Part 3
Utah Foreign Judgment Act

78B-5-301 Title.

This part is known as the "Utah Foreign Judgment Act."

Renumbered and Amended by Chapter 3, 2008 General Session

78B-5-302 Definition -- Filing of foreign judgments -- Postjudgment 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.
(4) A foreign judgment filed under this part has the same effect and is subject to the same procedures, defenses, enforcement, satisfaction, and proceedings for reopening, vacating, setting aside, or staying as a judgment of a district court of this state.

Amended by Chapter 191, 2025 General Session

78B-5-303 Notice of filing.

(1) The judgment creditor or attorney for the creditor, at the time of filing a foreign judgment, shall file an affidavit with the clerk of the district court stating the last known post-office address of the judgment debtor and the judgment creditor.
(2) Upon the filing of a foreign judgment and affidavit, the clerk of the district court shall notify the judgment debtor that the judgment has been filed. Notice shall be sent to the address stated in the affidavit. The clerk shall record the date the notice is mailed in the register of actions. The notice shall include the name and post-office address of the judgment creditor and the name and address of the judgment creditor's attorney, if any.
(3) No execution or other process for the enforcement of a foreign judgment filed under this part may issue until 30 days after the judgment is filed.

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78B-5-304 Stay.

(1) If an appeal from a foreign judgment is pending, the time for appeal has not expired, or a stay of execution has been granted, the court, upon proof that the judgment debtor has furnished security for satisfaction of the judgment in the state in which the judgment was rendered shall stay enforcement of the judgment until the appeal is concluded, the time for appeal expires, or until the stay of execution expires or is vacated.
(2) If the foreign judgment debtor, upon motion, shows the district court any ground upon which enforcement of a judgment of a district court of this state would be stayed, the court shall

stay enforcement of the foreign judgment upon the posting of security in the kind and amount required to stay enforcement of a domestic judgment.

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78B-5-305 Lien.

(1) A foreign judgment entered in a district court under this part becomes a lien as provided in Section 78B-5-202 if:
  (a) a stay of execution has not been granted;
  (b) the requirements of this chapter are satisfied; and
  (c) the judgment is recorded in the office of the county recorder where the property of the judgment debtor is located, as provided in Section 78B-5-202.
(2) The lien becomes effective at the time and date of recording and expires eight years after date of entry by the court in the foreign jurisdiction unless renewed in Utah as required by Utah law.

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78B-5-306 Optional procedure.

This part may not be construed to impair a judgment creditor's right to bring an action in this state to enforce the creditor's judgment.

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78B-5-307 Uniformity of interpretation.

This part shall be construed to effectuate the general purpose to make uniform the law of those states which enact it.

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