

101. Application of Chapter

This chapter shall apply to any convention of states.

102. Definitions.

- a. "Advisor" means a person who is selected by resolution of the entire legislature as provided by this chapter to advise commissioners and the general assembly during a convention of states.
- b. "Alternate commissioner" means a person selected as an alternate commissioner as provided by this chapter.
- c. "Article V convention" means a convention of states for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States called pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States. An Article V convention is a special type of convention of states and is included when the words "convention of states" is used in this chapter unless specifically excluded.
- d. "Business day" means a weekday excluding any state-recognized holiday.
- e. "Chamber" means either the senate or the house of representatives of the general assembly.
- f. "Commissioner" means a person who is selected by resolution of the entire legislature provided by this chapter to represent Tennessee at a convention of states or a person selected to represent another state according to the laws, resolutions or procedures defined by that entire state legislature.
- g. "Convention of states" means a meeting initially called by a resolution of the entire state legislature of one of the several states and attended by commissioners selected through the process defined in a resolution passed by a vote of each of the entire chambers of the ~~entire~~ legislature of one or more of the several states.
- h. "House of representatives" means the house of representatives of the general assembly.
- i. "Paired commissioner" means the commissioner with whom an alternate commissioner is paired as provided by this chapter.
- j. "Representative" means a current duly elected member of the house of representatives.
- k. "Resident of Tennessee" means a citizen of the United States eighteen (18) years of age or older has resided within the boundaries of the state of Tennessee for some period of time as defined when the term is used in each section of this chapter. A person shall be considered to be a resident of the state during a period of active military duty outside the state if they resided in the state at the time the out-of-state duty started and have returned to the state, or whose current orders are that they will return to the state, following their out-of-state active military duty.
- l. "Senate" means the senate of the general assembly.
- m. "Senator" means a current duly elected member of the senate.

103. Participation in a convention of states and the controlling resolution.

a. The general assembly may initiate a call for other states to join a convention of states by passing a resolution by a constitutional majority vote of both chambers. Such resolution shall limit the topic(s) to be addressed by commissioners and alternate commissioners who attend the convention.

b. The general assembly shall not participate in a convention of states called by another of the several states ~~unless and~~ until the general assembly passes a resolution by a constitutional majority vote of both chambers. Such resolution shall limit the topic(s) to be discussed by commissioners and alternate commissioners who attend ~~the such~~ convention.

c. In the case of an Article V convention, if Tennessee has passed a resolution applying for a convention of states and Congress relies on that resolution to determine that two-thirds of the states have applied for a convention on the same topic, such resolution shall limit the topic(s) to be addressed by commissioners and alternate commissioners who attend ~~the such~~ convention.

d. In the case of an Article V convention, if Tennessee has not passed a resolution applying for a convention of states and Congress calls for an Article V convention based on applications passed by other states, the general assembly shall consider whether to participate in such Article V convention. The general assembly may choose to participate in that convention by passing a resolution by a constitutional majority of both chambers. Such resolution shall limit the topics to be discussed by commissioners and alternate commissioners who attend such convention.

e. Any time after any general assembly passes a resolution calling for participation in any convention of states, the general assembly may begin preparing for such convention by creating a website pursuant to section 106.

f. Any time after any general assembly passes a resolution calling for participation in any convention of states, the general assembly may begin early preparations for such convention by choosing to pass a resolution proposing convention rules pursuant to Section 122, ~~may-choosing to~~ pass a resolution listing proposals to be submitted to such convention pursuant to Section 123, and ~~may-choosing to~~ pass a resolution providing instructions to commissioners, alternate commissioners and advisors pursuant to Section ~~423~~124. If the general assembly chooses to pass such resolutions, it must do so by creating a convention of states joint committee following the procedures of Section 105 which shall follow the procedures in the respective section for each resolution.

104. Sessions of the general assembly related to a convention of states.

a. If the entire legislature of another state should pass a resolution calling for a convention of states and the general assembly is not in session, the general assembly shall consider whether to participate in that convention of states in the next regular general assembly session. However, if the governor or general assembly determines that the topic of the proposed convention of states requires urgent attention by the general assembly, the governor or the general assembly may choose to call a special session for the purpose of considering whether Tennessee should pass a resolution calling for Tennessee to participate in that convention.

b. If Tennessee has chosen to participate in a convention of states, pursuant to Section 103, and the general assembly is not planned to be in session on the date at least 150 days prior to the start of that convention of states, the governor shall call the general assembly into session at least 150 days prior to the start of the convention of states for the purpose of taking the actions prescribed in this chapter. Regardless of the number of days prior to the start of an Article V convention, if an Article V convention is called by the U.S. Congress when the general assembly is not in session, the governor shall immediately call the general assembly into session to take the actions prescribed in this chapter.

c. The general assembly shall remain in session until the start of the convention and continue in session while any convention of states is in process but the general assembly may adjourn until such time debates or votes are required related to any convention of states in process.

105. Convention of states joint committee.

a. At least 150 calendar days prior to the start of a convention of states, or in the case of an Article V convention, immediately after the Article V convention is called by Congress, the senate and the house of representatives shall announce a period of at least five (5) business days in which senators and representatives shall receive comments from the public regarding which senators and which representatives shall be appointed to a convention of states joint committee.

b. After receiving public comment, pursuant to 105(a) above, the senate and the house of representatives shall ~~by joint resolution each~~ determine the number of members of the committee each shall appoint to the convention of states joint committee, which shall be a minimum of 15 percent of the members from each chamber and the percentages from both chambers shall be within five percent of each other. The number of members from each chamber shall be an odd number.

c. After determining the number of members of each chamber to be appointed, pursuant to Section 105(b) above, the senate and the house of representatives shall select members of the convention of states joint committee. Individual senators and representatives, prior to the vote in each chamber, may announce to their chamber requesting that they not be considered to serve on the convention of states joint committee. Each member of each chamber shall receive a number of votes equal to the number of committee members to be appointed by that chamber. Each member shall by secret ballot name the members of their chamber they wish to see appointed to the convention of states joint committee. The votes shall be counted by the parliamentarian of each chamber. The members selected shall be those receiving the greatest number of votes among all members of each chamber.

d. After the members are selected by both chambers, pursuant to Section 105(c) above, the speaker of the senate shall identify and announce the initial chair of the committee, who shall be the member of the committee, either senator or representative, with the greatest number of years of service in the general assembly. In the case of a tie in the number of years of service in the general assembly, the temporary chair shall be the oldest member among those tied.

e. The initial chair of the convention of states joint committee shall call the first meeting of the committee within five (5) business days of being identified. The initial chair's sole duty will be to elect a chair of the committee from among the members of the committee from both chambers. Such election shall be conducted by secret ballot among all members of the committee with each member of the committee receiving a single vote.

f. The members of the convention of states joint committee from each chamber shall elect by secret ballot a chair to lead the members of the committee for each chamber. The chair of the overall committee shall be ineligible to be the chair for their chamber. The chair for each chamber shall be responsible for taking votes among the members from their chamber. The chair of the overall committee shall participate in votes as a member of their chamber.

g. The convention of states joint committee shall have a quorum when there is a simple majority of senators present and a simple majority of representatives present. Members of the committee shall not be absent from committee hearings without one of the excuses allowed for sessions of that member's full chamber. The chair of the committee shall instruct the Sargent at Arms of the chamber of any missing member to compel the attendance of committee members absent without an acceptable excuse.

h. When a vote is taken in the joint committee, the votes of the members of each chamber shall be counted separately, and action may only be taken by the committee when a majority of the members from both chambers concur unless otherwise specified in this chapter

i. All votes taken by the convention of states joint committee shall be by roll call except for the election of the permanent chair and the chairs of the members of both chambers.

j. Following the creation of the convention of states joint committee, the senate and the house of representatives shall follow their existing rules to appropriate funds for the operations of the convention of states joint committee, including the creation of the public website used by the convention of states joint committee and any additional staffing requirements. Such appropriations shall be from the appropriates of the general assembly and shall have the highest priority in the state budget.

106. Website and communications.

a. The convention of states joint committee shall cause a public website to be created which shall be used by the committee to communicate to the public and to receive comments from registered voters of Tennessee regarding all aspects of the convention of states. This website may be an extension of any then-existing general assembly website.

b. The convention of states joint committee shall publish a journal on the website which shall include a word-for-word text transcript of each of the proceedings of the committee.

c. All hearings of the convention of states joint committee shall be broadcast live on the website. Video and audio recordings shall be published on the public website within 24 hours of the end of the recorded event and archived in the permanent records of the general assembly.

d. The website must have a provision for each registered voter to create a password-protected logon I.D. on the website by providing a valid state identification card at the voter registration office in their county of residence. The voter registration clerk shall verify the identity of the voter and verify that they are registered to vote in that county. Upon verification, the voter shall provide an email address to the clerk. Depending on the design of the website, the voter registration clerk shall use that email address to create a logon I.D. or shall forward that email address to the convention of states joint committee to create the logon I.D. The system should send an email to the voter with a link allowing them to create an initial password. To create an id, the registered voter must provide their name, physical address, county of residence and an email address. The website must have a provision to check the name, address and county against the voter registrations in each county prior to allowing the id to be created. If the verification of users is a manual process, that process shall be completed within 24 hours of the request to create an id.

e. The website shall have a provision for registered voters in Tennessee who create logon I.D.'s on the website pursuant to 106(d) above to post comments on any document published on the website and to provide a means for commenting on the comments of other users. Only registered voters who create logon I.D.s on the website may post comments on the website. The system must display on any comment the name and county of the person posting a comment but must not display that person's physical address nor email address. The website must have a provision to block comments containing profanity. The website must also have a provision for any comment to be marked by other users as off-topic, profane, libelous or abusive. The chair of the convention of states joint committee shall appoint one or more general assembly staff members to monitor the comments posted who shall remove any comments which are off-topic, profane, libelous or abusive.

f. After the creation of the website pursuant to 106(a), the convention of states joint committee shall cause advertisements to be published in at least one (1) newspaper of record in each county of the state. Such advertisements shall be run in the Sunday edition, be at least one-quarter of a page and be located within the first section of the newspaper. The advertisement shall provide the website address, describe

the purpose and content of the website and encourage citizens to participate by reviewing the content of the website and providing comments on the documents posted there.

107. Proposal of the number of commissioners and quorums at the convention.

a. Immediately after electing a chair, the convention of states joint committee shall propose the number of commissioners the state shall send to the convention of states, which shall number no fewer than five (5) and the total of which must be an odd number. In making the proposal, the convention of states joint committee should consider the number of committees which the convention may create, allowing for at least one commissioner per potential committee or subcommittee with no commissioner serving on more than one convention committee or subcommittee.

b. The convention of states joint committee shall determine the number of commissioners required to be present to form a quorum for the delegation to issue a vote for the state on the floor of the general convention, which must be at least a simple majority of commissioners.

c. The convention of states joint committee shall determine the number of commissioners required to be present to constitute a quorum for the delegation to issue a vote for the state in a committee or subcommittee of the convention, which must be at least a simple majority of commissioners appointed to that committee or subcommittee.

108. Required qualifications for commissioners and alternate commissioners.

a. A person may be appointed as a commissioner or an alternate commissioner if the person meets the following criteria:

1. Must be a United States citizen in the five years immediately preceding the date of appointment; and
2. Must have been a resident of Tennessee not less than 270 ~~out of the 365~~ days in each of the five years immediately preceding the date of appointment; and
3. Must have attained the age of 25 prior to the date of appointment; and
4. Must have been a registered voter in Tennessee in the five (5) years immediately preceding the date of appointment; and
5. Must have voted in at least three of the five statewide general elections in Tennessee immediately preceding the date of appointment;
6. Must not have ever been convicted of a felony in any state; and
7. In the ten (10) years preceding the date of appointment, may not have been or required to have been registered as a lobbyist under Chapter 6, part 3 of this title or under 2 U.S.C § 1603, or rules or regulations adopted under such laws; and
8. May not have ever held any federal elected or appointed office, except in connection with U.S. military service; and
9. May not be receiving nor have received in the ten (10) years immediately preceding the date of appointment, any form of compensation from the federal government for services rendered as

an employee or independent contractor, or arising out of any direct or indirect contractual relationship, with the federal government, except if received in connection with U.S. military service or veteran's benefits;

10. May not be a member of the senate or a member of the house of representatives, as the primary duty of senators and representatives during a convention is to receive and collate feedback from constituents during the convention and then provide guidance to the convention of states joint committee and the commissioners.

b. Persons who are selected as a commissioner or alternate commissioner are ineligible to become a member of the senate or house of representatives or hold the office of governor if the commencement of his/her term after election is within three (3) calendar years following the end of the convention of states.

109. Identification of desired qualifications for commissioners and alternate commissioners.

a. The convention of states joint committee shall announce a period of at least five (5) business days to receive public comment on the desired qualifications for commissioners and alternate commissioners for the convention of states. This period should include at least one (1) business day from each of two (2) separate calendar weeks, allowing for at least one weekend to occur during this period.

b. During the public comment period in Section 109(a) above, the convention of states joint committee shall conduct at least three (3) public hearings regarding the desired qualifications of commissioners, at least one (1) of which must be conducted on a Saturday. Each hearing should include not less than six (6) hours for public comment during which time any registered voter in the state shall be permitted to speak for at least five (5) minutes regarding the qualifications of the commissioner nominees. The committee may require speakers to register to speak up to one (1) business day in advance and the committee may adjourn early if all those registered in advance have spoken. Notwithstanding, in the chair's discretion, the chair may recognize a speaker who has not registered in advance.

c. After the conclusion of the public comment period in Section 109(a) above, the convention of states joint committee shall develop and publish a list of desired qualifications for commissioners and alternate commissioners, taking into consideration those qualifications presented during the period of public comment. The committee also shall develop a numeric weighted ranking system in which each qualification receives a weight value in which a higher weight is given to the qualification areas which the committee believes are more important and a lower weight value is given to the qualification areas which the committee believes are less important but still desired.

110. Nominations for commissioners and alternate commissioners.

a. The convention of states joint committee shall create a nomination form for commissioners and alternate commissioners. The commissioner nomination form shall be made available for download from the public website. A hard copy of the commissioner nomination form also shall be mailed to potential commissioner nominees upon request to the office by any member of the convention of states joint committee. The form shall contain the following information:

1. The name and address of the person assigned by the convention of states joint committee to receive the commissioner nomination forms.
2. The date and time by which nomination forms shall be returned by commissioner nominees, which period shall be not less than ten (10) business days after the commissioner nomination form is published.
3. Checkboxes to which the commissioner nominee indicates that the nominee meets the minimum qualifications set forth in in Section 108 and lists the required documentation

demonstrating the commissioner nominee meets the requirements, such as proof of citizenship, residency, voter registration, etc.

4. Sufficient space for the commissioner nominee to summarize the nominee's qualifications as set forth in Section 109(a)—(c).

5. Sufficient space for twenty-five (25) residents of Tennessee who are registered to vote within his/her county of residence to each print the resident's name, address, and county, and to provide such resident's signature.

6. Sufficient space for the signature of the commissioner nominee with words attesting that the nominee meets the minimum qualifications, under the penalty of perjury, and is willing to serve as a commissioner or alternate commissioner.

7. Sufficient space for the complete contact information for the commissioner nominee including phone numbers, email address and physical address.

b. During the commissioner nomination period, persons wishing to nominate themselves shall complete the commissioner nomination form.

c. The commissioner nominees must deliver the completed, original forms and attached documentation to the person named by the convention of states joint committee on the commissioner nomination form at the address specified on the commissioner nomination form by the date and time specified by the convention of states joint committee. Any form mailed with a postmark of at least five (5) business days prior to the date specified will be considered to have been delivered on time regardless of when the form arrives.

d. After the end of the nomination period, the staff of the convention of states joint committee shall confirm the required qualifications for each nominee per Section 108(a), including verification of the information of the twenty-five (25) resident registered voters who signed the nomination form. If the staff of the committee is unable to confirm the minimum qualifications for a commissioner nominee per Section 109(a) or cannot verify that the twenty-five (25) signatures are by resident registered voters, the staff members must notify the commissioner nominee by phone, email, and mail and provide the commissioner nominee five (5) business days to provide required missing documentation or signatures of resident registered voters. Commissioner nominees who are unable to demonstrate the minimum qualifications in the time allotted shall be ineligible to be commissioners or alternative commissioners.

e. After confirming the minimum requirements, the convention of states joint committee shall publish the validated commissioner nomination forms. The committee shall publish only the form and any attached additional descriptions of the commissioner nominee's qualifications, but shall not publish the other supporting documentation which contains personal confidential information.

111. Evaluation of nominees for commission and alternate commissioner.

a. After the nomination period and the validation of minimum requirements for nominees, pursuant to Section 110 above, the convention of states joint committee shall evaluate the desired qualifications of each nominee and assign a point value of zero (0) to one hundred (100) based on how well each nominee meets each desired qualification. Zero (0) shall be assigned to those who have no qualifications and one hundred (100) shall be assigned to those with the highest qualifications among the nominees in each qualification area. Each value then shall be multiplied the weight assigned by the committee as to each qualification, pursuant to Section 109(c), to obtain a score for each commissioner nominee in each qualification area. The scores for each commissioner nominee across all qualification areas shall be totaled to obtain an overall score for each commissioner nominee.

b. After calculating the scores for each commissioner nominee, the committee shall publish the values, detailed scores as to each qualification, and the overall scores for each commissioner nominee.

c. For a period of five (5) business days after the scores are published, any commissioner nominee or any member of the senate or the house of representatives may make a written and signed appeal of the values and scores assigned to such commissioner nominee. The convention of states joint committee shall consider such appeals in session and shall vote to keep or change the values for the appealing commissioner nominee or the values of other commissioner nominees to address any such appeals.

112. Selection of commissioners, selection of alternate commissioners and pairing of alternate commissioners to commissioners.

a. The convention of states joint committee shall rank the nominees for commissioner based on the overall score of each nominee. The convention of states joint committee shall identify three (3) times the required number of commissioners from the top-ranked nominees. In the case of ties, the nominees shall be selected in alphabetical order by last name, first name, and middle name.

b. The convention of states joint committee shall vote to select commissioners from among those nominees identified in Section 112(a) above. For this selection process, each member of the committee shall have the same number of votes as the number of commissioners to be selected. Each member will vote by secret ballot for nominees he/she wishes to appoint. The nominees receiving the most votes shall become the commissioners.

c. After selecting commissioners in Section 112(b), the convention of states joint committee shall select alternate commissioners from among the nominees identified in 112(a), but not selected as commissioners in Section 112(b). For this selection process, each member of the committee shall have the same number of votes as the number of alternate commissioners to be selected. Each member will vote by secret ballot for nominees he/she wishes to appoint. The nominees receiving the most votes shall become the alternate commissioners.

d. After selecting the commissioners and alternate commissioners, the convention of states joint committee shall pair each alternate commissioner to a commissioner.

e. During the convention of states, each alternate commissioner is to accompany the paired commissioner at official meetings and be ready to assume that commissioner's duties at any time pursuant to Section 112(f).

f. An alternate commissioner shall fulfill the duties of the paired commissioner if such commissioner is unable to perform his/her duties. If a commissioner is unable to fulfill any duties for a period of five (5) continuous business days, the commissioner shall resign their office and the alternate commissioner shall automatically and permanently replace the paired commissioner. Once the alternate commissioner assumes the duties of the paired commissioner, the alternate commissioner shall be replaced following the procedure in section 130.

113. Selection and duties of the delegation chair, committee chairs and subcommittee chairs.

a. The convention of states joint committee shall select a delegation chair from among the commissioners. The paired alternate commissioner for the chair shall serve as the delegation chair in the event the commissioner selected as the chair is unable to fulfill his/her duties.

b. The delegation chair shall conduct internal votes of the delegation during convention proceedings and in any committee of the whole, and the delegation chair shall present Tennessee's vote to the convention.

c. The delegation chair shall record the vote of each commissioner and report the votes to the convention of states joint committee on not less than a weekly basis. If the convention provides a means for the votes of each commissioner to be recorded in the journal of the convention, the delegation chair shall report the vote of each commissioner to the convention.

d. If the general assembly provides no instructions regarding the assignment of commissioners to committees and subcommittees, the delegation chair shall conduct votes by secret ballot among the commissioners in the delegation to determine which commissioners shall be appointed to which committees. If more than one commissioner is assigned to a committee, the delegation chair shall conduct a vote by secret ballot among the commissioners assigned to a committee to select a chair of the members on that committee. In the case of tie votes, the commissioner with the highest total score identified in Section 111(a) shall be the chair of the members on that committee.

e. The chair of the members on a committee shall conduct by secret ballot among the members on that committee to serve on subcommittees of that committee. If more than one commissioner is appointed to a subcommittee, the chair of the members of the committee shall conduct a vote by secret ballot among the members of the committee to select a chair of the members of that subcommittee. In the case of tie votes, the commissioner with the highest total score identified in 111(a) shall be the chair of the members on that committee.

f. The chair of the members of a committee or subcommittee shall conduct internal votes of the members of that committee or subcommittee and announce the vote for the state.

g. The delegation chair shall conduct votes by secret ballot among the commissioners in the delegation to assign, or at any time during the convention re-assign, advisors to committees and subcommittees of the convention such that each committee and subcommittee is assigned to one advisor, noting that an advisor may be assigned to more than one committee or subcommittee.

114. Proposal of the number of advisors.

a. After being called to order and selecting a chair pursuant to Section 105(e), the convention of states joint committee shall propose the number of advisors the state shall send to the convention of states, which shall number no fewer than ~~three-five~~ (53). In making the determination, the committee shall take into consideration the number and nature of the topics to be discussed at the convention and the number of committees that the convention may create, allowing for at least one (1) advisor per committee and subcommittee.

115. Required qualifications for advisors.

a. A person may be appointed as an advisor if the person meets the following criteria:

1. Must be a United States citizen in the five years immediately preceding the date of appointment; and
2. Must have been a resident of Tennessee not less than 270 ~~out of 365~~ days in each of the five (5) years immediately preceding the date of appointment and
3. Must have attained the age of 25 prior to the date of appointment; and
4. Must be a registered voter in Tennessee for the five (5) years immediately preceding the date of appointment; and
5. Must have voted in at least three of the five statewide general elections in Tennessee immediately preceding the date of appointment;

6. Must not have ever been convicted of a felony in any state; and
7. In the ten(10) years immediately preceding the date of appointment, may not have been or required to have been registered as a lobbyist under Chapter 6, part 3 of this title or under 2 U.S.C § 1603, or rules or regulations adopted under such laws; and
8. May not have ever held any federal elected or appointed office, except in connection with U.S. military service; and
9. May not be receiving nor have received in the ten (10) years immediately preceding the date of appointment, any form of compensation from the federal government for services rendered as an employee or independent contractor, or arising out of any direct or indirect contractual relationship, with the federal government, except if received in connection with U.S. military service and/or veteran's benefits;
- 10 May not be a member of the senate or a member of the house of representatives, as the primary duty of a senator or representative during a convention is to receive and collate feedback from constituents during the convention and then provide guidance to the convention of states joint committee and the commissioners.

b. Persons selected as advisors are ineligible to become a member of the senate or house of representatives or hold the office of governor if the commencement of his/her term after election is within three (3) calendar years following the end of the convention of states.

116. Identification of desired qualifications for advisors.

- a. The convention of states joint committee shall announce a period of at least five (5) business days to receive public comment on the desired qualifications for advisors for the convention of states. This period shall include at least one (1) business day from each of two (2) separate weeks.
- b. During the public comment period in Section 116(a) above, the convention of states joint committee shall conduct at least three (3) public hearings regarding the desired qualifications of advisors. At least one (1) of those hearings must be conducted on a Saturday. Each hearing shall include at least six (6) hours for public comment during which time any registered voter in the state shall be permitted to speak for at least five (5) minutes regarding the qualifications for advisor nominees/applicants. The committee may require speakers to register to speak up to one (1) business day in advance and the committee may adjourn early if all those registered in advance have spoken. Notwithstanding, in the chair's discretion, the chair may recognize a speaker who has not registered in advance.
- c. After the public comment period in Section 116(a) above, the convention of states joint committee shall develop and publish a list of desired qualifications for advisors. The committee also shall develop a numeric weighted ranking system in which each qualification receives a weighted value which will be used in the ranking of potential advisors.

117. Nominations for advisors.

- a. The convention of states joint committee shall create a nomination form for advisors. The advisor nomination form shall be made available for download from the public website. A hard copy of the form also shall be mailed to potential advisor nominees upon request to the office of any member of the convention of states joint committee. The advisor nomination form shall consist of:

1. The name and address of the person assigned by the convention of states joint committee to receive the advisor nomination forms.
 2. The date and time by which advisor nomination forms shall be returned by advisor nominees, which shall be not less than ten (10) business days after the nomination form is published.
 3. Checkboxes to which the advisor nominee indicates that the nominee meets the minimum qualifications set forth in in Section 115 and lists the required documentation demonstrating the commissioner nominee meets the requirements, such as proof of citizenship, residency, voter registration, etc.
 4. Sufficient space for the advisor nominee to summarize the nominee's qualifications as set forth in Section 116(a)—(c).
 5. Sufficient space for twenty-five (25) residents of Tennessee who are registered to vote within his/her county of residence to each print the resident's name, address, and county, and to provide such resident's signature.
 6. Sufficient space for the signature of the advisor nominee with words attesting, under penalty of perjury, that the nominee meets the minimum qualifications and is willing to serve as a commissioner or alternate commissioner.
 7. Sufficient space for the complete contact information for the advisors nominee including phone numbers, email address, and physical address.
- b. During the advisor nomination period, persons wishing to be nominate themselves shall complete the advisor nomination form.
- c. The advisor nominees must deliver the completed, original forms and attached documentation to the person named by the committee on the advisor nomination form at the address specified on the advisor nomination form by the date and time specified by the committee.
- d. After the end of the advisor nomination period, the staff of the convention of states joint committee shall confirm the required qualifications for each advisor nominee pursuant to Section 115. If the staff of the committee are unable to confirm the minimum qualifications for a nominee pursuant to Section 115, or are unable to confirm that the signatures are of resident registered voters, the staff member(s) must notify the advisor nominee by phone, email, and mail, and provide the advisor nominee five (5) business days to provide required missing documentation or resident signatures. Advisor nominees who are unable to demonstrate the minimum qualifications in the time allotted shall be ineligible to become advisors.
- e. After confirming the minimum requirements, the convention of states joint committee shall publish the advisor nomination forms of those nominees meeting the minimum requirements per Section 115. The committee shall publish only the form and any attached additional descriptions of the nominee qualifications but shall not publish the other supporting documentation that contains personal, confidential information.

118. Evaluation of nominees for advisor.

- a. After the nomination period and the validation of minimum requirements for nominees, per Section 117 above, the convention of states joint committee shall evaluate the desired qualifications of each advisor nominee and assign a point value of zero (0) to ten (100) based on how well each advisor nominee meets each desired qualification. Zero (0) shall be assigned to those who have no qualifications and ten (100) shall be assigned to those with the greatest qualifications among the advisor nominees. Each value shall

then be multiplied the weight assigned by the committee as to each qualification per Section 116(c), to obtain a score for each advisor nominee as to each qualification. The scores for each advisor nominee across all sections shall be totaled to obtain an overall score for each advisor nominee.

b. After calculating the scores for each advisor nominee, the committee shall publish the values, detailed scores as to each qualification, and the overall scores for each advisor nominee.

c. For a period of five (5) business days after the scores are published, any advisor nominee may make a written and signed appeal of the values and scores assigned to such nominee. The convention of states joint committee shall consider such appeals in session with votes to keep or change the values for that nominee or other nominees to address the appeal of an advisor nominee.

119. Selection of advisors.

a. The convention of states joint committee shall rank the advisor nominees based on the overall score of each advisor nominee. The convention of states joint committee shall identify two (2) times the required number of commissioners from the top-ranked advisor nominees. In the case of ties, the advisor nominees shall be selected in alphabetical order by last name, first name, and middle name.

b. The convention of states joint committee shall vote to select advisors from among those advisor nominees identified in Section 119(a) above. For this selection process, each member of the committee shall have the same number of votes as the number of advisors to be selected. Each member shall vote by secret ballot for the advisor nominees to be appointed. The advisor nominees receiving the most votes will become the advisors.

c. If an advisor is not able to fulfill his/her duties for a period of five (5) continuous business days, the advisor shall vacate their office.

120. Duties of advisors.

a. Advisors are to attend the convention and attend as many proceedings as their other duties allow them time. Of the hearings each advisor attends, the majority of their attendance should be at the hearings of the committees or subcommittees to which they are assigned by the delegation chair pursuant to Section 113(d).

b. Advisors shall review questions formally presented to them, perform any necessary research, and provide expert formal responses to the questions. Questions may be posed to advisors by commissioners, alternate commissioners, any member of the senate, or any member of the house of representatives. The questions posed to the advisors and the responses to the questions shall be given to the chair of the convention of states joint committee who shall cause them to be published on the public website of the convention of states joint committee within twenty-four (24) hours of the committee's receipt thereof. Advisor responses are one of the forms of comment that the commissioners, alternate commissioners, members of the house of representatives and members of the senate shall consider regarding issues raised at the convention; however, such advisor responses are not binding on the commissioners.

c. Advisors are not formal members of the delegation and have no voting powers at the convention. Advisors shall not participate on the floor of the convention nor in any committee or sub-committee hearings unless serving as called witnesses.

121. Development of resolutions to commission the delegation.

a. The convention of states joint committee shall draft five resolutions commissioning the delegation in the following areas:

1. Authorization of the delegation to participate in the convention and rules for quorums as defined in Section 107(b) and 107(c)
2. Names of the commissioners, alternate commissioners and advisors.
3. Proposed convention rules
4. Proposals to be presented to the convention
5. General instructions

Resolutions 1 and 2 shall be drafted by the convention of states joint committee.

Resolutions 3 through 5 shall be drafted by the committee pursuant to the procedures in Sections 122 – 124.

122. Development of proposed convention rules to be submitted by commissioners to the convention.

a. After the convention of states joint committee is formed and a chair is elected, per Section 104, the convention of states joint committee shall announce a period of at least ten (10) business days to receive public comment regarding proposed convention rules to be submitted to the convention by the commissioners.

b. During the public comment period in Section 121(a) above, the convention of states joint committee shall conduct at least three (3) public hearings regarding convention rules to be submitted to the convention by the commissioners. At least one of those hearings must be conducted on a Saturday. Each hearing shall include at least six hours for public comment during which time any registered voter in the state shall be allowed to speak for at least five (5) minutes regarding the convention rules to be proposed to the convention by the commissioners and alternate commissioners. The committee may require speakers to register in advance and the committee may adjourn before the end of the six-hour hearing period if all those registered in advance have spoken. Notwithstanding, in the chair's discretion, the chair may recognize a speaker who has not registered in advance.

c. After the public comment period in Section 121(b) above, the convention of states joint committee shall discuss, develop and publish a set of proposed convention rules to be submitted to the convention by the commissioners and alternate commissioners. The convention of states joint committee shall rely on any proposed set of convention rules approved through resolutions of the current or prior general assemblies.

d. The proposed convention rules developed by the committee in Section 123(c) must include rules worded to achieve the following objectives:

1. Each state shall receive only one vote in general sessions of the convention and in any committees or subcommittees of the convention, regardless of the number of commissioners sent by each state to the convention and regardless of the number of commissioners from each state assigned to each committee or subcommittee.
2. Each state shall be represented by an equal number of commissioners in every committee or subcommittee.
3. The convention shall be called to order by a temporary President who is to be selected from among the commissioners from the state which first called for the convention.
4. The temporary President's sole duties shall be the certification of state delegations, the certification of individual commissioners from each state and the election of a permanent President.
5. The convention shall confirm the credentials of delegations and commissioners by reviewing original copies of one or more resolutions passed by entire state legislatures and signed by the leaders of the chambers that a) authorize the state's participation in the convention listing the specific topics to be discussed, b) authorize a delegation to represent the state legislature at that convention on those specific topics, c) authorize each commissioner as a participant in that

state's delegation, and (d) provide additional instructions from the state legislature to the delegation. The convention shall also confirm the identity of the commissioners using official state-issued photo identification for each commissioner.

6. The convention shall initially operate under the rules of the latest edition of Mason's Manual for Legislative Procedure until permanent rules are adopted, except where a rule in that manual can be applied only to a state legislature rather than a convention, in which case, the matter shall be determined by parliamentary common law.
7. On questions of procedure where the permanent rules do not control, the convention should use the rules from the latest edition of Mason's Manual for Legislative Procedure, except where such rules in that manual can be applied only to a state legislature rather than a convention, in which case, the matter shall be determined by parliamentary common law.
8. The convention shall cause to be published a text-based, verbatim journal of all proceedings on the floor of the convention, in all committees and subcommittees of the convention and in any other event on the official calendar of the convention. The journal shall be retained in the permanent records of the convention.
9. The convention shall cause all proceedings on the floor of the convention and in all committees and subcommittees to be broadcast live via the internet, including both video and audio feeds. All video and audio of the convention shall be retained in the permanent records of the convention.
10. The number of commissioners on the floor of the convention from each state shall not be greater than 10 and time limits shall be placed on speeches or comments of specific commissioners as well as entire state delegations.
11. The convention shall allow a state to request an adjournment in order to consult with their state legislature prior to a vote on the floor of the convention, in a committee of the whole, or in any committee or subcommittee.
12. The convention shall not entertain a motion to adjourn permanently, so long as any proposal from any state remains without a vote in committee, subcommittee or on the floor of the convention to pass, reject or table the proposal.

123. Development of proposals to be submitted by commissioners to the convention.

a. After the convention of states joint committee is formed and a chair is elected, pursuant to Section 104, the convention of states joint committee shall announce a period of at least fifteen (15) business days to receive public comment regarding proposals to be submitted to the convention by the commissioners and alternate commissioners.

b. During the public comment period in Section 121(a) above, the convention of states joint committee shall conduct at least five (5) public hearings regarding proposals to be submitted to the convention by the commissioners. At least two of those hearings must be conducted on a Saturday. Each hearing shall include at least six hours for public comment during which time any registered voter in the state shall be allowed to speak for at least ten (10) minutes regarding the proposals to be submitted to the convention by the commissioners and alternate commissioners. The committee may require speakers to register in advance and the committee may adjourn before the end of the six-hour hearing period if all those registered in advance have spoken. Notwithstanding, in the chair's discretion, the chair may recognize a speaker who has not registered in advance.

c. After the public comment period in Section 121(b) above, the convention of states joint committee shall discuss, develop and publish the resolution containing proposals to be submitted to the convention by the commissioners and alternate commissioners which must be within the topic(s) of the controlling resolution defined in Section 103.

124. Development of General Instructions to commissioners.

a. After the convention of states joint committee has completed the tasks prescribed in Sections 122 and 123, the convention of states joint committee shall announce a period of at least ten (10) business days to

receive public comment regarding general instructions to the commissioners and alternate commissioners.

b. During the public comment period in Section 124(a) above, the convention of states joint committee shall conduct at least three public hearings regarding general instructions to commissioners. At least one of those hearings must be conducted on a Saturday. Each hearing shall include at least six hours for public comment during which time any registered voter in the state shall be allowed to speak for at least five (5) minutes regarding the general instructions to commissioners and alternate commissioners. The committee may require speakers to register at least one (1) business day in advance and the committee may adjourn before the end of the six-hour hearing period if all those registered in advance have spoken. Notwithstanding, in the chair's discretion, the chair may recognize a speaker who has not registered in advance.

d. After the public comment period in 124(b) above, the convention of states joint committee shall discuss, develop and publish a list of general instructions to the commissioners and alternate commissioners. These instructions must include the following minimum items:

1. Instructions regarding convention rules and procedures:
 1. For votes on the floor of the convention or in a committee of the whole, commissioners and alternate commissioners shall conduct internal votes within the delegation and the chair of the delegation shall issue a single vote for the state. Under no circumstances shall a commissioner issue a vote separate from the entire delegation on the floor of the convention or in a committee of the whole.
 2. For votes in committees or subcommittees, other than the committee of the whole, the commissioners assigned to that committee shall conduct votes within those assigned commissioners and issue a single vote for the state. Under no circumstances shall a commissioner issue a separate vote from the group of commissioners in a committee or subcommittee unless that commissioner is the sole commissioner for the state on that committee.
 3. Commissioners and alternate commissioners shall submit to the convention the proposed set of convention rules developed in Section 123(c).
 4. Commissioners and alternate commissioners shall vote in support of, and vigorously support in any debates in committees or on the floor, any convention rules which achieve the objectives listed in Section 123(d).
2. Instructions regarding proposals at the convention:
 1. Commissioners and alternate commissioners shall not raise any topic not within the scope of the controlling resolution as defined in Section 103 or the further instructions given to them by the general assembly.
 2. The commissioners shall vote against any topic not within the scope of the controlling resolution as defined in Section 103 or any topic or proposal which is against the further instructions given to them by the general assembly.
 3. The commissioners shall call to order any commissioner from any other state who attempts to raise a topic not within the scope of the controlling resolution from the state legislature of that commissioner. If the convention should take a vote as to whether to hear ~~the a~~ topic outside of ~~that state legislature's~~the controlling resolution or against the further instructions in this section should be heard, the commissioners shall vote against considering any such topic.
 4. The commissioners shall cause to be proposed to the convention any proposals included in the instructions from the general assembly and to vigorously pursue the adoption of such proposals within any committees and on the convention floor.
 5. The ~~commissioners delegation chair~~ shall submit to the chair of the convention of states joint committee ~~-any proposals passed out of non-administrative convention committees to be considered by the convention as proposals of the convention. The commissioners shall request that the convention delay the consideration of any such proposals for at~~

least five (5) business days prior to voting on any such proposals, thus giving an opportunity for discussion within the general assembly and for development of updated instructions on each proposal from the general assembly.

3. Other general instructions:

1. The commissioners, alternate commissioners and advisors are subject to all requirements and duties prescribed in this chapter and shall faithfully abide by their oath.
2. The chair of the delegation shall, at the start of the convention, provide to the convention signed copies of the controlling resolution defined in Section 103 and the five (5) resolutions identified in Section 121(a).

125. Transmission of commissioning resolutions to the general assembly and approval by the general assembly.

- a. Once approved by the committee, the five (5) resolutions identified in Section 121(a) ~~are to~~ shall be transmitted directly to the speakers of both chambers, bypassing any other committees in the senate or in the house of representatives.
- b. The speaker of each chamber shall call each body into session within five (5) business days of the resolutions being transmitted to them and shall present the resolutions for debate and approval by the full membership of each chamber.
- c. The chambers may offer amendments to the proposed resolutions. Proposed amendments to resolution 2 on the floors of the chambers shall be limited to the verified and most highly qualified commissioner, alternate commissioner and advisor nominees pursuant to Sections 112(a) and 119(a), respectively.
- d. All votes in both chambers regarding the resolutions must be by roll call and passage must be by constitutional majority of both chambers.

126. Oaths, penalties for failure to follow commissions and recall process.

- a. After both chambers have approved final versions of all five (5) resolutions in Section 121(a) above, as soon as possible, the Speaker of the House, or a designee, shall swear in the commissioners, alternate commissioners and advisors using the following verbal oath.

“I, [name], do solemnly swear [or affirm], under the penalty of perjury, that I meet the qualifications of the office of [commissioner, alternate commissioner or advisor] to the [convention name, place and date]. I do solemnly swear [or affirm] that I will, to the best of my ability and with diligence, perform the duties assigned to me by law and further duties and instructions of the general assembly of the State of Tennessee. I swear to ~~uphold~~ support the Constitution of the State of Tennessee and the Constitution of the United States of America, so help me God.”

The oath above shall also be printed, signed by the person taking the oath and signed by the person administering the oath. The signed copy shall be submitted to the chair of the convention of states joint committee who shall ensure the document is scanned and published on the public website and ~~also~~ permanently archived along with the other papers of the committee.

- b. It is an offense for a commissioner, alternate commissioner or advisor to

1. knowingly or intentionally attempt to vote for or to take any actions in support of:

1. topics or actions of the convention outside of the scope of the controlling resolution defined in Section 103.

2. topics or actions of the convention contrary to the further instructions of the general assembly as defined in the resolutions listed in Section 121(a).

3. fails to take any actions specified in the further instructions of the general assembly as defined in section 121(a).

c. A violation of subsection (b) is a Class E Felony which shall be prosecuted by the Attorney General, but only on the recommendation of the general assembly pursuant to section 126(l).

d. Any commissioner, alternate commissioner or advisor may submit a formal request for clarification of their instructions to the convention of states joint committee, including, but not limited to whether proposals submitted by other states to the convention fall within the scope of the controlling resolution defined in Section 103 or the further instructions in the resolutions listed in 121(a).

e. Upon receipt of a request for clarification pursuant to Section 126(a), the convention of states joint committee shall conduct one or more public hearings within three (3) business days to consider the request for clarification and to draft a resolution in response to the request for clarification. If two-thirds (2/3) or more of the members of the senate on the committee and two-thirds (2/3) or more of the members of the house of representatives on the committee agree to a response, the response becomes the response of the general assembly which shall be forwarded by the chair of the convention of states joint committee directly to the chair of the delegation. If less than two-thirds of the senate members of the convention of states joint committee or less than two-thirds of the committee members of the house of representatives can agree on a response, the draft version of the response receiving the most votes in the committee shall be forwarded directly to the speakers of both chambers for debate and revision by both chambers. When both chambers agree to a response by a constitutional majority vote, the speaker of the house of representatives shall forward the final response to the chair of the delegation, which becomes the official response of the general assembly. Any commissioner, alternate commissioner or advisor who acts based on an official response received from the committee or from the speaker of the house of representatives pursuant to the process in this subsection shall not be in violation of 126(c).

f. Any three (3) members of the senate or any nine (9) members of the house of representatives who believe that a commissioner, alternate commissioner or advisor has violated 126(c) or who simply wish to see a commissioner, alternate commissioner or advisor recalled for any reason, may file a resolution recalling that commissioner, alternate commissioner or advisor. The resolution must describe the reasons for the recall. The resolution must list any specific violations pursuant to 126(c). In the case of a commissioner, the resolution must also identify any specific votes issued by that commissioner in violation of 126(c). The resolution must also indicate whether the general assembly recommends prosecution of the violation to the attorney general pursuant to 126(c).

g. Any resolution filed pursuant to Section 126(f) must be routed to the convention of states joint committee who shall conduct a public hearing within three (3) business days to debate and discuss the resolution. The commissioner, alternate commissioner or advisor named in the recall resolution must be allowed to appear before the committee to respond if they wish.

h. After hearing testimony concerning the recall resolution, the committee shall take a roll-call vote on whether to approve the recall resolution. If fewer than one-third of the senators on the convention of states joint committee and fewer than 1/3 of the members of the house of representatives on the joint committee vote for the recall resolution, the resolution fails.

i. If two-thirds (2/3) or more of the senators on the convention of states joint committee and two-thirds (2/3) or more of the representatives on the convention of states joint committee vote to approve the recall resolution, the chair of the convention of states joint committee shall notify the commissioner, alternate

commissioner or advisor that they are suspended until the full general assembly can hear the recall resolution. That commissioner, alternate commissioner or advisor shall immediately leave the convention. If the general assembly does not vote to recall them, pursuant to Section 126(k) below, regardless of the number of days that person is away from the convention, the commissioner, alternate commissioner or advisor shall be restored to their position in the convention and any person who assumed their role during the suspension period shall return to their former role or leave the convention if they had no prior role.

j. If one-third (1/3) or more of the senators on the convention of states joint committee vote in support of the recall resolution or if one-third (1/3) or more of the members of the house of representatives on the convention of states joint committee vote in support of the recall resolution, the recall resolution shall be forwarded directly to the speaker of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives, both of whom shall within three (3) business days present the resolution for consideration in each chamber. Both chambers shall be allowed to amend the resolution. Both chambers shall take a vote as to whether or not the commissioner, alternate commissioner or advisor shall be recalled.

k. If a final version of the recall resolution passes both chambers by a constitutional majority vote to recall a commissioner, alternate commissioner or advisor, then the speaker of the house of representatives shall notify the commissioner, alternate commissioner or advisor that they are recalled. The speaker of the house of representatives shall also notify the President of the convention that the commissioner, alternate commissioner or advisor has been recalled.

l. If a final resolution identifies one or more votes taken by a commissioner which affected the overall final vote(s) of the delegation, the speaker of the house of representatives shall also notify the President of the convention that the vote(s) in question are null and void as they were without the authority of the general assembly.

m. If a final resolution recommends prosecution for a recalled commissioner, alternate commissioner or advisor, the resolution shall also be forwarded to the attorney general who shall initiate and aggressively pursue prosecution of the criminal act in the appropriate court of jurisdiction, per section 126(c)

n. When a commissioner is recalled, their alternate commissioner shall take their place and a new alternate commissioner shall be named pursuant to Section 130. If an alternate commissioner is recalled, a new alternate commissioner shall be selected pursuant to Section 130. If an advisor is recalled, a new advisor shall be named pursuant to Section 131.

127. Communications with the delegation, hearings and public input during the convention.

a. Starting with the week following the completion of the duties prescribed in Sections 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 116, 117, 118, 119, 121, 122, 123, 124 and 125, the convention of states joint committee shall begin conducting at least two public hearings per week and shall continue conducting at least two hearings per week for the duration of the convention of states. At least two of those hearings per month must be conducted on a Saturday, each of which shall count as one of the hearings for the week in which that Saturday hearing occurs. Each hearing shall include at least six hours for public comment during which time any registered voter in the state shall be allowed to speak for at least five (5) minutes regarding any topic related to the convention. The committee may require speakers to register in advance and the committee may adjourn before the end of the six-hour hearing period if all those registered in advance have spoken. Notwithstanding, in the chair's discretion, the chair may recognize a speaker who has not registered in advance.

b. The chair of the delegation, or a commissioner appointed by the chair, shall forward to the chair of the convention of states joint committee the permanent rules adopted by the convention and any updates to those rules during the convention. The chair of the convention of states joint committee shall cause the rules and updates to the rules to be published on the website within two (2) business days for comment by registered voters in the state, pursuant to section 106(d) and 106(e).

c. The chair of the delegation, or a commissioner appointed by the chair, shall forward to the chair of the convention of states joint committee all proposals submitted to the convention of states by the delegations of the several states. The chair of the convention of states committee shall cause those proposals to be published on the website within two (2) business days for comment by registered voters in the state, pursuant to section 106(d) and 106(e).

128. Updating of commissioning resolutions.

a. At any time prior to or during the convention, any three (3) members of the senate or any nine (9) members of the house of representatives may propose a resolution to update any one of the commissioning resolutions identified in Section 121(a). The proposed resolution shall be routed directly to the convention of states joint committee.

b. The chair of the convention of states joint committee shall schedule a public hearing within five (5) business days to consider, amend and/or approve the proposed resolution developed pursuant to 128(a).

c. If less than one-third of the senators on the convention of states joint committee and less than one-third of the representatives on the convention of states joint committee vote in support of the proposed resolution, the resolution fails.

d. If one-third (1/3) or more of the senators on the convention of states joint committee or one-third (1/3) of the representatives on the convention of states joint committee vote in support of the resolution submitted pursuant to Section 129(a), that resolution shall be forwarded directly to the speakers of the chambers who shall within five (5) business days schedule a session of each chamber to hear the proposed resolution.

e. If the resolution passes both chambers by a constitutional majority, the speaker of the house of representatives shall forward the resolution to the delegation chair who shall provide a copy to the presiding officer of the convention.

129. Replacement of commissioners and alternate commissioners and additional commissioners and alternate commissioners.

a. At any time during the convention of states, either at the request of the convention of states for additional commissioners or in the judgement of the convention of states committee that additional commissioners are needed, or if a commissioner has vacated their office and been replaced by their alternate commissioner, or if an alternate commissioner has vacated their office for any reason, the convention of states committee shall agree on a number of additional commissioners and alternate commissioners to be added or replaced. New commissioners and alternate commissioners may be added in increments of two (2) each in order maintain an odd number of commissioners and a matching number of alternate commissioners.

b. If the number of commissioners to be added or replaced plus the number of alternate commissioners to be added or replaced pursuant to Section 129(a) is at least one-half of the number of top-ranked nominees identified in Section 112(a) less those assigned as commissioners in Section 112(b) and less those assigned as alternate commissioners in Section 112(c) and less those who may be added in a prior process pursuant to this section, that list of nominees shall be used by the committee to select the new commissioners and alternate commissioners. If the number of commissioners to be added plus the number of alternate commissioners to be added pursuant to the resolution in Section 130(a) is more than half of the number of commissioner nominees remaining in the list of top-ranked nominees identified in Section 112(a) less those assigned as commissioners in Section 112(b) and less those assigned as alternate commissioners in Section 112(c) and less those who may have been added in a prior round pursuant to this section, the convention of states joint committee shall reconstitute the list of available commissioner nominees as follows:

1. The convention of states joint committee shall repeat the commissioner nominating process in sections 109-111.

2. The convention of states joint committee shall rank all nominees for commissioner, including prior nominees and new nominees identified in Section 129(b)(1) based on the overall score of each nominee.

3. The convention of states joint committee shall identify four (4) times the required number of new commissioners to be added from the top-ranked nominees. In the case of ties, the nominees shall be selected in alphabetical order by last name, first name, and middle name.

c. The convention of states joint committee shall vote to select new commissioners, if needed, from among those nominees identified in Section 129(b) above. For this selection process, each member of the committee shall have the same number of votes as the number of commissioners to be selected. Each member will vote by secret ballot for nominees he/she wishes to appoint. The nominees receiving the most votes shall become the commissioners.

d. After selecting commissioners in Section 129(c), the convention of states joint committee shall select alternate commissioners from among the nominees identified in 129(b), but not selected as commissioners in Section 129(c). For this selection process, each member of the committee shall have the same number of votes as the number of alternate commissioners to be selected. Each member will vote by secret ballot for nominees he/she wishes to appoint. The nominees receiving the most votes shall become the alternate commissioners.

e. After selecting the commissioners and alternate commissioners, the convention of states joint committee shall pair each new alternate commissioner to a new commissioner.

f. The committee shall pass a resolution naming the additional or replacement commissioners and alternate commissioners selected in Section 129(c) and Section 129(d). That resolution shall be forwarded directly to the speakers of both chambers who shall schedule consideration of those resolutions within five (5) business days.

130. Replacement of advisors and additional advisors.

a. At any time during the convention of states, if in the judgement of the convention of states committee additional advisors are needed, or if an advisor has vacated their office, the convention of states joint committee shall agree on the number of advisors to be added or replaced.

b. If the number of advisors to be added or replaced pursuant to 130(a) is at least one-half of the number of top-ranked nominees identified in Section 119(a) less those assigned as advisors in Section 119(b) and less those who may be added in a prior process pursuant to this section, that list of nominees shall be used by the committee to select the new or replacement advisors. If the number of advisors to be added or replaced pursuant to the resolution in Section 130(a) is more than half of the number of advisor nominees remaining in the list of top-ranked nominees identified in Section 119(a) less those assigned as advisors in Section 119(b) and less those who may have been added in a prior round pursuant to this section, the convention of states joint committee shall reconstitute the list of available advisor nominees as follows:

1. The convention of states joint committee shall repeat the commissioner nominating process in sections 116-118.

2. The convention of states joint committee shall rank all nominees for advisor, including prior nominees and new nominees identified in Section 130(b)(1) based on the overall score of each nominee.

3. The convention of states joint committee shall identify four (4) times the required number of new or replacement advisors of the top-ranked nominees. In the case of ties, the nominees shall be selected in alphabetical order by last name, first name, and middle name.

c. The convention of states joint committee shall vote to select new or replacement advisors from among those nominees identified in Section 130(b) above. For this selection process, each member of the committee shall have the same number of votes as the number of commissioners to be selected. Each member will vote by secret ballot for nominees he/she wishes to appoint. The nominees receiving the most votes shall become the advisors.

d. The committee shall pass a resolution naming the new or replacement advisors selected in Section 130(c). That resolution shall be forwarded directly to the speakers of both chambers who shall schedule consideration of those resolutions within five (5) business days.

131. Compensation and expense reimbursement for commissioners, alternate commissioners and advisors.

a. Commissioners, alternate commissioners and advisors shall be compensated at the rate of the annual salaries of senators, prorated by the number of days they remain in office. Commissioners, alternate commissioners and advisors hold a lucrative office under Article II, section 26 of the Constitution of Tennessee.

b. The salary of a commissioner shall commence on the later of the following two dates: a) the date their oath is administered, or b) 60 days prior to the scheduled start of the convention of states. They shall stop receiving their salaries on the earlier of a) seven (7) days after the date they vacate their office for whatever reason or b) 28 calendar days after the permanent adjournment of the convention of states.

c. Commissioners, alternate commissioners and advisors shall be eligible for reimbursement for expenses and mileage in accordance with the regulations promulgated by the commissioner of finance and administration and approved by the attorney general and reporter. Expense and mileage reimbursement shall begin on the day the oath is administered and shall continue until the earlier of the following two dates: a) seven (7) days after they vacate their office for whatever reason, or b) 28 calendar days after the permanent adjournment of the convention.

132. Funding for convention-related expenses.

a. Following the approval of the five resolutions pursuant to Section 126, and as needed throughout the duration of the convention, the convention of states joint committee shall identify appropriations needed to provide for convention-related expenses. Each appropriation request shall be forwarded to the committees of each chamber following the current rules of each chamber. The appropriations shall include funding for the following:

1. Any additional funding for the operations of the convention of states joint committee, in addition to the funding already provided in Section 105(j),
2. Any additional expenses of the public website used by the convention of states joint committee, in addition to the funding already provided in Section 105(j),
3. the compensation for commissioners, alternate commissioners and advisors, pursuant to Section 131(a)-(b),
4. the expenses for commissioners, alternate commissioners and advisors pursuant to Section 131(c), and
5. the general costs of the convention of states allocated to Tennessee as determined by the convention of states, pursuant to Section 131(c).

b. All funds necessary to pay the expenses enumerated in Section 132(a) above shall be paid from appropriations to the general assembly.

c. During the convention, the convention of states shall incur expenses which are not directly related to the attendance of Tennessee's commissioners, alternate commissioners and advisors. The convention shall allocate among the states the expenses of the convention based on a formula determined by the convention. The delegation chair, or a commissioner designated by the delegation chair, shall relay funding requests for Tennessee's allocation of convention expenses to the chair of the convention of states joint committee.

d. The convention of states joint committee shall consider each funding request sent pursuant to Section 127(c) and determine if each request is reasonable as to whether the expenses are

1. legitimate expenses of the convention, and
2. whether they are in accordance with the allocation formula agreed to by the convention.

e. If the convention of states joint committee votes to deny a funding request pursuant to Section 127(d) because it does not fit within the criteria specified in Section 127(d), it shall be returned by the chair of the convention of states joint committee to the delegation chair with requests for clarification or adjustment. The delegation chair shall return the funding request to the appropriate convention committee for review and revision, after which the funding request process shall start over again at Section 127(c).

f. If the convention of states joint committee votes to approve a funding request pursuant to Section 127(c), the chair of the convention of states committee shall consider whether the request is within the funding already appropriated by the general assembly pursuant to Section 127(a). If the funding request is within the appropriation, the chair of the convention of states joint committee shall forward the approved funding request to the appropriate general assembly staff to process the payment. If the funding request is not within the appropriation, the chair of the convention of states joint committee shall forward the funding request to the speaker of both chambers in order for both chambers to appropriate additional funds, after which the chair shall forward the approved funding request to the appropriate general assembly staff to process the payment.

133. Open meetings and open records.

a. The commissioners, alternate commissioners and advisors shall not participate in any sessions of the convention or any committee of the convention unless the following requirements are met:

1. Public notice has been given of the session at least one (1) business day prior to the session.
2. The sessions are open to the public and to the press. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the commissioners, alternate commissioners and advisors may continue in a session which, upon starting, was open to the public and to the press but because of a disturbance in the gallery or room, the gallery or room was ordered to be cleared by the presiding officer of the convention or the presiding officer of a committee or subcommittee.
3. The session is broadcast live over the internet with video and audio, is recorded with video and audio and the recordings, the video and audio recordings are promptly made available to the public~~, and~~

~~4. a~~ A verbatim transcript is created during the session which shall be promptly made available to the public.

b. The convention of states joint committee shall cause electronic mail addresses to be provided to commissioners, alternate commissioners and advisors using the general assembly electronic mail address naming standards. Commissioners, alternate commissioners and advisors shall use those electronic mail addresses for any formal electronic mail communications regarding the convention of

states, including communications with the commissioners and other officials of other states participating in the convention.

c. Communications regarding the convention of states shall be made available to the public, per the following provisions:

1. The convention of states joint committee shall identify a person designated to receive copies of communications who shall cause those documents to be published on the website and retained for archival.
2. All paper documents generated or received by any commissioner, alternate commissioner, advisor or member of the convention of states joint committee regarding the convention of states must be scanned into electronic format and provided to the person identified in 133(c)(1) via electronic mail within three (3) business days of the creation or receipt of the physical document.
3. All electronic documents generated by or received by any commissioner, alternate commissioner, advisor or member of the convention of states joint committee regarding the convention of states must be provided to the person identified in 133(c)(1) via electronic mail within three (3) business days of the creation or receipt of the electronic document.
4. The person identified in section 123(c)(1) shall cause all electronic mail communications to or from the commissioners, alternate commissioners and advisors to be retained and made available to the public through a searchable text database.