

Foreign Judgment Amendments

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor:

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill modifies provisions in the Utah Foreign Judgment Act.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▸ provides that the postjudgment interest rate for foreign judgments filed in the state shall be set at the rate established under Utah law.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

78B-5-302, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 3

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

Section 1. Section **78B-5-302** is amended to read:

78B-5-302 . Definition -- Filing of foreign judgments -- Post-judgment interest rate -- Status of foreign judgments.

(1) As used in this part, "foreign judgment" means any judgment, decree, or order of a court of the United States or of any other court whose acts are entitled to full faith and credit in this state.

(2) A copy of a foreign judgment authenticated in accordance with an appropriate act of Congress or an appropriate act of Utah may be filed with the clerk of any district court in Utah. The clerk of the district court shall treat the foreign judgment in all respects as a judgment of a district court of Utah.

(3) Except as otherwise provided by law or by contract, a foreign judgment filed under this part on or after May 7, 2025 shall bear interest at the postjudgment interest rate established under Section 15-1-4 as of the date of domestication of the foreign judgment.

32 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) A foreign judgment filed under this part has the same effect and is subject to the
33 same procedures, defenses, enforcement, satisfaction, and proceedings for reopening,
34 vacating, setting aside, or staying as a judgment of a district court of this state.

35 Section 1. **Effective Date.**

36 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.