

Recodification of Title 63, State Affairs in General -- Announcement July 19, 2007

We are renumbering Title 63, "State Affairs in General" of the Utah Code.

Agency Input Sought

Please review, or have your key people review, the attached outline for renumbering the chapters of Title 63 for those chapters that affect your agency. If you have any concerns or suggestions please contact Ben Christensen or Eric Weeks by Tuesday July 31, 2007. See the full explanation below.

Title 63 Recodification is Approved

With the approval of the Legislative Management Committee, the recodification of Title 63, "State Affairs in General" is now underway. The project is under the direction of the Government Operation Interim Committee which will have legislation prepared for the 2008 General Session.

Need

This project is needed because Title 63 has been a "catch all" title for many years and has become a patchwork of unrelated existing and former chapters of Utah Law. Each chapter number from 1 to 99 is in use by current text or has been moved or repealed. Because chapter numbers are not reassigned to new sections of code, these chapter numbers are unavailable for future use. Currently, 60 chapters remain in Title 63 and 91 chapters have been repealed or moved. The last recodification was done 54 years ago in 1953.

Size -- Extra Large

In the Title there are 879 sections remaining which will be renumbered to new or other existing titles of the Utah Code as shown in the attached document. Renumbering these sections will require that we fix some 3,551 cross-references throughout the code. If the project is done in one bill, it will be approximately 3,093 pages long. We are exploring the possibility of splitting the bill, if needed, to accommodate potential computer limitations.

Plan

This recodification is classified as a renumber (the least controversial type). We will renumber the existing sections, fix all associated cross-references, and where they exist, change "articles" to "parts." Because of the size of the project, only some grammatical, structural, or other technical changes will be included if needed. No substantive changes will be made in this recodification effort. We will plan to allow this bill to move through the process early in the 2008 Legislative Session to reduce as many conflicts with other bills as possible.

Thank You

We realize that renumbering sections for which users are accustomed requires adjustments on many levels, including, in some cases, changing forms, programs, and rules. Hopefully, this will be a short-term inconvenience that results in a cleaner, better organized code.