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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION REGARDING THE
MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 54-300 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2013*):

4 (d) The commission shall be composed of the following members:

5 (1) Eight persons appointed one each by: (A) The Governor, (B) the
6 Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, (C) the president pro tempore of
7 the Senate, (D) the speaker of the House of Representatives, (E) the
8 majority leader of the Senate, (F) the majority leader of the House of
9 Representatives, (G) the minority leader of the Senate, and (H) the
10 minority leader of the House of Representatives, all of whom shall
11 serve for a term of four years;

12 (2) Two judges appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court,
13 one of whom shall serve for a term of one year and one of whom shall
14 serve for a term of three years;

15 (3) One representative of the Court Support Services Division of the
16 Judicial Branch appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court,
17 who shall serve for a term of two years;

18 (4) The Commissioner of Correction, who shall serve for a term
19 coterminous with his or her term of office;

20 (5) The Chief State's Attorney, who shall serve for a term
21 coterminous with his or her term of office;

22 (6) The Chief Public Defender, who shall serve for a term
23 coterminous with his or her term of office;

24 (7) One state's attorney appointed by the Chief State's Attorney,
25 who shall serve for a term of three years;

26 (8) One member of the criminal defense bar appointed by the
27 president of the Connecticut Criminal Defense Lawyers Association,
28 who shall serve for a term of three years;

29 (9) The Victim Advocate, who shall serve for a term coterminous
30 with his or her term of office;

31 (10) The chairperson of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, who shall
32 serve for a term coterminous with his or her term of office;

33 (11) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
34 Protection, who shall serve for a term coterminous with his or her term
35 of office;

36 (12) A municipal police chief appointed by the president of the
37 Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, who shall serve for a term of
38 two years;

39 (13) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services,
40 who shall serve for a term coterminous with his or her term of office;

41 (14) The undersecretary of the Criminal Justice Policy and Planning

42 Division within the Office of Policy and Management, who shall serve
43 for a term coterminous with his or her term of office; [and]

44 (15) An active or retired judge appointed by the Chief Justice of the
45 Supreme Court, who shall serve as chairperson of the commission and
46 serve for a term of four years; and

47 (16) Notwithstanding section 2-5, the cochairpersons and ranking
48 members of the joint standing committee on judiciary, or their
49 designees chosen from among the members of the committee.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	54-300(d)

Statement of Purpose:

To add the cochairpersons and ranking members of the Judiciary Committee to the membership of the Connecticut Sentencing Commission.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]