .....	39.25
	\$639.25

#### *Expenses*

Bruce W. Sanborn, Treasurer of National Conference, contribution toward expenses .....	\$100.00
Printing the Annual Report for 1931 .....	8.85
Joseph F. O'Connell for traveling and other expenses, \$145.20, \$75.86, and \$135.30 .....	356.36
James M. Landis for traveling and other expenses .....	82.56
Hollis R. Bailey for traveling and other expenses .....	91.48
	\$639.25

Respectfully Submitted,

HOLLIS R. BAILEY, *Chairman*  
 JOSEPH F. O'CONNELL  
 JAMES M. LANDIS

*Commissioners*