

**FEDERALISM COMMISSION AMENDMENTS**

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Keven J. Stratton**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies provisions related to the Federalism Commission.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ increases the membership of the Federalism Commission;
- ▶ authorizes the Legislative Management Committee to appoint nonvoting members

to the Federalism Commission; and

- ▶ authorizes the Federalism Commission to open committee bill files that relate to the commission's duties.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**63C-4a-302**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 246

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **63C-4a-302** is amended to read:

**63C-4a-302. Creation of Federalism Commission -- Membership -- Meetings --**



28 **Staff -- Expenses.**

29 (1) (a) There is created the Federalism Commission, comprised of the following [~~nine~~]  
30 11 voting members:

31 [~~(a)~~] (i) the president of the Senate or the president of the Senate's designee who shall  
32 serve as cochair of the commission;

33 [~~(b)~~] (ii) [~~two~~] three other members of the Senate, appointed by the president of the  
34 Senate;

35 [~~(c)~~] (iii) the speaker of the House or the speaker of the House's designee who shall  
36 serve as cochair of the commission;

37 [~~(d)~~] (iv) [~~three~~] four other members of the House, appointed by the speaker of the  
38 House;

39 [~~(e)~~] (v) the minority leader of the Senate or the minority leader of the Senate's  
40 designee; and

41 [~~(f)~~] (vi) the minority leader of the House or the minority leader of the House's  
42 designee.

43 (b) (i) Subject to the provisions of this Subsection (1)(b), the Legislative Management  
44 Committee may appoint nonvoting members to the commission from a list of individuals  
45 recommended by the cochairs of the commission.

46 (ii) If the Legislative Management Committee chooses to not appoint an individual on  
47 the list described in Subsection (1)(b)(i), the Legislative Management Committee may ask the  
48 cochairs of the commission to submit an additional list of recommendations.

49 (iii) The Legislative Management Committee may not appoint an individual who is not  
50 recommended by the cochairs of the commission.

51 (iv) The nonvoting members appointed by the Legislative Management Committee  
52 under this Subsection (1)(b) shall be appointed or reappointed for a two-year term.

53 (v) When a vacancy of a nonvoting member occurs for any reason, the Legislative  
54 Management Committee, in consultation with the cochairs of the commission, shall appoint a  
55 replacement for the unexpired term.

56 (2) (a) A majority of the voting members of the commission constitute a quorum of the  
57 commission.

58 (b) Action by a majority of the members of a quorum constitutes action by the

59 commission.

60 (3) The commission may meet up to nine times each year, unless additional meetings  
61 are approved by the Legislative Management Committee.

62 (4) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support  
63 to the commission.

64 (5) Compensation and expenses of a member of the commission who is a legislator are  
65 governed by Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Legislative Compensation and  
66 Expenses.

67 (6) Nothing in this section prohibits the commission from closing a meeting under  
68 Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings Act, or prohibits the commission from  
69 complying with Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act.

70 (7) The commission may, in the commission's discretion, elect to succeed to the  
71 position of any of the following under a contract that any of the following are party to, subject  
72 to applicable contractual provisions:

73 (a) the Commission on Federalism;

74 (b) the Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands; and

75 (c) the Federal Funds Commission.

76 (8) The commission may open one or more committee bill files that relate to the  
77 commission's duties.

78 Section 2. **Effective date.**

79 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.