| 1 | UNIFORM TRUST ACT |
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| 2 | 2003 GENERAL SESSION |
| 3 | STATE OF UTAH |
| 4 | Sponsor: Lyle W. Hillyard |
| 5 | This act repeals Title 75, Chapter 7, Trust Administration, and enacts the Utah Uniform |
| 6 | Trust Code in its place. |
| 7 | This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows: |
| 8 | AMENDS: |
| 9 | 7-5-7, as last amended by Chapter 196, Laws of Utah 1994 |
| 10 | 7-5-10, as last amended by Chapter 6, Laws of Utah 1982 |
| 11 | 7-5-14, as last amended by Chapter 267, Laws of Utah 1989 |
| 12 | 49-11-303, as renumbered and amended by Chapter 250, Laws of Utah 2002 |
| 13 | 75-1-403, as last amended by Chapter 116, Laws of Utah 2000 |
| 14 | 75-3-703 , as enacted by Chapter 150, Laws of Utah 1975 |
| 15 | 75-3-913 , as enacted by Chapter 150, Laws of Utah 1975 |
| 16 | 75-5-417, as last amended by Chapter 119, Laws of Utah 1995 |
| 17 | ENACTS: |
| 18 | 75-7-102 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 19 | 75-7-103 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 20 | 75-7-104 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 21 | 75-7-105 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 22 | 75-7-106 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 23 | 75-7-107 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 24 | 75-7-108 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 25 | 75-7-109 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 26 | 75-7-110 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 27 | 75-7-111 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
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| 28 | 75-7-112 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
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| 29 | 75-7-113, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 30 | 75-7-412, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 31 | 75-7-413, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 32 | 75-7-414, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 33 | 75-7-415, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 34 | 75-7-416, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 35 | 75-7-417, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 36 | 75-7-502, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 37 | 75-7-503, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 38 | 75-7-504, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 39 | 75-7-505, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 40 | 75-7-506, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 41 | 75-7-507, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 42 | 75-7-601, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 43 | 75-7-602, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 44 | 75-7-603, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 45 | 75-7-604, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 46 | 75-7-701, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 47 | 75-7-702, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 48 | 75-7-703, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 49 | 75-7-704, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 50 | 75-7-705, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 51 | 75-7-706, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 52 | 75-7-707, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 53 | 75-7-708, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 54 | 75-7-709, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 55 | 75-7-801, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 56 | 75-7-802, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 57 | 75-7-803, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 58 | 75-7-804, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
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| 59 | 75-7-805 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
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| 60 | 75-7-806 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 61 | 75-7-807 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 62 | 75-7-808 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 63 | 75-7-809 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 64 | 75-7-810 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 65 | 75-7-811 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 66 | 75-7-812 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 67 | 75-7-813 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 68 | 75-7-814 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 69 | 75-7-815 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 70 | 75-7-816 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 71 | 75-7-817 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 72 | 75-7-818 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 73 | 75-7-819 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 74 | 75-7-901 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 75 | 75-7-902 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 76 | 75-7-903 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 77 | 75-7-904 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 78 | 75-7-905 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 79 | 75-7-906 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 80 | 75-7-907 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 81 | 75-7-1001 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 82 | 75-7-1002 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 83 | 75-7-1003 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 84 | 75-7-1004 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 85 | 75-7-1005 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 86 | 75-7-1006 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 87 | 75-7-1007 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 88 | 75-7-1008 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 89 | 75-7-1009 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
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| 90 | 75-7-1010 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
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| 91 | 75-7-1011, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 92 | 75-7-1012, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 93 | 75-7-1013, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 94 | 75-7-1101, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 95 | 75-7-1102, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 96 | 75-7-1103, Utah Code Annotated 1953 |
| 97 | REPEALS AND REENACTS: |
| 98 | 75-7-101, as enacted by Chapter 150, Laws of Utah 1975 |
| 99 | 75-7-201, as enacted by Chapter 150, Laws of Utah 1975 |
| 100 | 75-7-202, as last amended by Chapter 119, Laws of Utah 1995 |
| 101 | 75-7-203, as last amended by Chapter 194, Laws of Utah 1977 |
| 102 | 75-7-204, as enacted by Chapter 150, Laws of Utah 1975 |
| 103 | 75-7-301, as enacted by Chapter 150, Laws of Utah 1975 |
| 104 | 75-7-302, as last amended by Chapter 93, Laws of Utah 2002 |
| 105 | 75-7-303, as last amended by Chapter 179, Laws of Utah 1992 |
| 106 | 75-7-304, as enacted by Chapter 150, Laws of Utah 1975 |
| 107 | 75-7-305, as enacted by Chapter 150, Laws of Utah 1975 |
| 108 | 75-7-401, as last amended by Chapter 39, Laws of Utah 1998 |
| 109 | 75-7-402, as last amended by Chapter 179, Laws of Utah 1992 |
| 110 | 75-7-403, as last amended by Chapter 93, Laws of Utah 2002 |
| 111 | 75-7-404, as last amended by Chapter 133, Laws of Utah 1991 |
| 112 | 75-7-405, as enacted by Chapter 150, Laws of Utah 1975 |
| 113 | 75-7-406, as enacted by Chapter 150, Laws of Utah 1975 |
| 114 | 75-7-407, as enacted by Chapter 150, Laws of Utah 1975 |
| 115 | 75-7-408, as enacted by Chapter 150, Laws of Utah 1975 |
| 116 | 75-7-409, as last amended by Chapter 320, Laws of Utah 2000 |
| 117 | 75-7-410, as enacted by Chapter 196, Laws of Utah 1999 |
| 118 | 75-7-411, as enacted by Chapter 196, Laws of Utah 1999 |
| 119 | 75-7-501, as enacted by Chapter 54, Laws of Utah 1982 |
| 120 | RENUMBERS AND AMENDS: |

| 121 | 75-7-508, (Renumbered from 75-7-308, as enacted by Chapter 227, Laws of Utah 2002) |
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| 122 | 75-7-509, (Renumbered from 75-7-309, as enacted by Chapter 227, Laws of Utah 2002) |
| 123 | 75-7-510, (Renumbered from 75-7-310, as enacted by Chapter 227, Laws of Utah 2002) |
| 124 | 75-7-511, (Renumbered from 75-7-311, as enacted by Chapter 227, Laws of Utah 2002) |
| 125 | 75-7-512, (Renumbered from 75-7-312, as enacted by Chapter 227, Laws of Utah 2002) |
| 126 | 75-7-513, (Renumbered from 75-7-313, as enacted by Chapter 227, Laws of Utah 2002) |
| 127 | 75-7-514, (Renumbered from 75-7-314, as enacted by Chapter 227, Laws of Utah 2002) |
| 128 | 75-7-515, (Renumbered from 75-7-315, as enacted by Chapter 227, Laws of Utah 2002) |
| 129 | 75-7-516, (Renumbered from 75-7-316, as enacted by Chapter 227, Laws of Utah 2002) |
| 130 | 75-7-517, (Renumbered from 75-7-317, as enacted by Chapter 227, Laws of Utah 2002) |
| 131 | 75-7-518, (Renumbered from 75-7-318, as enacted by Chapter 227, Laws of Utah 2002) |
| 132 | 75-7-519, (Renumbered from 75-7-319, as enacted by Chapter 227, Laws of Utah 2002) |
| 133 | REPEALS: |
| 134 | 75-7-205, as enacted by Chapter 150, Laws of Utah 1975 |
| 135 | 75-7-206, as enacted by Chapter 150, Laws of Utah 1975 |
| 136 | 75-7-207, as enacted by Chapter 150, Laws of Utah 1975 |
| 137 | 75-7-306, as last amended by Chapter 179, Laws of Utah 1992 |
| 138 | 75-7-307, as last amended by Chapter 30, Laws of Utah 1992 |
| 139 | Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah: |
| 140 | Section 1. Section 7-5-7 is amended to read: |
| 141 | 7-5-7. Management and investment of trust funds. |
| 142 | (1) Funds received or held by any trust company as agent or fiduciary, whether for |
| 143 | investment or distribution, shall be invested or distributed as soon as practicable as authorized |
| 144 | under the instrument creating the account and shall not be held uninvested any longer than is |
| 145 | reasonably necessary. |
| 146 | (2) If the instrument creating an agency or fiduciary account contains provisions |
| 147 | authorizing the trust company, its officers, or its directors to exercise their discretion in the |
| 148 | matter of investments, funds held in the trust account under that instrument may be invested |
| 149 | only in those classes of securities which are approved by the directors of the trust company or a |
| 150 | committee of directors appointed for that purpose. If a trust company acts in any agency or |
| 151 | fiduciary capacity under appointment by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall make and |
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account for all investments according to the provisions of Title 75, Utah Uniform ProbateCode, unless the underlying instrument provides otherwise.

154 (3) (a) Funds received or held as agent or fiduciary by any trust company which is also 155 a depository institution, whether for investment or distribution, may be deposited in the 156 commercial department or savings department of that trust company to the credit of its trust 157 department. Whenever the funds so deposited in a fiduciary or managing agency account 158 exceed the amount of federal deposit insurance applicable to that account, the trust company 159 shall deliver to the trust department or put under its control collateral security as outlined in 160 Regulation 9.10 of the Comptroller of the Currency or in Regulation 550.8 of the Office of 161 Thrift Supervision, as amended. However, if the instrument creating such a fiduciary or 162 managing agency account expressly provides that funds may be deposited to the commercial or 163 savings department of the trust company, then the funds may be so deposited without setting 164 aside collateral securities as required under this section and the deposits in the event of 165 insolvency of any such trust company shall be treated as other general deposits are treated. A 166 trust company which deposits trust funds in its commercial or savings department shall be 167 liable for interest on the deposits only at the rates, if any, paid by the trust company on deposits 168 of like kind not made to the credit of its trust department.

169 (b) Funds received or held as agent or fiduciary by a trust company, whether for 170 investment or distribution, may be deposited in an affiliated depository institution. Whenever 171 the funds so deposited in a fiduciary or managing agency account exceed the amount of federal 172 deposit insurance applicable to that account, the depository institution shall deliver to the trust 173 company or put under its control collateral security as outlined in Regulation 9.10 of the 174 Comptroller of the Currency or in Regulation 550.8 of the Office of Thrift Supervision as 175 amended. However, if the instrument creating the fiduciary or managing agency account 176 expressly permits funds to be deposited in the affiliated depository institution, the funds may be 177 so deposited without setting aside collateral securities as required under this section and 178 deposits in the event of insolvency of the depository institution shall be treated as other general 179 deposits are treated. A trust company which deposits trust funds in an affiliated depository 180 institution is liable for interest on the deposits only at the rates, if any, paid by the depository 181 institution on deposits of like kind.

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(4) In carrying out all aspects of its trust business, a trust company shall have all the

powers, privileges, and duties as set forth in [Section 75-7-402] Sections 75-7-815 and

184 <u>75-7-816</u> with respect to trustees, whether or not the trust company is acting as a trustee as

185 defined in Title 75, Utah Uniform Probate Code.

(5) Nothing in this section may alter, amend, or limit the powers of a trust company
acting in a fiduciary capacity as specified in the particular instrument or order creating the
fiduciary relationship.

189 Section 2. Section **7-5-10** is amended to read:

190 7-5-10. Lending trust funds to trust company, officer, director, or employee as
191 felony.

Unless expressly permitted in the instrument creating a trust account or by a person
authorized to give that permission or by a court order as permitted in Section [75-7-404]
<u>75-7-802</u>, no trust company shall lend to itself or to any officer or director or employee of the
trust company any funds held in any trust account under the powers conferred in this chapter.
Any officer, director, or employee making such a loan, or to whom such a loan is made, is
guilty of a third degree felony.

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Section 3. Section **7-5-14** is amended to read:

7-5-14. Mergers, consolidations, acquisitions, transfers, or reorganizations
 involving entities engaged in trust business -- Succession of rights and duties -- Petition
 for appointment of another trust company.

(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a trust company, depository
institution, or other corporation authorized under this chapter or under the laws of the United
States to engage in the trust business in this state may, subject to the provisions of Sections
7-1-702, 7-1-704, and 7-1-705:

(a) (i) merge or consolidate with, (ii) acquire control of, acquire all or a portion of the
assets and trust business of, or assume all or any portion of the liabilities of, or (iii) transfer
control to, transfer all or a portion of its assets and trust business to, or transfer all or a portion
of its liabilities to, any other trust company, depository institution, or other corporation, which
institution is authorized under this chapter or under the laws of the United States to engage in
the trust business in this state; or

(b) reorganize.

(2) Upon final approval by the commissioner of any merger, consolidation, acquisition

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214 of control, acquisition of assets, assumption of liabilities, or reorganization, and upon written 215 notice of this approval to all persons entitled to and then receiving trust accountings from the 216 transferring or reorganizing trust company, the resulting or acquiring trust company shall, without court proceedings or a court order, succeed to all rights, privileges, duties, obligations, 217 218 and undertakings under all trust instruments, agency and fiduciary relationships and 219 arrangements, and other trust business transferred and acquired in the manner authorized by 220 this section. However, except as provided otherwise in the relevant trust instrument, any 221 interested person may, not more than 30 days after receipt of written notice of the merger, 222 consolidation, acquisition, transfer, or reorganization, petition any court of competent 223 jurisdiction to appoint another or succeeding trust company with respect to any agency or 224 fiduciary relationship affecting that interested person, and until another or succeeding trust 225 company is so appointed, the acquiring or resulting trust company is entitled to act as agent or 226 fiduciary with respect to the agency or fiduciary relationship. [No merger, consolidation, 227 acquisition, assumption, or reorganization pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be a 228 transfer which is prohibited by Section 75-7-403. 229 (3) As used in this section, a "reorganization" includes, but is not limited to: 230 (a) the creation by a trust company of a subsidiary corporation which is wholly-owned by that trust company and which is organized solely for the purpose of conducting all or any 231 232 portion of the trust business of that trust company; or 233 (b) any merger or other combination between a trust company and: (i) a wholly-owned 234 trust company subsidiary of that trust company; or (ii) a wholly-owned trust company 235 subsidiary of the depository institution holding company which owns or controls that trust 236 company. 237 Section 4. Section 49-11-303 is amended to read: 238 49-11-303. Fund investment standard -- Prudent investor rule. 239 The [Utah State Retirement Investment Fund] fund shall be invested in accordance with 240 the prudent [investor] man rule [under Section 75-7-302] established in Title 75, Chapter 7, 241 Part 9, Utah Uniform Prudent Investor Act. 242 Section 5. Section 75-1-403 is amended to read: 243 75-1-403. Pleadings -- When parties bound by others -- Notice.

244 In formal proceedings involving inter vivos or testamentary trusts, including

| 245 | proceedings to modify or terminate a trust, estates of decedents, minors, protected persons, or |
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| 246 | incapacitated persons, and in judicially supervised settlements, the following apply: |
| 247 | (1) Interests to be affected shall be described in pleadings which give reasonable |
| 248 | information to owners by name or class, by reference to the instrument creating the interests, or |
| 249 | in any other appropriate manner. |
| 250 | [(2) Persons are bound by orders binding others in the following cases:] |
| 251 | [(a) To the extent there is no conflict of interest between the holder of a general |
| 252 | testamentary power of appointment and the persons represented with respect to a particular |
| 253 | question or dispute, the holder may represent and bind persons whose interests, as permissible |
| 254 | appointees, takers in default, or otherwise, are subject to the power.] |
| 255 | [(b) To the extent there is no conflict of interest between the representative and the |
| 256 | person represented with respect to a particular question or dispute:] |
| 257 | [(i) a conservator may represent and bind the person whose estate he controls;] |
| 258 | [(ii) a guardian may represent and bind the ward if no conservator of the ward's estate |
| 259 | has been appointed;] |
| 260 | [(iii) an agent having authority to do so may represent and bind the principal;] |
| 261 | [(iv) a trustee may represent and bind the beneficiaries of the trust;] |
| 262 | [(v) a personal representative of a decedent's estate may represent and bind persons |
| 263 | interested in the estate; and] |
| 264 | [(vi) if no conservator or guardian has been appointed, a parent may represent and bind |
| 265 | the parent's minor or unborn child.] |
| 266 | [(c) Unless otherwise represented, a minor, incapacitated or unborn person, or a person |
| 267 | whose identity or location is unknown and not reasonably ascertainable, may be represented |
| 268 | and bound by another person having a substantially identical interest with respect to the |
| 269 | particular question or dispute, but only to the extent there is no conflict of interest between the |
| 270 | representative and the person represented.] |
| 271 | [(3) Notice is required as follows:] |
| 272 | [(a)] (2) Notice as prescribed by Section 75-1-401 shall be given to every interested |
| 273 | person. Notice may be given both to a person and to another who may bind him. |
| 274 | [(b) Whenever notice to a person is required or permitted under this chapter, notice to |
| 275 | another person who may represent and bind the person represented under this section |

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276 constitutes notice to the person represented.] 277 [(4) Even if there is representation under this section, if the court determines that 278 representation of the interest might otherwise be inadequate, the court may appoint a guardian 279 ad litem to represent the interest of, and approve an agreement on behalf of, a minor, 280 incapacitated or unborn person, or a person whose identity or location is unknown.] 281 [(5) If not precluded by conflict of interest, a guardian ad litem may be appointed to 282 represent several persons or interests. In approving an agreement, a guardian ad litem may 283 consider general family benefit accruing to the living members of the family of the person 284 represented.] 285 (6) Whenever consent may be given by a person pursuant to this chapter, the consent 286 of a person who may represent and bind the person represented under this section is the consent 287 of, and is binding on, the person represented unless the person represented objects to the 288 representation before the consent would otherwise become effective.] 289 Section 6. Section **75-3-703** is amended to read: 290 75-3-703. General duties -- Relation and liability to persons interested in estate --291 Standing to sue. 292 (1) A personal representative is a fiduciary who shall observe the standard of care 293 applicable to trustees as described by Section [75-7-302] 75-7-902. A personal representative is 294 under a duty to settle and distribute the estate of the decedent in accordance with the terms of 295 any probated and effective will and this code and as expeditiously and efficiently as is 296 consistent with the best interests of the estate. He shall use the authority conferred upon him by 297 this code, the terms of the will, if any, and any order in proceedings to which he is party for the 298 best interests of successors to the estate.

299 (2) A personal representative shall not be surcharged for acts of administration or 300 distribution if the conduct in question was authorized at the time. Subject to other obligations 301 of administration, an informally probated will is authority to administer and distribute the 302 estate according to its terms. An order of appointment of a personal representative, whether 303 issued in informal or formal proceedings, is authority to distribute apparently intestate assets to 304 the heirs of the decedent if, at the time of distribution, the personal representative is not aware 305 of a pending testacy proceeding, a proceeding to vacate an order entered in an earlier testacy 306 proceeding, a formal proceeding questioning his appointment or fitness to continue, or a

supervised administration proceeding. Nothing in this section affects the duty of the personal
representative to administer and distribute the estate in accordance with the rights of claimants,
the surviving spouse, any minor and dependent children, and any pretermitted child of the
decedent as described elsewhere in this code.

311 (3) Except as to proceedings which do not survive the death of the decedent, a personal
312 representative of a decedent domiciled in this state at his death has the same standing to sue
313 and be sued in the courts of this state and courts of any other jurisdiction as his decedent had
314 immediately prior to death.

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Section 7. Section **75-3-913** is amended to read:

316 **75-3-913.** Distributions to trustee.

(1) Before distributing to a trustee, the personal representative may require that the trust
be registered if the state in which it is to be administered provides for registration and that the
trustee inform the beneficiaries as provided in Section [75-7-303] 75-7-813.

(2) If the trust instrument does not excuse the trustee from giving bond, the personal
 representative may petition the appropriate court to require that the trustee post bond if he
 [apprehends] comprehends that distribution might jeopardize the interests of persons who are
 not able to protect themselves; and he may withhold distribution until the court has acted.

324 (3) No inference of negligence on the part of the personal representative shall be drawn325 from his failure to exercise the authority conferred by Subsections (1) and (2).

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Section 8. Section **75-5-417** is amended to read:

327 **75-5-417.** General duty of conservator.

328 (1) A conservator shall act as a fiduciary and shall observe the standards of care as set
329 forth in Section [75-7-302] 75-7-902.

330 (2) The conservator shall, for all estates in excess of \$50,000, excluding the residence 331 owned by the ward, send a report with a full accounting to the court on an annual basis. For 332 estates less than \$50,000, excluding the residence owned by the ward, the conservator shall fill 333 out an informal annual report and mail the report to the court. The report shall include the 334 following: a statement of assets at the beginning and end of the reporting year, income received 335 during the year, disbursements for the support of the ward, and other expenses incurred by the estate. The court may require additional information. The forms for both the informal report 336 337 for estates under \$50,000, excluding the residence owned by the ward, and the full accounting

| 338 | report for larger estates shall be approved by the judicial council. This annual report shall be |
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| 339 | examined and approved by the court. |
| 340 | (3) Corporate fiduciaries are not required to fully petition the court, but shall submit |
| 341 | their internal report annually to the court. The report shall be examined and approved by the |
| 342 | court. |
| 343 | (4) If a conservator or corporate fiduciary: (a) makes a substantial misstatement on |
| 344 | filings of any required annual reports; (b) is guilty of gross impropriety in handling the property |
| 345 | of the ward; or (c) willfully fails to file the report required by this section, after receiving |
| 346 | written notice of the failure to file and after a grace period of two months have elapsed; then |
| 347 | the court may impose a fine in an amount not to exceed \$5,000. The court may also order |
| 348 | restitution of funds misappropriated from the estate of a ward. The penalty shall be paid by the |
| 349 | conservator or corporate fiduciary and may not be paid by the estate. |
| 350 | (5) These provisions and penalties governing annual reports do not apply if the |
| 351 | conservator is the parent of the ward. |
| 352 | Section 9. Section 75-7-101 is repealed and reenacted to read: |
| 353 | Part 1. General Provisions |
| 354 | <u>75-7-101.</u> Short title. |
| 355 | This chapter may be cited as the "Utah Uniform Trust Code." |
| 356 | Section 10. Section 75-7-102 is enacted to read: |
| 357 | <u>75-7-102.</u> Scope. |
| 358 | (1) This chapter applies to express trusts, charitable or noncharitable, and trusts created |
| 359 | pursuant to a statute, judgment, or decree that requires the trust to be administered in the |
| 360 | manner of an express trust. |
| 361 | (2) This chapter does not apply to a trust that is used primarily for business, |
| 362 | employment, investment, or commercial transactions. |
| 363 | Section 11. Section 75-7-103 is enacted to read: |
| 364 | <u>75-7-103.</u> Definitions. |
| 365 | In this chapter: |
| 366 | (1) "Action," with respect to an act of a trustee, includes a failure to act. |
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| 367 | (2) "Beneficiary" means a person that: |
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| 369 | (b) in a capacity other than that of trustee, holds a power of appointment over trust |
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| 370 | property. |
| 371 | (3) "Charitable trust" means a trust, or portion of a trust, created for a charitable |
| 372 | purpose described in Subsection 75-7-405(1). |
| 373 | (4) "Environmental law" means a federal, state, or local law, rule, regulation, or |
| 374 | ordinance relating to protection of the environment. |
| 375 | (5) "Interests of the beneficiaries" means the beneficial interests provided in the terms |
| 376 | of the trust. |
| 377 | (6) "Jurisdiction," with respect to a geographic area, includes a state or country. |
| 378 | (7) "Person" means an individual, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, |
| 379 | limited liability company, association, joint venture, government, governmental subdivision, |
| 380 | governmental agency or instrumentality, public corporation, or any other legal or commercial |
| 381 | entity. |
| 382 | (8) "Power of withdrawal" means a presently exercisable general power of appointment |
| 383 | other than a power exercisable only upon consent of the trustee or a person holding an adverse |
| 384 | interest. |
| 385 | (9) "Qualified beneficiary" means a beneficiary who, on the date the beneficiary's |
| 386 | qualification is determined: |
| 387 | (a) is a distributee or permissible distributee of trust income or principal; |
| 388 | (b) would be a distributee or permissible distributee of trust income or principal if the |
| 389 | interests of the distributees described in Subsection (9)(a) terminated on that date; or |
| 390 | (c) would be a distributee or permissible distributee of trust income or principal if the |
| 391 | trust terminated on that date. |
| 392 | (10) "Revocable," as applied to a trust, means revocable by the settlor without the |
| 393 | consent of the trustee or a person holding an adverse interest. |
| 394 | (11) "Settlor" means a person, including a testator, who creates, or contributes property |
| 395 | to, a trust. If more than one person creates or contributes property to a trust, each person is a |
| 396 | settlor of the portion of the trust property attributable to that person's contribution except to the |
| 397 | extent another person has the power to revoke or withdraw that portion. |
| 398 | (12) "Spendthrift provision" means a term of a trust which restrains both voluntary and |
| 399 | involuntary transfer of a beneficiary's interest. |

| 400 | (13) "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, |
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| 401 | the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction |
| 402 | of the United States. The term includes an Indian tribe or band recognized by federal law or |
| 403 | formally acknowledged by a state. |
| 404 | (14) "Terms of a trust" means the manifestation of the settlor's intent regarding a trust's |
| 405 | provisions as expressed in the trust instrument or as may be established by other evidence that |
| 406 | would be admissible in a judicial proceeding. |
| 407 | (15) "Trust instrument" means an instrument executed by the settlor that contains terms |
| 408 | of the trust, including any amendments thereto. |
| 409 | Section 12. Section 75-7-104 is enacted to read: |
| 410 | <u>75-7-104.</u> Knowledge. |
| 411 | (1) Subject to Subsection (2), a person has knowledge of a fact if the person: |
| 412 | (a) has actual knowledge of it; |
| 413 | (b) has received a notice or notification of it; or |
| 414 | (c) from all the facts and circumstances known to the person at the time in question, |
| 415 | has reason to know it. |
| 416 | (2) An organization that conducts activities through employees has notice or |
| 417 | knowledge of a fact involving a trust only from the time the information was received by an |
| 418 | employee having responsibility to act for the trust, or would have been brought to the |
| 419 | employee's attention if the organization had exercised reasonable diligence. An organization |
| 420 | exercises reasonable diligence if it maintains reasonable routines for communicating significant |
| 421 | information to the employee having responsibility to act for the trust and there is reasonable |
| 422 | compliance with the routines. Reasonable diligence does not require an employee of the |
| 423 | organization to communicate information unless the communication is part of the individual's |
| 424 | regular duties or the individual knows a matter involving the trust would be materially affected |
| 425 | by the information. |
| 426 | Section 13. Section 75-7-105 is enacted to read: |
| 427 | <u>75-7-105.</u> Default and mandatory rules. |
| 428 | (1) Except as otherwise provided in the terms of the trust, this chapter governs the |
| 429 | duties and powers of a trustee, relations among trustees, and the rights and interests of a |
| 430 | beneficiary. |
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| 431 | (2) The terms of a trust prevail over any provision of this chapter except: |
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| 432 | (a) the requirements for creating a trust; |
| 433 | (b) the duty of a trustee to act in good faith and in accordance with the purposes of the |
| 434 | trust: |
| 435 | (c) the requirement that a trust and its terms be for the benefit of its beneficiaries; |
| 436 | (d) the power of the court to modify or terminate a trust under Sections 75-7-410 |
| 437 | <u>through 75-7-416;</u> |
| 438 | (e) the effect of a spendthrift provision and the rights of certain creditors and assignees |
| 439 | to reach a trust as provided in Part 5; |
| 440 | (f) the power of the court under Section 75-7-702 to require, dispense with, or modify |
| 441 | or terminate a bond; |
| 442 | (g) the power of the court under Subsection 75-7-708(2) to adjust a trustee's |
| 443 | compensation specified in the terms of the trust which is unreasonably low or high; |
| 444 | (h) the effect of an exculpatory term under Section 75-7-1008; |
| 445 | (i) the rights under Sections 75-7-1010 through 75-7-1013 of a person other than a |
| 446 | trustee or beneficiary; |
| 447 | (j) periods of limitation for commencing a judicial proceeding; |
| 448 | (k) the power of the court to take such action and exercise such jurisdiction as may be |
| 449 | necessary in the interests of justice; and |
| 450 | (1) the subject-matter jurisdiction of the court and venue for commencing a proceeding |
| 451 | as provided in Sections 75-7-203 and 75-7-204. |
| 452 | Section 14. Section 75-7-106 is enacted to read: |
| 453 | <u>75-7-106.</u> Common law of trusts Principles of equity. |
| 454 | The common law of trusts and principles of equity supplement this chapter, except to |
| 455 | the extent modified by this chapter or laws of this state. |
| 456 | Section 15. Section 75-7-107 is enacted to read: |
| 457 | <u>75-7-107.</u> Governing law. |
| 458 | The meaning and effect of the terms of a trust are determined by: |
| 459 | (1) the law of the jurisdiction designated in the terms unless the designation of that |
| 460 | jurisdiction's law is contrary to a strong public policy of the jurisdiction having the most |
| 461 | significant relationship to the matter at issue; or |

| 462 | (2) in the absence of a controlling designation in the terms of the trust, the law of the |
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| 463 | jurisdiction having the most significant relationship to the matter at issue. |
| 464 | Section 16. Section 75-7-108 is enacted to read: |
| 465 | 75-7-108. Principal place of administration. |
| 466 | (1) Without precluding other means for establishing a sufficient connection with the |
| 467 | designated jurisdiction, terms of a trust designating the principal place of administration are |
| 468 | valid and controlling if: |
| 469 | (a) a trustee's principal place of business is located in or a trustee is a resident of the |
| 470 | designated jurisdiction; or |
| 471 | (b) all or part of the administration occurs in the designated jurisdiction. |
| 472 | (2) A trustee is under a continuing duty to administer the trust at a place appropriate to |
| 473 | its purposes, its administration, and the interests of the beneficiaries. |
| 474 | (3) Without precluding the right of the court to order, approve, or disapprove a transfer, |
| 475 | the trustee, in furtherance of the duty prescribed by Subsection (2), may transfer the trust's |
| 476 | principal place of administration to another state or to a jurisdiction outside of the United |
| 477 | States. |
| 478 | (4) The trustee shall notify the qualified beneficiaries of a proposed transfer of a trust's |
| 479 | principal place of administration not less than 60 days before initiating the transfer. The notice |
| 480 | of proposed transfer must include: |
| 481 | (a) the name of the jurisdiction to which the principal place of administration is to be |
| 482 | transferred; |
| 483 | (b) the address and telephone number at the new location at which the trustee can be |
| 484 | contacted; |
| 485 | (c) an explanation of the reasons for the proposed transfer; |
| 486 | (d) the date on which the proposed transfer is anticipated to occur; and |
| 487 | (e) the date, not less than 60 days after the giving of the notice, by which the qualified |
| 488 | beneficiary must notify the trustee of an objection to the proposed transfer. |
| 489 | (5) The authority of a trustee under this section to transfer a trust's principal place of |
| 490 | administration terminates if a qualified beneficiary notifies the trustee of an objection to the |
| 491 | proposed transfer on or before the date specified in the notice. |
| 492 | (6) In connection with a transfer of the trust's principal place of administration, the |

| 493 | trustee may transfer some or all of the trust property to a successor trustee designated in the |
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| 494 | terms of the trust or appointed pursuant to Section 75-7-704. |
| 495 | Section 17. Section 75-7-109 is enacted to read: |
| 496 | <u>75-7-109.</u> Methods And waiver of notice. |
| 497 | (1) Notice to a person under this chapter or the sending of a document to a person |
| 498 | under this chapter must be accomplished in a manner reasonably suitable under the |
| 499 | circumstances and likely to result in receipt of the notice or document. Permissible methods of |
| 500 | notice or for sending a document include first-class mail, personal delivery, delivery to the |
| 501 | person's last known place of residence or place of business, or a properly directed electronic |
| 502 | message. |
| 503 | (2) Notice otherwise required under this chapter or a document otherwise required to |
| 504 | be sent under this chapter need not be provided to a person whose identity or location is |
| 505 | unknown to and not reasonably ascertainable by the trustee. |
| 506 | (3) Notice under this chapter or the sending of a document under this chapter may be |
| 507 | waived by the person to be notified or sent the document. |
| 508 | (4) Notice of a judicial proceeding must be given as provided in the applicable rules of |
| 509 | civil procedure. |
| 510 | Section 18. Section 75-7-110 is enacted to read: |
| 511 | 75-7-110. Others treated as qualified beneficiaries. |
| 512 | (1) Whenever notice to qualified beneficiaries of a trust is required under this chapter. |
| 513 | the trustee must also give notice to any other beneficiary who has sent the trustee a request for |
| 514 | notice. |
| 515 | (2) A charitable organization expressly entitled to receive benefits under the terms of a |
| 516 | charitable trust or a person appointed to enforce a trust created for the care of an animal or |
| 517 | another noncharitable purpose as provided in Section 75-7-408 or 75-7-409 has the rights of a |
| 518 | qualified beneficiary under this chapter. |
| 519 | (3) The attorney general has the rights of a qualified beneficiary with respect to a |
| 520 | charitable trust having its principal place of administration in this state. |
| 521 | Section 19. Section 75-7-111 is enacted to read: |
| 522 | 75-7-111. Nonjudicial settlement agreements. |
| 523 | (1) For purposes of this section, "interested persons" means persons whose consent |

| 524 | would be required in order to achieve a binding settlement were the settlement to be approved |
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| 525 | by the court. |
| 526 | (2) Except as otherwise provided in Subsection (3), interested persons may enter into a |
| 527 | binding nonjudicial settlement agreement with respect to any matter involving a trust. |
| 528 | (3) A nonjudicial settlement agreement is valid only to the extent it does not violate a |
| 529 | material purpose of the trust and includes terms and conditions that could be properly approved |
| 530 | by the court under this chapter or other applicable law. |
| 531 | (4) Matters that may be resolved by a nonjudicial settlement agreement include: |
| 532 | (a) the interpretation or construction of the terms of the trust; |
| 533 | (b) the approval of a trustee's report or accounting; |
| 534 | (c) direction to a trustee to refrain from performing a particular act or the grant to a |
| 535 | trustee of any necessary or desirable power; |
| 536 | (d) the resignation or appointment of a trustee and the determination of a trustee's |
| 537 | compensation: |
| 538 | (e) transfer of a trust's principal place of administration; and |
| 539 | (f) liability of a trustee for an action relating to the trust. |
| 540 | (5) Any interested person may request the court to approve a nonjudicial settlement |
| 541 | agreement, to determine whether the representation as provided in Part 3 was adequate, and to |
| 542 | determine whether the agreement contains terms and conditions the court could have properly |
| 543 | approved. |
| 544 | Section 20. Section 75-7-112 is enacted to read: |
| 545 | 75-7-112. Rules of construction. |
| 546 | The rules of construction that apply to the interpretation of and disposition of property |
| 547 | by will or other governing instrument, as defined in Section 75-1-201, also apply as appropriate |
| 548 | to the interpretation of the terms of a trust and the disposition of the trust property. |
| 549 | Section 21. Section 75-7-113 is enacted to read: |
| 550 | 75-7-113. Penalty provisions. |
| 551 | A provision in a trust instrument purporting to penalize a beneficiary by charging the |
| 552 | beneficiary's interest in the trust, or to penalize the beneficiary in another manner, for |
| 553 | instituting a proceeding to challenge the acts of the trustee or other fiduciary of a trust, or for |
| 554 | instituting other proceedings relating to the trust is unenforceable if probable cause exists for |

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| 555 | instituting the proceedings. |
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| 556 | Section 22. Section 75-7-201 is repealed and reenacted to read: |
| 557 | Part 2. Judicial Proceedings |
| 558 | <u>75-7-201.</u> Role of court in administration of trust. |
| 559 | (1) The court may intervene in the administration of a trust to the extent its jurisdiction |
| 560 | is invoked by an interested person or as provided by law. |
| 561 | (2) A trust is not subject to continuing judicial supervision unless ordered by the court. |
| 562 | (3) A judicial proceeding involving a trust may relate to any matter involving the trust's |
| 563 | administration, including a request for instructions and an action to declare rights. |
| 564 | Section 23. Section 75-7-202 is repealed and reenacted to read: |
| 565 | 75-7-202. Jurisdiction over trustee and beneficiary. |
| 566 | (1) By accepting the trusteeship of a trust having its principal place of administration in |
| 567 | this state or by moving the principal place of administration to this state, the trustee submits |
| 568 | personally to the jurisdiction of the courts of this state regarding any matter involving the trust. |
| 569 | (2) With respect to their interests in the trust, the beneficiaries of a trust having its |
| 570 | principal place of administration in this state are subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of this |
| 571 | state regarding any matter involving the trust. By accepting a distribution from such a trust, the |
| 572 | recipient submits personally to the jurisdiction of the courts of this state regarding any matter |
| 573 | involving the trust. |
| 574 | (3) This section does not preclude other methods of obtaining jurisdiction over a |
| 575 | trustee, beneficiary, or other person receiving property from the trust. |
| 576 | Section 24. Section 75-7-203 is repealed and reenacted to read: |
| 577 | 75-7-203. Subject matter jurisdiction. |
| 578 | (1) The district court has exclusive jurisdiction of proceedings in this state brought by a |
| 579 | trustee or beneficiary concerning the administration of a trust. |
| 580 | (2) The district court has concurrent jurisdiction with other courts of this state of other |
| 581 | proceedings involving a trust. |
| 582 | (3) This section does not preclude judicial or nonjudicial alternative dispute resolution. |
| 583 | Section 25. Section 75-7-204 is repealed and reenacted to read: |
| 584 | <u>75-7-204.</u> Venue. |
| 585 | (1) Except as otherwise provided in Subsection (2), venue for a judicial proceeding |

| 586 | involving a trust is in the county in which the trust's principal place of administration is or will |
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| 587 | be located and, if the trust is created by will and the estate is not yet closed, in the county in |
| 588 | which the decedent's estate is being administered. |
| 589 | (2) If a trust has no trustee, venue for a judicial proceeding for the appointment of a |
| 590 | trustee is in any county of this state in which a beneficiary resides, in any county in which any |
| 591 | trust property is located, and if the trust is created by will, in the county in which the decedent's |
| 592 | estate was or is being administered. |
| 593 | Section 26. Section 75-7-301 is repealed and reenacted to read: |
| 594 | Part 3. Presentation |
| 595 | <u>75-7-301.</u> Basic effect. |
| 596 | (1) Notice to a person who may represent and bind another person under this part has |
| 597 | the same effect as if notice were given directly to the other person. |
| 598 | (2) The consent of a person who may represent and bind another person under this part |
| 599 | is binding on the person represented unless the person represented objects to the representation |
| 600 | before the consent would otherwise have become effective. |
| 601 | (3) Except as otherwise provided in Sections 75-7-411 and 75-7-602, a person who |
| 602 | under this part may represent a settlor who lacks capacity may receive notice and give a |
| 603 | binding consent on the settlor's behalf. |
| 604 | Section 27. Section 75-7-302 is repealed and reenacted to read: |
| 605 | 75-7-302. Representation by holder of general testamentary power of |
| 606 | appointment. |
| 607 | To the extent there is no conflict of interest between the holder of a general |
| 608 | testamentary power of appointment and the persons represented with respect to the particular |
| 609 | question or dispute, the holder may represent and bind persons whose interests, as permissible |
| 610 | appointees, takers in default, or otherwise, are subject to the power. |
| 611 | Section 28. Section 75-7-303 is repealed and reenacted to read: |
| 612 | 75-7-303. Representation by fiduciaries and parents. |
| 613 | To the extent there is no conflict of interest between the representative and the person |
| 614 | represented or among those being represented with respect to a particular question or dispute: |
| 615 | (1) a conservator may represent and bind the protected person whose estate the |
| 616 | conservator controls; |

| 617 | (2) a guardian may represent and bind the ward if a conservator of the ward's estate has |
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| 618 | not been appointed; |
| 619 | (3) an agent having authority to act with respect to the particular question or dispute |
| 620 | may represent and bind the principal; |
| 621 | (4) a trustee may represent and bind the beneficiaries of the trust; |
| 622 | (5) a personal representative of a decedent's estate may represent and bind persons |
| 623 | interested in the estate; and |
| 624 | (6) a parent may represent and bind the parent's minor or unborn child if a conservator |
| 625 | or guardian for the child has not been appointed. |
| 626 | Section 29. Section 75-7-304 is repealed and reenacted to read: |
| 627 | <u>75-7-304.</u> Representation by person having substantially identical interest. |
| 628 | Unless otherwise represented, a minor, incapacitated, or unborn individual, or a person |
| 629 | whose identity or location is unknown and not reasonably ascertainable, may be represented by |
| 630 | and bound by another having a substantially identical interest with respect to the particular |
| 631 | question or dispute, but only to the extent there is no conflict of interest between the |
| 632 | representative and the person represented. |
| 633 | Section 30. Section 75-7-305 is repealed and reenacted to read: |
| 634 | 75-7-305. Appointment of representative. |
| 635 | (1) If the court determines that an interest is not represented under this part, or that the |
| 636 | otherwise available representation might be inadequate, the court may appoint a representative |
| 637 | to receive notice, give consent, and otherwise represent, bind, and act on behalf of a minor, |
| 638 | incapacitated, protected person, or unborn individual, or a person whose identity or location is |
| 639 | unknown. A representative may be appointed to represent several persons or interests. |
| 640 | (2) A representative may act on behalf of the individual represented with respect to any |
| 641 | matter arising under this chapter, whether or not a judicial proceeding concerning the trust is |
| 642 | pending. |
| 643 | (3) In making decisions, a representative may consider general benefit accruing to the |
| 644 | living members of the individual's family. |
| 645 | Section 31. Section 75-7-401 is repealed and reenacted to read: |
| 646 | Part 4. Creation, Validity, Modification, and Termination of Trust |
| 647 | <u>75-7-401.</u> Methods of creating trust. |

| 648 | A trust may be created by: |
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| 649 | (1) transfer of property to another person as trustee during the settlor's lifetime or by |
| 650 | will or other disposition taking effect upon the settlor's death; |
| 651 | (2) declaration by the owner of property that the owner holds identifiable property as |
| 652 | trustee; or |
| 653 | (3) exercise of a power of appointment in favor of a trustee. |
| 654 | Section 32. Section 75-7-402 is repealed and reenacted to read: |
| 655 | 75-7-402. Requirements for creation. |
| 656 | (1) A trust is created only if: |
| 657 | (a) the settlor has capacity to create a trust; |
| 658 | (b) the settlor indicates an intention to create the trust or a statute, judgment, or decree |
| 659 | authorizes the creation of a trust; |
| 660 | (c) the trust has a definite beneficiary or is: |
| 661 | (i) a charitable trust; |
| 662 | (ii) a trust for the care of an animal, as provided in Section 75-2-1001; or |
| 663 | (iii) a trust for a noncharitable purpose, as provided in Section 75-2-1001; |
| 664 | (d) the trustee has duties to perform; and |
| 665 | (e) the same person is not the sole trustee and sole beneficiary. |
| 666 | (2) A beneficiary is definite if the beneficiary can be ascertained now or in the future, |
| 667 | subject to any applicable rule against perpetuities. |
| 668 | (3) A power in a trustee to select a beneficiary from an indefinite class is valid. If the |
| 669 | power is not exercised within a reasonable time, the power fails and the property subject to the |
| 670 | power passes to the persons who would have taken the property had the power not been |
| 671 | conferred. |
| 672 | Section 33. Section 75-7-403 is repealed and reenacted to read: |
| 673 | 75-7-403. Trusts created in other jurisdictions. |
| 674 | A trust not created by will is validly created if its creation complies with the law of the |
| 675 | jurisdiction in which the trust instrument was executed, or the law of the jurisdiction in which, |
| 676 | at the time of creation: |
| 677 | (1) the settlor was domiciled, had a place of abode, or was a national; |
| 678 | (2) a trustee was domiciled or had a place of business; or |

| 679 | (3) any trust property was located. |
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| 680 | Section 34. Section 75-7-404 is repealed and reenacted to read: |
| 681 | <u>75-7-404.</u> Trust purposes. |
| 682 | A trust may be created only to the extent its purposes are lawful, not contrary to public |
| 683 | policy, and possible to achieve. A trust and its terms must be for the benefit of its |
| 684 | beneficiaries. |
| 685 | Section 35. Section 75-7-405 is repealed and reenacted to read: |
| 686 | <u>75-7-405.</u> Charitable purposes Enforcement. |
| 687 | (1) A charitable trust may be created for the relief of poverty, the advancement of |
| 688 | education or religion, the promotion of health, governmental or municipal purposes, or other |
| 689 | purposes the achievement of which is beneficial to the community. |
| 690 | (2) If the terms of a charitable trust do not indicate a particular charitable purpose or |
| 691 | beneficiary, the trustee, if authorized by the terms of the trust, or if not, the court may select |
| 692 | one or more charitable purposes or beneficiaries. The selection must be consistent with the |
| 693 | settlor's intention to the extent it can be ascertained. |
| 694 | (3) The settlor of a charitable trust, among others, may maintain a proceeding to |
| 695 | enforce the trust. |
| 696 | Section 36. Section 75-7-406 is repealed and reenacted to read: |
| 697 | <u>75-7-406.</u> Creation of trust induced by fraud, duress, or undue influence. |
| 698 | A trust is void to the extent its creation was induced by fraud, duress, or undue |
| 699 | influence. |
| 700 | Section 37. Section 75-7-407 is repealed and reenacted to read: |
| 701 | <u>75-7-407.</u> Evidence of oral trust. |
| 702 | Except as required by a statute other than this chapter, a trust need not be evidenced by |
| 703 | a trust instrument, but the creation of an oral trust and its terms may be established only by |
| 704 | clear and convincing evidence. |
| 705 | Section 38. Section 75-7-408 is repealed and reenacted to read: |
| 706 | <u>75-7-408.</u> Trust for care of animal. |
| 707 | A trust may be created to provide for the care of a pet or animal as provided in Section |
| 708 | <u>75-2-1001.</u> |
| 709 | Section 39. Section 75-7-409 is repealed and reenacted to read: |

| 710 | 75-7-409. Noncharitable trust without ascertainable beneficiary. |
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| 711 | A trust may be created for a noncharitable purpose without a definite or definitely |
| 712 | ascertainable beneficiary or for a noncharitable but otherwise valid purpose to be selected by |
| 713 | the trustee as provided in Section 75-2-1001. |
| 714 | Section 40. Section 75-7-410 is repealed and reenacted to read: |
| 715 | 75-7-410. Modification or termination of trust Proceedings for approval or |
| 716 | disapproval. |
| 717 | (1) In addition to the methods of termination prescribed by Sections 75-7-411 through |
| 718 | 75-7-414, a trust terminates to the extent the trust is revoked or expires pursuant to its terms, |
| 719 | no purpose of the trust remains to be achieved, or the purposes of the trust have become |
| 720 | unlawful, contrary to public policy, or impossible to achieve. |
| 721 | (2) A proceeding to approve or disapprove a proposed modification or termination |
| 722 | under Sections 75-7-411 through 75-7-416, or trust combination or division under Section |
| 723 | 75-7-417, may be commenced by a trustee or qualified beneficiary, and a proceeding to |
| 724 | approve or disapprove a proposed modification or termination under Section 75-7-411 may be |
| 725 | commenced by the settlor. The settlor of a charitable trust may maintain a proceeding to |
| 726 | modify the trust under Section 75-7-413. |
| 727 | Section 41. Section 75-7-411 is repealed and reenacted to read: |
| 728 | 75-7-411. Modification or termination of noncharitable irrevocable trust by |
| 729 | consent. |
| 730 | (1) A noncharitable irrevocable trust may be modified or terminated upon consent of |
| 731 | the settlor and all beneficiaries, even if the modification or termination is inconsistent with a |
| 732 | material purpose of the trust. A settlor's power to consent to a trust's termination may be |
| 733 | exercised by an agent under a power of attorney only to the extent expressly authorized by the |
| 734 | power of attorney or the terms of the trust, by the settlor's conservator with the approval of the |
| 735 | court supervising the conservatorship if an agent is not so authorized, or by the settlor's |
| 736 | guardian with the approval of the court supervising the guardianship if an agent is not so |
| 737 | authorized and a conservator has not been appointed. |
| 738 | (2) A noncharitable irrevocable trust may be terminated upon consent of all of the |
| 739 | beneficiaries if the court concludes that continuance of the trust is not necessary to achieve any |
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740 material purpose of the trust. A noncharitable irrevocable trust may be modified upon consent

| 741 | of all of the beneficiaries if the court concludes that modification is not inconsistent with a |
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| 742 | material purpose of the trust. |
| 743 | (3) A spendthrift provision in the terms of the trust is not presumed to constitute a |
| 744 | material purpose of the trust. |
| 745 | (4) Upon termination of a trust under Subsection (1) or (2), the trustee shall distribute |
| 746 | the trust property as agreed by the beneficiaries. |
| 747 | (5) If not all of the beneficiaries consent to a proposed modification or termination of |
| 748 | the trust under Subsection (1) or (2), the modification or termination may be approved by the |
| 749 | court if the court is satisfied that: |
| 750 | (a) if all of the beneficiaries had consented, the trust could have been modified or |
| 751 | terminated under this section; and |
| 752 | (b) the interests of a beneficiary who does not consent will be adequately protected. |
| 753 | Section 42. Section 75-7-412 is enacted to read: |
| 754 | 75-7-412. Modification or termination because of unanticipated circumstances or |
| 755 | inability to administer trust effectively. |
| 756 | (1) The court may modify the administrative or dispositive terms of a trust or terminate |
| 757 | the trust if, because of circumstances not anticipated by the settlor, modification or termination |
| 758 | will further the purposes of the trust. To the extent practicable, the modification must be made |
| 759 | in accordance with the settlor's probable intention. |
| 760 | (2) The court may modify the administrative terms of a trust if continuation of the trust |
| 761 | on its existing terms would be impracticable or wasteful or impair the trust's administration. |
| 762 | (3) Upon termination of a trust under this section, the trustee shall distribute the trust |
| 763 | property as directed by the court or otherwise in a manner consistent with the purposes of the |
| 764 | <u>trust.</u> |
| 765 | Section 43. Section 75-7-413 is enacted to read: |
| 766 | <u>75-7-413.</u> Cy pres. |
| 767 | (1) Except as otherwise provided in Subsection (2), if a particular charitable purpose |
| 768 | becomes unlawful, impracticable, impossible to achieve, or wasteful: |
| 769 | (a) the trust does not fail, in whole or in part; |
| 770 | (b) the trust property does not revert to the settlor or the settlor's successors in interest; |
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| 772 | (c) the court may apply cy pres to modify or terminate the trust by directing that the |
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| 773 | trust property be applied or distributed, in whole or in part, in a manner consistent with the |
| 774 | settlor's charitable purposes. |
| 775 | (2) A provision in the terms of a charitable trust that would result in distribution of the |
| 776 | trust property to a noncharitable beneficiary prevails over the power of the court under |
| 777 | Subsection (1) to apply cy pres to modify or terminate the trust only if, when the provision |
| 778 | takes effect: |
| 779 | (a) the trust property is to revert to the settlor and the settlor is still living; or |
| 780 | (b) fewer than 21 years have elapsed since the date of the trust's creation. |
| 781 | Section 44. Section 75-7-414 is enacted to read: |
| 782 | 75-7-414. Modification or termination of uneconomic trust. |
| 783 | (1) After notice to the qualified beneficiaries, the trustee of a trust consisting of trust |
| 784 | property having a total value less than \$100,000 until December 31, 2010, and \$150,000 |
| 785 | thereafter, may terminate the trust if the trustee concludes that the value of the trust property is |
| 786 | insufficient to justify the cost of administration. |
| 787 | (2) The court may modify or terminate a trust or remove the trustee and appoint a |
| 788 | different trustee if it determines that the value of the trust property is insufficient to justify the |
| 789 | cost of administration. |
| 790 | (3) Upon termination of a trust under this section, the trustee shall distribute the trust |
| 791 | property in a manner consistent with the purposes of the trust. |
| 792 | (4) This section does not apply to an easement for conservation or preservation. |
| 793 | Section 45. Section 75-7-415 is enacted to read: |
| 794 | 75-7-415. Reformation to correct mistakes. |
| 795 | The court may reform the terms of a trust, even if unambiguous, to conform the terms |
| 796 | to the settlor's intention if it is proved by clear and convincing evidence that both the settlor's |
| 797 | intent and the terms of the trust were affected by a mistake of fact or law, whether in |
| 798 | expression or inducement. |
| 799 | Section 46. Section 75-7-416 is enacted to read: |
| 800 | 75-7-416. Modification to achieve settlor's tax objectives. |
| 801 | To achieve the settlor's tax objectives, the court may modify the terms of a trust in order |
| 802 | to achieve the settlor's tax objectives. The court may provide that the modification has |

| 803 | retroactive effect. |
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| 804 | Section 47. Section 75-7-417 is enacted to read: |
| 805 | 75-7-417. Combination and division of trusts. |
| 806 | After notice to the qualified beneficiaries, a trustee may combine two or more trusts |
| 807 | into a single trust or divide a trust into two or more separate trusts, if the result does not impair |
| 808 | the rights of any beneficiary or adversely affect achievement of the purposes of the trust. |
| 809 | Section 48. Section 75-7-501 is repealed and reenacted to read: |
| 810 | Part 5. Creditor's Claims - Spendthrift and Discretionary Trusts |
| 811 | 75-7-501. Rights of beneficiary's creditor or assignee. |
| 812 | To the extent a beneficiary's interest is not protected by a spendthrift provision, the |
| 813 | court may authorize a creditor or assignee of the beneficiary to reach the beneficiary's interest |
| 814 | by attachment of present or future distributions to or for the benefit of the beneficiary or other |
| 815 | means. The court may limit the award to relief as is appropriate under the circumstances. |
| 816 | Section 49. Section 75-7-502 is enacted to read: |
| 817 | 75-7-502. Spendthrift provision. |
| 818 | (1) A spendthrift provision is valid only if it restrains both voluntary and involuntary |
| 819 | transfer of a beneficiary's interest. |
| 820 | (2) A term of a trust providing that the interest of a beneficiary is held subject to a |
| 821 | "spendthrift trust," or words of similar import, is sufficient to restrain both voluntary and |
| 822 | involuntary transfer of the beneficiary's interest. |
| 823 | (3) A beneficiary may not transfer an interest in a trust in violation of a valid |
| 824 | spendthrift provision and, except as otherwise provided in this part, a creditor or assignee of |
| 825 | the beneficiary may not reach the interest or a distribution by the trustee before its receipt by |
| 826 | the beneficiary. |
| 827 | Section 50. Section 75-7-503 is enacted to read: |
| 828 | <u>75-7-503.</u> Exceptions to spendthrift provision. |
| 829 | (1) In this section, "child" includes any person for whom an order or judgment for child |
| 830 | support has been entered in this or another state. |
| 831 | (2) Even if a trust contains a spendthrift provision, a beneficiary's child who has a |
| 832 | judgment or court order against the beneficiary for support or maintenance, or a judgment |
| 833 | creditor who has provided services for the protection of a beneficiary's interest in the trust, may |

| 834 | obtain from a court an order attaching present or future distributions to or for the benefit of the |
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| 835 | beneficiary. |
| 836 | (3) A spendthrift provision is unenforceable against a claim of this state or the United |
| 837 | States to the extent a statute of this state or federal law so provides. |
| 838 | Section 51. Section 75-7-504 is enacted to read: |
| 839 | 75-7-504. Discretionary trusts Effect of standard. |
| 840 | (1) In this section, "child" includes any person for whom an order or judgment for child |
| 841 | support has been entered in this or another state. |
| 842 | (2) Except as otherwise provided in Subsection (3), whether or not a trust contains a |
| 843 | spendthrift provision, a creditor of a beneficiary may not compel a distribution that is subject to |
| 844 | the trustee's discretion, even if: |
| 845 | (a) the discretion is expressed in the form of a standard of distribution; or |
| 846 | (b) the trustee has abused the discretion. |
| 847 | (3) To the extent a trustee has not complied with a standard of distribution or has |
| 848 | abused a discretion: |
| 849 | (a) a distribution may be ordered by the court to satisfy a judgment or court order |
| 850 | against the beneficiary for support or maintenance of the beneficiary's child, spouse, or former |
| 851 | spouse; and |
| 852 | (b) the court shall direct the trustee to pay to the child, spouse, or former spouse such |
| 853 | amount as is equitable under the circumstances but not more than the amount the trustee would |
| 854 | have been required to distribute to or for the benefit of the beneficiary had the trustee complied |
| 855 | with the standard or not abused the discretion. |
| 856 | (4) This section does not limit the right of a beneficiary to maintain a judicial |
| 857 | proceeding against a trustee for an abuse of discretion or failure to comply with a standard for |
| 858 | distribution. |
| 859 | Section 52. Section 75-7-505 is enacted to read: |
| 860 | 75-7-505. Creditor's claim against settlor. |
| 861 | (1) Whether or not the terms of a trust contain a spendthrift provision, the following |
| 862 | rules apply: |
| 863 | (a) During the lifetime of the settlor, the property of a revocable trust is subject to the |
| 864 | claims of the settlor's creditors. If a trust has more than one settlor, the amount the creditor or |

| 865 | assignee of a particular settlor may reach may not exceed the settlor's interest in the portion of |
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| 866 | the trust attributable to that settlor's contribution. |
| 867 | (b) With respect to an irrevocable trust, a creditor or assignee of the settlor may reach |
| 868 | the maximum amount that can be distributed to or for the settlor's benefit. If a trust has more |
| 869 | than one settlor, the amount the creditor or assignee of a particular settlor may reach may not |
| 870 | exceed the settlor's interest in the portion of the trust attributable to that settlor's contribution. |
| 871 | (c) After the death of a settlor, and subject to the settlor's right to direct the source from |
| 872 | which liabilities will be paid, the property of a trust that was revocable at the settlor's death, but |
| 873 | not property received by the trust as a result of the death of the settlor which is otherwise |
| 874 | exempt from the claims of the settlor's creditors, is subject to claims of the settlor's creditors, |
| 875 | costs of administration of the settlor's estate, the expenses of the settlor's funeral and disposal |
| 876 | of remains, and statutory allowances to a surviving spouse and children to the extent the |
| 877 | settlor's probate estate is inadequate to satisfy those claims, costs, expenses, and allowances. |
| 878 | (2) For purposes of this section: |
| 879 | (a) during the period the power may be exercised, the holder of a power of withdrawal |
| 880 | is treated in the same manner as the settlor of a revocable trust to the extent of the property |
| 881 | subject to the power; and |
| 882 | (b) upon the lapse, release, or waiver of the power, the holder is treated as the settlor of |
| 883 | the trust only to the extent the value of the property affected by the lapse, release, or waiver |
| 884 | exceeds the greater of the amount specified in Section 2041(b)(2) or 2514(e) of the Internal |
| 885 | Revenue Code of 1986, or Section 2503(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, in each case |
| 886 | as in effect on May 1, 2003. |
| 887 | Section 53. Section 75-7-506 is enacted to read: |
| 888 | 75-7-506. Overdue distribution. |
| 889 | Whether or not a trust contains a spendthrift provision, a creditor or assignee of a |
| 890 | beneficiary may reach a mandatory distribution of income or principal, including a distribution |
| 891 | upon termination of the trust, if the trustee has not made the distribution to the beneficiary |
| 892 | within a reasonable time after the required distribution date. |
| 893 | Section 54. Section 75-7-507 is enacted to read: |
| 894 | 75-7-507. Personal obligations of trustee. |
| 895 | Trust property is not subject to personal obligations of the trustee, even if the trustee |

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896 <u>becomes insolvent or bankrupt.</u>

- 897 Section 55. Section **75-7-508**, which is renumbered from Section 75-7-308 is 898 renumbered and amended to read:
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[75-7-308]. <u>75-7-508.</u> Notice to creditors.

900 (1) A trustee for an inter vivos revocable trust, upon the death of the settlor, may
901 publish a notice to creditors once a week for three successive weeks in a newspaper of general
902 circulation in the county where the settlor resided at the time of death, providing the trustee's
903 name and address and notifying creditors of the deceased settlor to present their claims within
904 three months after the date of the first publication of the notice or be forever barred.

905 (2) A trustee may give written notice by mail or other delivery to any known creditor of
906 the deceased settlor, notifying the creditor to present his claim within 90 days from the
907 published notice if given as provided in Subsection (1) or within 60 days from the mailing or
908 other delivery of the notice, whichever is later, or be forever barred. Written notice shall be the
909 notice described in Subsection (1) or a similar notice.

- 910 (3) The trustee shall not be liable to any creditor or to any successor of the deceased911 settlor for giving or failing to give notice under this section.
- 912 Section 56. Section 75-7-509, which is renumbered from Section 75-7-309 is
 913 renumbered and amended to read:
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[75-7-309]. <u>75-7-509.</u> Limitations on presentation of claims.

(1) All claims against a deceased settlor which arose before the death of the deceased
settlor, including claims of the state and any subdivision of it, whether due or to become due,
absolute or contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, founded on contract, tort, or other legal
basis, if not barred earlier by other statute of limitations, are barred against the deceased
settlor's estate, the trustee, the trust estate, and the beneficiaries of the deceased settlor's trust,
unless presented within the earlier of the following:

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(a) one year after the settlor's death; or

(b) the time provided by Subsection 75-3-308(2) for creditors who are given actual
notice, and where notice is published, within the time provided in Subsection 75-3-308(1) for
all claims barred by publication.

925 (2) In all events, claims barred by the nonclaim statute at the deceased settlor's926 domicile are also barred in this state.

927 (3) All claims against a deceased settlor's estate or trust estate which arise at or after 928 the death of the settlor, including claims of the state and any of its subdivisions, whether due or 929 to become due, absolute or contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, founded on contract, tort, or 930 other legal basis are barred against the deceased settlor's estate, the trustee, the trust estate, and 931 the beneficiaries of the deceased settlor, unless presented as follows: 932 (a) a claim based on a contract with the trustee within three months after performance 933 by the trustee is due; or 934 (b) any other claim within the later of three months after it arises, or the time specified 935 in Subsection (1). 936 (4) Nothing in this section affects or prevents: 937 (a) any proceeding to enforce any mortgage, pledge, or other lien upon property of the 938 deceased settlor's estate or the trust estate: 939 (b) to the limits of the insurance protection only, any proceeding to establish liability of 940 the deceased settlor or the trustee for which he is protected by liability insurance; or 941 (c) collection of compensation for services rendered and reimbursement for expenses 942 advanced by the trustee or by the attorney or accountant for the trustee of the trust estate. 943 Section 57. Section 75-7-510, which is renumbered from Section 75-7-310 is 944 renumbered and amended to read: 945 75-7-510. Manner of presentation of claims. [75-7-310]. 946 (1) Claims against a deceased settlor's estate or intervivos revocable trust shall be 947 presented as follows: 948 (a) The claimant may deliver or mail to the trustee, or the trustee's attorney of record, a 949 written statement of the claim indicating its basis, the name and address of the claimant, and 950 the amount claimed. The claim is considered presented upon the receipt of the written 951 statement of claim by the trustee or the trustee's attorney of record. If a claim is not yet due, the 952 date when it will become due shall be stated. If the claim is contingent or unliquidated, the 953 nature of the uncertainty shall be stated. If the claim is secured, the security shall be described. 954 Failure to describe correctly the security, the nature of any uncertainty, and the due date of a 955 claim not yet due does not invalidate the presentation made.

(b) The claimant may commence a proceeding against the trustee in any court wherethe trustee may be subjected to jurisdiction to obtain payment of the claim against the deceased

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settlor's estate or the trust estate, but the commencement of the proceeding must occur within
the time limited for presenting the claim. No presentation of claim is required in regard to
matters claimed in proceedings against the deceased settlor which were pending at the time of
the deceased settlor's death.

962 (2) If a claim is presented under Subsection (1)(a), no proceeding thereon may be
963 commenced more than 60 days after the trustee has mailed a notice of disallowance; but, in the
964 case of a claim which is not presently due or which is contingent or unliquidated, the trustee
965 may consent to an extension of the 60-day period, or to avoid injustice, the court, on petition,
966 may order an extension of the 60-day period, but in no event may the extension run beyond the
967 applicable statute of limitations.

968 Section 58. Section **75-7-511**, which is renumbered from Section 75-7-311 is 969 renumbered and amended to read:

970 [75-7-311]. <u>75-7-511.</u> Classification of claims.

971 (1) If the applicable assets of the deceased settlor's estate or trust estate are insufficient972 to pay all claims in full, the trustee shall make payment in the following order:

- 973 (a) reasonable funeral expenses;
- 974 (b) costs and expenses of administration;
- 975 (c) debts and taxes with preference under federal law;

(d) reasonable and necessary medical and hospital expenses of the last illness of the
 deceased settlor, including compensation of persons attending him, and medical assistance if

- 978 Section 26-19-13.5 applies;
- 979 (e) debts and taxes with preference under other laws of this state; and
- 980 (f) all other claims.

981 (2) No preference shall be given in the payment of any claim over any other claim of
982 the same class, and a claim due and payable shall not be entitled to a preference over claims not
983 due.

984 Section 59. Section **75-7-512**, which is renumbered from Section 75-7-312 is 985 renumbered and amended to read:

986 [75-7-312]. <u>75-7-512.</u> Allowance of claims.

987 (1) As to claims presented in the manner described in Section [75-7-310] 75-7-510 and
988 within the time limit prescribed in Section [75-7-309] 75-7-509, the trustee may mail a notice

989 to any claimant stating that the claim has been allowed or disallowed. If, after allowing or 990 disallowing a claim, the trustee changes the decision concerning the claim, the trustee shall 991 notify the claimant. The trustee may not change a disallowance of a claim after the time for the 992 claimant to file a petition for allowance or to commence a proceeding on the claim has expired 993 and the claim has been barred. If the notice of disallowance warns the claimant of the 994 impending bar, a claim which is disallowed in whole or in part by the trustee is barred so far as 995 not allowed, unless the claimant seeks a court-ordered allowance by filing a petition for 996 allowance in the court or by commencing a proceeding against the trustee not later than 60 days 997 after the mailing of the notice of disallowance or partial allowance. If the trustee fails to mail 998 notice to a claimant of action on the claim within 60 days after the time for original 999 presentation of the claim has expired, this failure has the effect of a notice of allowance.

1000 (2) Upon the petition of the trustee or a claimant in a proceeding for this purpose, the 1001 court may order any claim presented to the trustee or trustee's attorney in a timely manner and 1002 not barred by Subsection (1) to be allowed in whole or in part. Notice of this proceeding shall 1003 be given to the claimant, the trustee, and those other persons interested in the trust estate as the 1004 court may direct by order at the time the proceeding is commenced.

1005 (3) A judgment in a proceeding in another court against the trustee to enforce a claim1006 against a deceased settlor's estate is a court-ordered allowance of the claim.

(4) Unless otherwise provided in any judgment in another court entered against a
trustee, allowed claims bear interest at the legal rate for the period commencing six months
after the deceased settlor's date of death unless based on a contract making a provision for
interest, in which case they bear interest in accordance with that provision.

1011 Section 60. Section **75-7-513**, which is renumbered from Section 75-7-313 is 1012 renumbered and amended to read:

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[75-7-313]. <u>75-7-513.</u> Payment of claims.

(1) Upon the expiration of the earliest of the time limitations provided in Section
[75-7-309] 75-7-509 for the presentation of claims, the trustee shall pay the claims allowed
against the deceased settlor's estate in the order of priority prescribed, for claims already
presented which have not yet been allowed or whose allowance has been appealed, and for
unbarred claims which may yet be presented, including costs and expenses of administration.
By petition to the court in a proceeding for that purpose, a claimant whose claim has been

allowed but not paid as provided in this section may secure an order directing the trustee to pay
the claim to the extent that funds of the deceased settlor's estate or trust estate are available for
the payment.

(2) The trustee at any time may pay any just claim that has not been barred, with or
without formal presentation, but he shall be personally liable to any other claimant whose claim
is allowed and who is injured by the payment if:

(a) the payment was made before the expiration of the time limit stated in Subsection
(1) and the trustee failed to require the payee to give adequate security for the refund of any of
the payment necessary to pay other claimants; or

(b) the payment was made, due to the negligence or willful fault of the trustee, in a waythat deprived the injured claimant of his priority.

1031 Section 61. Section **75-7-514**, which is renumbered from Section **75-7-314** is 1032 renumbered and amended to read:

1033 [75-7-314]. <u>75-7-514.</u> Secured claims.

Payment of a secured claim shall be upon the basis of the amount allowed if the creditor surrenders his security; but otherwise payment shall be based upon one of the following:

(1) if the creditor exhausts his security before receiving payment, unless precluded by
another provision of the law, upon the amount of the claim allowed less the fair value of the
security; or

(2) if the creditor does not have the right to exhaust his security or has not done so,
upon the amount of the claim allowed less the value of the security determined by converting it
into money according to the terms of the agreement pursuant to which the security was
delivered to the creditor, or by the creditor and trustee by agreement, arbitration, compromise,
or litigation.

1044 Section 62. Section **75-7-515**, which is renumbered from Section 75-7-315 is 1045 renumbered and amended to read:

1046 [75-7-315]. <u>75-7-515.</u> Claims not due and contingent -- unliquidated claims.

(1) If a claim which will become due at a future time or a contingent or unliquidated
claim becomes due or certain before the distribution of the trust estate, and if the claim has
been allowed or established by a proceeding, it shall be paid in the same manner as presently
due and absolute claims of the same class.

1051 (2) In other cases the trustee, or, on petition of the trustee or the claimant in a special 1052 proceeding for that purpose, the court, may provide for payment as follows: (a) if the claimant consents, he may be paid the present or agreed value of the claim, 1053 1054 taking any uncertainty into account; or 1055 (b) arrangement for future payment, or possible payment, on the happening of the 1056 contingency or on liquidation may be made by creating a trust, giving a mortgage, obtaining a 1057 bond or security from a beneficiary, or otherwise. 1058 Section 63. Section 75-7-516, which is renumbered from Section 75-7-316 is 1059 renumbered and amended to read: 1060 [75-7-316]. 75-7-516. Counterclaims. 1061 (1) In allowing a claim, the trustee may deduct any counterclaim which the deceased settlor's estate has against the claimant. In determining a claim against a deceased settlor's 1062 estate, a court shall reduce the amount allowed by the amount of any counterclaims and, if the 1063 1064 counterclaims exceed the claim, render a judgment against the claimant in the amount of the 1065 excess. (2) A counterclaim, liquidated or unliquidated, may arise from a transaction other than 1066 that upon which the claim is based. 1067 (3) A counterclaim may give rise to relief exceeding in amount or different in kind 1068 1069 from that sought in the claim. 1070 Section 64. Section 75-7-517, which is renumbered from Section 75-7-317 is 1071 renumbered and amended to read: 1072 [75-7-317]. 75-7-517. Execution and levies prohibited. 1073 (1) No execution may issue upon nor may any levy be made against any property of the 1074 deceased settlor's estate under any judgment against a deceased settlor or a trustee. 1075 (2) This section may not be construed to prevent the enforcement of mortgages, 1076 pledges, or liens upon real or personal property in an appropriate proceeding. Section 65. Section 75-7-518, which is renumbered from Section 75-7-318 is 1077 1078 renumbered and amended to read: 1079 [75-7-318]. 75-7-518. Compromise of claims. 1080 When a claim against a deceased settlor's estate has been presented in any manner, the 1081 trustee may, if it appears in the best interest of the deceased settlor's estate, compromise the

1082 claim, whether due or not due, absolute or contingent, liquidated or unliquidated.

1083 Section 66. Section **75-7-519**, which is renumbered from Section 75-7-319 is 1084 renumbered and amended to read:

1085 [75-7-319]. 75-7-519. Encumbered assets.

(1) If any assets of the deceased settlor's estate are encumbered by mortgage, pledge,
lien, or other security interest, the trustee may pay the encumbrance or any part thereof, renew
or extend any obligation secured by the encumbrance, or convey or transfer the assets to the
creditor in satisfaction of his lien, in whole or in part, whether or not the holder of the
encumbrance has presented a claim, if it appears to be in the best interest of the deceased
settlor's estate.

(2) Payment of an encumbrance does not increase the share of the beneficiary entitled
to the encumbered assets unless the beneficiary is entitled to exoneration or unless the terms of
the deceased settlor's trust, under which the beneficiary is entitled to the encumbered assets,
provides otherwise.

1096 Section 67. Section **75-7-601** is enacted to read:

Part 6. Revocable Trusts 1097 1098 75-7-601. Capacity of settlor of revocable trust. The capacity required to create, amend, revoke, or add property to a revocable trust, or 1099 1100 to direct the actions of the trustee of a revocable trust, is the same as that required to make a 1101 will. 1102 Section 68. Section 75-7-602 is enacted to read: 1103 75-7-602. Revocation or amendment of revocable trust. (1) Unless the terms of a trust expressly provide that the trust is irrevocable, the settlor 1104 may revoke or amend the trust. This Subsection (1) does not apply to a trust created under an 1105 1106 instrument executed before May 5, 2003.

- 1107 (2) If a revocable trust is created or funded by more than one settlor:
- 1108 (a) to the extent the trust consists of community property, the trust may be revoked by
- 1109 either spouse acting alone but may be amended only by joint action of both spouses; and
- 1110 (b) to the extent the trust consists of property other than community property, each
- 1111 settlor may revoke or amend the trust with regard to the portion of the trust property
- 1112 <u>attributable to that settlor's contribution.</u>

| 1113 | (3) The settlor may revoke or amend a revocable trust: |
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| 1114 | (a) by substantially complying with a method provided in the terms of the trust; or |
| 1115 | (b) if the terms of the trust do not provide a method or the method provided in the |
| 1116 | terms is not expressly made exclusive, by: |
| 1117 | (i) executing a later will or codicil that expressly refers to the trust or specifically |
| 1118 | devises property that would otherwise have passed according to the terms of the trust; or |
| 1119 | (ii) any other method manifesting clear and convincing evidence of the settlor's intent. |
| 1120 | (4) Upon revocation of a revocable trust, the trustee shall deliver the trust property as |
| 1121 | the settlor directs. |
| 1122 | (5) A settlor's powers with respect to revocation, amendment, or distribution of trust |
| 1123 | property may be exercised by an agent under a power of attorney only to the extent expressly |
| 1124 | authorized by the terms of the trust or the power. |
| 1125 | (6) A conservator of the settlor or, if no conservator has been appointed, a guardian of |
| 1126 | the settlor may exercise a settlor's powers with respect to revocation, amendment, or |
| 1127 | distribution of trust property only with the approval of the court supervising the |
| 1128 | conservatorship or guardianship. |
| 1129 | (7) A trustee who does not know that a trust has been revoked or amended is not liable |
| 1130 | to the settlor or settlor's successors in interest for distributions made and other actions taken on |
| 1131 | the assumption that the trust had not been amended or revoked. |
| 1132 | Section 69. Section 75-7-603 is enacted to read: |
| 1133 | 75-7-603. Settlor's powers Powers of withdrawal. |
| 1134 | (1) While a trust is revocable and the settlor has capacity to revoke the trust, rights of |
| 1135 | the beneficiaries are subject to the control of, and the duties of the trustee are owed exclusively |
| 1136 | to, the settlor. |
| 1137 | (2) If a revocable trust has more than one settlor, the duties of the trustee are owed to |
| 1138 | all of the settlors having capacity to revoke the trust. |
| 1139 | (3) During the period the power may be exercised, the holder of a power of withdrawal |
| 1140 | has the rights of a settlor of a revocable trust under this section to the extent of the property |
| 1141 | subject to the power. |
| 1142 | Section 70. Section 75-7-604 is enacted to read: |
| 1143 | <u>75-7-604.</u> Limitation on action contesting validity of revocable trust |

| 1144 | Distribution of trust property. |
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| 1145 | (1) A person shall commence a judicial proceeding to contest the validity of a trust that |
| 1146 | was revocable at the settlor's death within the earlier of: |
| 1147 | (a) one year after the settlor's death; or |
| 1148 | (b) 90 days after the trustee sent the person a copy of the trust instrument and a notice |
| 1149 | informing the person of the trust's existence, of the trustee's name and address, and of the time |
| 1150 | allowed for commencing a proceeding. |
| 1151 | (2) Upon the death of the settlor of a trust that was revocable at the settlor's death, the |
| 1152 | trustee may proceed to distribute the trust property in accordance with the terms of the trust. |
| 1153 | The trustee is not subject to liability for doing so unless: |
| 1154 | (a) the trustee knows of a pending judicial proceeding contesting the validity of the |
| 1155 | trust; or |
| 1156 | (b) a potential contestant has notified the trustee of a possible judicial proceeding to |
| 1157 | contest the trust and a judicial proceeding is commenced within 60 days after the contestant |
| 1158 | sent the notification. |
| 1159 | (3) With respect to a potential contest, the trustee is only liable for actions taken two or |
| 1160 | more business days after the trustee has actual receipt of written notice from a potential |
| 1161 | contestant. The written notice shall include the name of the settlor or of the trust, the name of |
| 1162 | the potential contestant, and a description of the basis for the potential contest. The written |
| 1163 | notice shall be mailed to the trustee at the principal place of administration of the trust by |
| 1164 | registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, or served upon the trustee in the same |
| 1165 | manner as a summons in a civil action. Any other form or service of notice is not sufficient to |
| 1166 | impose liability on the trustee for actions taken pursuant to the terms of the trust. |
| 1167 | (4) A beneficiary of a trust that is determined to have been invalid is liable to return |
| 1168 | any distribution received. |
| 1169 | Section 71. Section 75-7-701 is enacted to read: |
| 1170 | Part 7. Office of Trustee |
| 1171 | 75-7-701. Accepting or declining trusteeship. |
| 1172 | (1) Except as otherwise provided in Subsection (3), a person designated as trustee |
| 1173 | accepts the trusteeship: |
| 1174 | (a) by substantially complying with a method of acceptance provided in the terms of |

| 1175 | the trust; or |
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| 1176 | (b) if the terms of the trust do not provide a method or the method provided in the |
| 1177 | terms is not expressly made exclusive, by accepting delivery of the trust property, exercising |
| 1178 | powers or performing duties as trustee, or otherwise indicating acceptance of the trusteeship. |
| 1179 | (2) A person designated as trustee who has not yet accepted the trusteeship may reject |
| 1180 | the trusteeship. A designated trustee who does not accept the trusteeship within a reasonable |
| 1181 | time after knowing of the designation is considered to have rejected the trusteeship. |
| 1182 | (3) A person designated as trustee, without accepting the trusteeship, may: |
| 1183 | (a) act to preserve the trust property if, within a reasonable time after acting, the person |
| 1184 | sends a rejection of the trusteeship to the settlor or, if the settlor is dead or lacks capacity, to a |
| 1185 | qualified beneficiary; and |
| 1186 | (b) inspect or investigate trust property to determine potential liability under |
| 1187 | environmental or other law or for any other purpose. |
| 1188 | Section 72. Section 75-7-702 is enacted to read: |
| 1189 | <u>75-7-702.</u> Trustee's bond. |
| 1190 | (1) A trustee shall give bond to secure performance of the trustee's duties only if the |
| 1191 | court finds that a bond is needed to protect the interests of the beneficiaries or is required by |
| 1192 | the terms of the trust and the court has not dispensed with the requirement. |
| 1193 | (2) The court may specify the amount of a bond, its liabilities, and whether sureties are |
| 1194 | necessary. The court may modify or terminate a bond at any time. |
| 1195 | (3) A regulated financial-service institution qualified to do trust business in this state |
| 1196 | need not give bond, even if required by the terms of the trust. |
| 1197 | (4) Unless otherwise directed by the court, the cost of the bond is charged to the trust. |
| 1198 | Section 73. Section 75-7-703 is enacted to read: |
| 1199 | <u>75-7-703.</u> Cotrustees. |
| 1200 | (1) Cotrustees who are unable to reach a unanimous decision may act by majority |
| 1201 | decision. |
| 1202 | (2) If a vacancy occurs in a cotrusteeship, the remaining cotrustees may act for the |
| 1203 | <u>trust.</u> |
| 1204 | (3) A cotrustee must participate in the performance of a trustee's function unless the |
| 1205 | cotrustee is unavailable to perform the function because of absence, illness, disqualification |

| 1206 | under other law, or other temporary incapacity or the cotrustee has properly delegated the |
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| 1207 | performance of the function to another trustee. |
| 1208 | (4) If a cotrustee is unavailable to perform duties because of absence, illness, |
| 1209 | disqualification under other law, or other temporary incapacity, and prompt action is necessary |
| 1210 | to achieve the purposes of the trust or to avoid injury to the trust property, the remaining |
| 1211 | cotrustee or a majority of the remaining cotrustees may act for the trust. |
| 1212 | (5) A trustee may not delegate to a cotrustee the performance of a function the settlor |
| 1213 | reasonably expected the trustees to perform jointly. If one of the cotrustees is a regulated |
| 1214 | financial service institution qualified to do trust business in this state and the remaining |
| 1215 | cotrustees are individuals, a delegation by the individual cotrustees to the regulated financial |
| 1216 | service institution of the performance of trust investment functions shall be presumed to be in |
| 1217 | accordance with the settlor's intent unless the terms of the trust specifically provide otherwise. |
| 1218 | Unless a delegation was irrevocable, a trustee may revoke a delegation previously made. |
| 1219 | (6) Except as otherwise provided in Subsection (7), a trustee who does not join in an |
| 1220 | action of another trustee is not liable for the action. |
| 1221 | (7) Each trustee shall exercise reasonable care to: |
| 1222 | (a) prevent a cotrustee from committing a serious breach of trust; and |
| 1223 | (b) compel a cotrustee to redress a serious breach of trust. |
| 1224 | (8) A dissenting trustee who joins in an action at the direction of the majority of the |
| 1225 | trustees and who notified any cotrustee of the dissent at or before the time of the action is not |
| 1226 | liable for the action unless the action is a serious breach of trust. |
| 1227 | Section 74. Section 75-7-704 is enacted to read: |
| 1228 | 75-7-704. Vacancy in trusteeship Appointment of successor. |
| 1229 | (1) A vacancy in a trusteeship occurs if: |
| 1230 | (a) a person designated as trustee rejects the trusteeship; |
| 1231 | (b) a person designated as trustee cannot be identified or does not exist; |
| 1232 | (c) a trustee resigns; |
| 1233 | (d) a trustee is disqualified or removed; |
| 1234 | (e) a trustee dies; or |
| 1235 | (f) a guardian or conservator is appointed for an individual serving as trustee, unless |
| 1236 | otherwise provided in the trust. |

| 1237 | (2) If one or more cotrustees remain in office, a vacancy in a trusteeship need not be |
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| 1238 | filled. A vacancy in a trusteeship must be filled if the trust has no remaining trustee. |
| 1239 | (3) A vacancy in a trusteeship required to be filled must be filled in the following order |
| 1240 | of priority: |
| 1241 | (a) by a person designated in the terms of the trust to act as successor trustee; |
| 1242 | (b) by a person appointed by unanimous agreement of the qualified beneficiaries; or |
| 1243 | (c) by a person appointed by the court. |
| 1244 | (4) Whether or not a vacancy in a trusteeship exists or is required to be filled, the court |
| 1245 | may appoint an additional trustee or special fiduciary whenever the court considers the |
| 1246 | appointment necessary for the administration of the trust. |
| 1247 | Section 75. Section 75-7-705 is enacted to read: |
| 1248 | 75-7-705. Resignation of trustee. |
| 1249 | (1) A trustee may resign: |
| 1250 | (a) upon at least 30 days' notice to the qualified beneficiaries, the settlor, if living, and |
| 1251 | all cotrustees; or |
| 1252 | (b) with the approval of the court. |
| 1253 | (2) In approving a resignation, the court may issue orders and impose conditions |
| 1254 | reasonably necessary for the protection of the trust property. |
| 1255 | (3) Any liability of a resigning trustee or of any sureties on the trustee's bond for acts or |
| 1256 | omissions of the trustee is not discharged or affected by the trustee's resignation. |
| 1257 | Section 76. Section 75-7-706 is enacted to read: |
| 1258 | <u>75-7-706.</u> Removal of trustee. |
| 1259 | (1) The settlor, a cotrustee, or a qualified beneficiary may request the court to remove a |
| 1260 | trustee, or a trustee may be removed by the court on its own initiative. |
| 1261 | (2) The court may remove a trustee if: |
| 1262 | (a) the trustee has committed a serious breach of trust; |
| 1263 | (b) lack of cooperation among cotrustees substantially impairs the administration of the |
| 1264 | <u>trust;</u> |
| 1265 | (c) because of unfitness, unwillingness, or persistent failure of the trustee to administer |
| 1266 | the trust effectively, the court determines that removal of the trustee best serves the interests of |
| 1267 | the beneficiaries; or |

| 1268 | (d) there has been a substantial change of circumstances or removal is requested by all |
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| 1269 | of the qualified beneficiaries, the court finds that removal of the trustee best serves the interests |
| 1270 | of all of the beneficiaries and is not inconsistent with a material purpose of the trust, and a |
| 1271 | suitable cotrustee or successor trustee is available. |
| 1272 | (3) Pending a final decision on a request to remove a trustee, or in lieu of or in addition |
| 1273 | to removing a trustee, the court may order appropriate relief under Subsection 75-7-1001(2) |
| 1274 | necessary to protect the trust property or the interests of the beneficiaries. |
| 1275 | Section 77. Section 75-7-707 is enacted to read: |
| 1276 | 75-7-707. Delivery of property by former trustee. |
| 1277 | (1) Unless a cotrustee remains in office or the court otherwise orders, and until the trust |
| 1278 | property is delivered to a successor trustee or other person entitled to it, a trustee who has |
| 1279 | resigned or been removed has the duties of a trustee and the powers necessary to protect the |
| 1280 | trust property. |
| 1281 | (2) A trustee who has resigned or been removed shall proceed expeditiously to deliver |
| 1282 | the trust property within the trustee's possession to the cotrustee, successor trustee, or other |
| 1283 | person entitled to it. |
| 1284 | Section 78. Section 75-7-708 is enacted to read: |
| 1285 | 75-7-708. Compensation of trustee. |
| 1286 | (1) If the terms of a trust do not specify the trustee's compensation, a trustee is entitled |
| 1287 | to compensation that is reasonable under the circumstances. |
| 1288 | (2) If the terms of a trust specify the trustee's compensation, the trustee is entitled to be |
| 1289 | compensated as specified, but the court may allow more or less compensation if: |
| 1290 | (a) the duties of the trustee are substantially different from those contemplated when |
| 1291 | the trust was created; or |
| 1292 | (b) the compensation specified by the terms of the trust would be unreasonably low or |
| 1293 | high. |
| 1294 | Section 79. Section 75-7-709 is enacted to read: |
| 1295 | 75-7-709. Reimbursement of expenses. |
| 1296 | (1) A trustee is entitled to be reimbursed out of the trust property, with interest as |
| 1297 | appropriate, for: |
| 1298 | (a) expenses that were properly incurred in the administration of the trust; and |

| 1299 | (b) to the extent necessary to prevent unjust enrichment of the trust, expenses that were |
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| 1300 | not properly incurred in the administration of the trust. |
| 1301 | (2) An advance by the trustee of money for the protection of the trust gives rise to a |
| 1302 | lien against trust property to secure reimbursement with reasonable interest. |
| 1303 | Section 80. Section 75-7-801 is enacted to read: |
| 1304 | Part 8. Duties and Powers of Trustee |
| 1305 | 75-7-801. Duty to administer trust. |
| 1306 | Upon acceptance of a trusteeship, the trustee shall administer the trust in good faith, in |
| 1307 | accordance with its terms and purposes and the interests of the beneficiaries, and in accordance |
| 1308 | with this chapter. |
| 1309 | Section 81. Section 75-7-802 is enacted to read: |
| 1310 | <u>75-7-802.</u> Duty of loyalty. |
| 1311 | (1) A trustee shall administer the trust solely in the interests of the beneficiaries. |
| 1312 | (2) Subject to the rights of persons dealing with or assisting the trustee as provided in |
| 1313 | Section 75-7-1012, a sale, encumbrance, or other transaction involving the investment or |
| 1314 | management of trust property entered into by the trustee for the trustee's own personal account |
| 1315 | or which is otherwise affected by a conflict between the trustee's fiduciary and personal |
| 1316 | interests is voidable by a beneficiary affected by the transaction unless: |
| 1317 | (a) the transaction was authorized by the terms of the trust; |
| 1318 | (b) the transaction was approved by the court: |
| 1319 | (c) the beneficiary did not commence a judicial proceeding within the time allowed by |
| 1320 | <u>Section 75-7-1005;</u> |
| 1321 | (d) the beneficiary consented to the trustee's conduct, ratified the transaction, or |
| 1322 | released the trustee in compliance with Section 75-7-1009; or |
| 1323 | (e) the transaction involves a contract entered into or claim acquired by the trustee |
| 1324 | before the person became or contemplated becoming trustee. |
| 1325 | (3) A sale, encumbrance, or other transaction involving the investment or management |
| 1326 | of trust property is presumed to be affected by a conflict between personal and fiduciary |
| 1327 | interests if it is entered into by the trustee with: |
| 1328 | (a) the trustee's spouse; |
| 1329 | (b) the trustee's descendants, siblings, parents, or their spouses; |

| 1330 | (c) an agent or attorney of the trustee; or |
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| 1331 | (d) a corporation or other person or enterprise in which the trustee, or a person that |
| 1332 | owns a significant interest in the trustee, has an interest that might affect the trustee's best |
| 1333 | judgment. |
| 1334 | (4) A transaction between a trustee and a beneficiary that does not concern trust |
| 1335 | property but that occurs during the existence of the trust or while the trustee retains significant |
| 1336 | influence over the beneficiary and from which the trustee obtains an advantage is voidable by |
| 1337 | the beneficiary unless the trustee establishes that the transaction was fair to the beneficiary. |
| 1338 | (5) A transaction not concerning trust property in which the trustee engages in the |
| 1339 | trustee's individual capacity involves a conflict between personal and fiduciary interests if the |
| 1340 | transaction concerns an opportunity properly belonging to the trust. |
| 1341 | (6) An investment by a trustee in securities of an investment company or investment |
| 1342 | trust to which the trustee, or its affiliate, provides services in a capacity other than as trustee is |
| 1343 | not presumed to be affected by a conflict between personal and fiduciary interests if the |
| 1344 | investment complies with the prudent investor rule of Section 75-7-901. The trustee may be |
| 1345 | compensated by the investment company or investment trust for providing those services out of |
| 1346 | fees charged to the trust if the trustee at least annually notifies the persons entitled under |
| 1347 | Section 75-7-813 to receive a copy of the trustee's annual report of the rate and method by |
| 1348 | which the compensation was determined. |
| 1349 | (7) In voting shares of stock or in exercising powers of control over similar interests in |
| 1350 | other forms of enterprise, the trustee shall act in the best interests of the beneficiaries. If the |
| 1351 | trust is the sole owner of a corporation or other form of enterprise, the trustee shall elect or |
| 1352 | appoint directors or other managers who will manage the corporation or enterprise in the best |
| 1353 | interests of the beneficiaries. |
| 1354 | (8) This section does not preclude the following transactions, if fair to the |
| 1355 | beneficiaries: |
| 1356 | (a) an agreement between a trustee and a beneficiary relating to the appointment or |
| 1357 | compensation of the trustee; |
| 1358 | (b) payment of reasonable compensation to the trustee: |
| 1359 | (c) a transaction between a trust and another trust, decedent's estate, conservatorship, or |
| 1360 | guardianship of which the trustee is a fiduciary or in which a beneficiary has an interest; |
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| 1361 | (d) a deposit of trust money in a regulated financial-service institution operated by the |
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| 1362 | trustee; or |
| 1363 | (e) an advance by the trustee of money for the protection of the trust. |
| 1364 | (9) The court may appoint a special fiduciary to make a decision with respect to any |
| 1365 | proposed transaction that might violate this section if entered into by the trustee. |
| 1366 | Section 82. Section 75-7-803 is enacted to read: |
| 1367 | 75-7-803. Impartiality. |
| 1368 | If a trust has two or more beneficiaries, the trustee shall act impartially in investing, |
| 1369 | managing, and distributing the trust property, giving due regard to the beneficiaries' respective |
| 1370 | interests. |
| 1371 | Section 83. Section 75-7-804 is enacted to read: |
| 1372 | 75-7-804. Prudent administration. |
| 1373 | A trustee shall administer the trust as a prudent person would, by considering the |
| 1374 | purposes, terms, distributional requirements, and other circumstances of the trust. In satisfying |
| 1375 | this standard, the trustee shall exercise reasonable care, skill, and caution. |
| 1376 | Section 84. Section 75-7-805 is enacted to read: |
| 1377 | 75-7-805. Costs of administration. |
| 1378 | In administering a trust, the trustee may incur only costs that are reasonable in relation |
| 1379 | to the trust property, the purposes of the trust, and the skills of the trustee. |
| 1380 | Section 85. Section 75-7-806 is enacted to read: |
| 1381 | <u>75-7-806.</u> Trustee's skills. |
| 1382 | A trustee who has special skills or expertise, or is named trustee in reliance upon the |
| 1383 | trustee's representation that the trustee has special skills or expertise, shall use those special |
| 1384 | skills or expertise. |
| 1385 | Section 86. Section 75-7-807 is enacted to read: |
| 1386 | 75-7-807. Delegation by trustee. |
| 1387 | (1) A trustee may delegate duties and powers that a prudent trustee of comparable |
| 1388 | skills could properly delegate under the circumstances. The trustee shall exercise reasonable |
| 1389 | care, skill, and caution in: |
| 1390 | (a) selecting an agent; |
| 1391 | (b) establishing the scope and terms of the delegation, consistent with the purposes and |

| 1392 | terms of the trust; and |
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| 1393 | (c) periodically reviewing the agent's actions in order to monitor the agent's |
| 1394 | performance and compliance with the terms of the delegation. |
| 1395 | (2) In performing a delegated function, an agent owes a duty to the trust to exercise |
| 1396 | reasonable care to comply with the terms of the delegation. |
| 1397 | (3) A trustee who complies with Subsection (1) is not liable to the beneficiaries or to |
| 1398 | the trust for an action of the agent to whom the function was delegated. |
| 1399 | (4) By accepting a delegation of powers or duties from the trustee of a trust that is |
| 1400 | subject to the law of this state, an agent submits to the jurisdiction of the courts of this state. |
| 1401 | Section 87. Section 75-7-808 is enacted to read: |
| 1402 | <u>75-7-808.</u> Powers to direct. |
| 1403 | (1) While a trust is revocable, the trustee may follow a direction of the settlor that is |
| 1404 | contrary to the terms of the trust. |
| 1405 | (2) If the terms of a trust confer upon a person other than the settlor of a revocable trust |
| 1406 | power to direct certain actions of the trustee, the trustee shall act in accordance with an exercise |
| 1407 | of the power unless the attempted exercise is manifestly contrary to the terms of the trust or the |
| 1408 | trustee knows the attempted exercise would constitute a serious breach of a fiduciary duty that |
| 1409 | the person holding the power owes to the beneficiaries of the trust. |
| 1410 | (3) The terms of a trust may confer upon a trustee or other person a power to direct the |
| 1411 | modification or termination of the trust. |
| 1412 | (4) A person, other than a beneficiary, who holds a power to direct is presumptively a |
| 1413 | fiduciary who, as such, is required to act in good faith with regard to the purposes of the trust |
| 1414 | and the interests of the beneficiaries. The holder of a power to direct is liable for any loss that |
| 1415 | results from breach of a fiduciary duty. |
| 1416 | Section 88. Section 75-7-809 is enacted to read: |
| 1417 | 75-7-809. Control and protection of trust property. |
| 1418 | A trustee shall take reasonable steps to take control of and protect the trust property. |
| 1419 | Section 89. Section 75-7-810 is enacted to read: |
| 1420 | 75-7-810. Recordkeeping and identification of trust property. |
| 1421 | (1) A trustee shall keep adequate records of the administration of the trust. |
| 1422 | (2) A trustee shall keep trust property separate from the trustee's own property. |

| 1423 | (3) Except as otherwise provided in Subsection (4), a trustee shall cause the trust |
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| 1424 | property to be designated so that the interest of the trust, to the extent feasible, appears in |
| 1425 | records maintained by a party other than a trustee or beneficiary. |
| 1426 | (4) If the trustee maintains records clearly indicating the respective interests, a trustee |
| 1427 | may invest as a whole the property of two or more separate trusts. |
| 1428 | Section 90. Section 75-7-811 is enacted to read: |
| 1429 | 75-7-811. Enforcement and defense of claims. |
| 1430 | A trustee shall take reasonable steps to enforce claims of the trust and to defend claims |
| 1431 | against the trust. |
| 1432 | Section 91. Section 75-7-812 is enacted to read: |
| 1433 | 75-7-812. Collecting trust property. |
| 1434 | A trustee shall take reasonable steps to compel a former trustee or other person to |
| 1435 | deliver trust property to the trustee, and to redress a breach of trust known to the trustee to have |
| 1436 | been committed by a former trustee. |
| 1437 | Section 92. Section 75-7-813 is enacted to read: |
| 1438 | 75-7-813. Duty to inform and report. |
| 1439 | (1) Except to the extent the terms of the trust provide otherwise, a trustee shall keep the |
| 1440 | qualified beneficiaries of the trust reasonably informed about the administration of the trust and |
| 1441 | of the material facts necessary for them to protect their interests. Unless unreasonable under |
| 1442 | the circumstances, and unless otherwise provided by the terms of the trust, a trustee shall |
| 1443 | promptly respond to a qualified beneficiary's request for information related to the |
| 1444 | administration of the trust. |
| 1445 | (2) Except to the extent the terms of the trust provide otherwise, a trustee: |
| 1446 | (a) upon request of a qualified beneficiary, shall promptly furnish to the beneficiary a |
| 1447 | copy of the portions of the trust instrument which describe or affect the beneficiary's interest; |
| 1448 | (b) within 60 days after accepting a trusteeship, shall notify the qualified beneficiaries |
| 1449 | of the acceptance and of the trustee's name, address, and telephone number; |
| 1450 | (c) within 60 days after the date the trustee acquires knowledge of the creation of an |
| 1451 | irrevocable trust, or the date the trustee acquires knowledge that a formerly revocable trust has |
| 1452 | become irrevocable, whether by the death of the settlor or otherwise, shall notify the qualified |
| 1453 | beneficiaries of the trust's existence, of the identity of the settlor or settlors, of the right to |

| 1454 | request a copy of the trust instrument, and of the right to a trustee's report as provided in |
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| 1455 | Subsection (3); and |
| 1456 | (d) shall notify the qualified beneficiaries in advance of any change in the method or |
| 1457 | rate of the trustee's compensation. |
| 1458 | (3) A trustee shall send to the distributees or permissible distributees of trust income or |
| 1459 | principal, and, except to the extent the terms of the trust provide otherwise, to other qualified |
| 1460 | beneficiaries who request it, at least annually and at the termination of the trust, a report of the |
| 1461 | trust property, liabilities, receipts, and disbursements, including the source and amount of the |
| 1462 | trustee's compensation, a listing of the trust assets and, if feasible, their respective market |
| 1463 | values. Upon a vacancy in a trusteeship, unless a cotrustee remains in office, a report must be |
| 1464 | sent to the qualified beneficiaries by the former trustee, unless the terms of the trust provide |
| 1465 | otherwise. A personal representative, conservator, or guardian may send the qualified |
| 1466 | beneficiaries a report on behalf of a deceased or incapacitated trustee. |
| 1467 | (4) A beneficiary may waive the right to a trustee's report or other information |
| 1468 | otherwise required to be furnished under this section. A beneficiary, with respect to future |
| 1469 | reports and other information, may withdraw a waiver previously given. |
| 1470 | Section 93. Section 75-7-814 is enacted to read: |
| 1471 | <u>75-7-814.</u> Discretionary powers Tax savings. |
| 1472 | (1) Notwithstanding the breadth of discretion granted to a trustee in the terms of the |
| 1473 | trust, including the use of such terms as "absolute," "sole," or "uncontrolled," the trustee shall |
| 1474 | exercise a discretionary power in good faith and in accordance with the terms and purposes of |
| 1475 | the trust and the interests of the beneficiaries. |
| 1476 | (2) Subject to Subsection (4), and unless the terms of the trust expressly indicate that a |
| 1477 | rule in this Subsection (2) does not apply: |
| 1478 | (a) a person other than a settlor who is a beneficiary and trustee of a trust that confers |
| 1479 | on the trustee a power to make discretionary distributions to or for the trustee's personal benefit |
| 1480 | may exercise the power only in accordance with an ascertainable standard relating to the |
| 1481 | trustee's individual health, education, support, or maintenance within the meaning of Section |
| 1482 | 2041(b)(1)(A) or 2514(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as in effect on May 5, |
| 1483 | <u>2003; and</u> |
| 1484 | (b) a trustee may not exercise a power to make discretionary distributions to satisfy a |

| 1485 | legal obligation of support that the trustee personally owes another person. |
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| 1486 | (3) A power whose exercise is limited or prohibited by Subsection (2) may be |
| 1487 | exercised by a majority of the remaining trustees whose exercise of the power is not so limited |
| 1488 | or prohibited. If the power of all trustees is so limited or prohibited, the court may appoint a |
| 1489 | special fiduciary with authority to exercise the power. |
| 1490 | (4) Subsection (2) does not apply to: |
| 1491 | (a) a power held by the settlor's spouse who is the trustee of a trust for which a marital |
| 1492 | deduction, as defined in Section 2056(b)(5) or 2523(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, |
| 1493 | as in effect on May 5, 2003, was previously allowed; |
| 1494 | (b) any trust during any period that the trust may be revoked or amended by its settlor; |
| 1495 | or |
| 1496 | (c) a trust if contributions to the trust qualify for the annual exclusion under Section |
| 1497 | 2503(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as in effect on May 5, 2003. |
| 1498 | Section 94. Section 75-7-815 is enacted to read: |
| 1499 | <u>75-7-815.</u> General powers of trustee. |
| 1500 | (1) A trustee, without authorization by the court, may exercise: |
| 1501 | (a) powers conferred by the terms of the trust; or |
| 1502 | (b) except as limited by the terms of the trust: |
| 1503 | (i) all powers over the trust property which an unmarried competent owner has over |
| 1504 | individually owned property; |
| 1505 | (ii) any other powers appropriate to achieve the proper investment, management, and |
| 1506 | distribution of the trust property; and |
| 1507 | (iii) any other powers conferred by this chapter. |
| 1508 | (2) The exercise of a power is subject to the fiduciary duties prescribed by this part. |
| 1509 | Section 95. Section 75-7-816 is enacted to read: |
| 1510 | 75-7-816. Specific powers of trustee. |
| 1511 | Without limiting the authority conferred by Section 75-7-815, a trustee may: |
| 1512 | (1) collect trust property and accept or reject additions to the trust property from a |
| 1513 | settlor or any other person; |
| 1514 | (2) acquire or sell property, for cash or on credit, at public or private sale; |
| 1515 | (3) exchange, partition, or otherwise change the character of trust property; |

| 1516 | (4) deposit trust money in an account in a regulated financial-service institution; |
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| 1517 | (5) borrow money, with or without security from any financial institution, including a |
| 1518 | financial institution that is serving as a trustee or one of its affiliates, and mortgage or pledge |
| 1519 | trust property for a period within or extending beyond the duration of the trust; |
| 1520 | (6) with respect to an interest in a proprietorship, partnership, limited liability |
| 1521 | company, business trust, corporation, or other form of business or enterprise, continue the |
| 1522 | business or other enterprise and take any action that may be taken by shareholders, members, or |
| 1523 | property owners, including merging, dissolving, or otherwise changing the form of business |
| 1524 | organization or contributing additional capital; |
| 1525 | (7) with respect to stocks or other securities, exercise the rights of an absolute owner, |
| 1526 | including the right to: |
| 1527 | (a) vote, or give proxies to vote, with or without power of substitution, or enter into or |
| 1528 | continue a voting trust agreement; |
| 1529 | (b) hold a security in the name of a nominee or in other form without disclosure of the |
| 1530 | trust so that title may pass by delivery; |
| 1531 | (c) pay calls, assessments, and other sums chargeable or accruing against the securities, |
| 1532 | and sell or exercise stock subscription or conversion rights; and |
| 1533 | (d) deposit the securities with a depositary or other regulated financial-service |
| 1534 | institution; |
| 1535 | (8) with respect to an interest in real property, construct, or make ordinary or |
| 1536 | extraordinary repairs to, alterations to, or improvements in, buildings or other structures, |
| 1537 | demolish improvements, raze existing or erect new party walls or buildings, subdivide or |
| 1538 | develop land, dedicate land to public use or grant public or private easements, and make or |
| 1539 | vacate plats and adjust boundaries; |
| 1540 | (9) enter into a lease for any purpose as lessor or lessee, including a lease or other |
| 1541 | arrangement for exploration and removal of natural resources, with or without the option to |
| 1542 | purchase or renew, for a period within or extending beyond the duration of the trust; |
| 1543 | (10) grant an option involving a sale, lease, or other disposition of trust property or |
| 1544 | acquire an option for the acquisition of property, including an option exercisable beyond the |
| 1545 | duration of the trust, and exercise an option so acquired; |
| 1546 | (11) insure the property of the trust against damage or loss and insure the trustee, the |

| 1547 | trustee's agents, and beneficiaries against liability arising from the administration of the trust; |
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| 1548 | (12) abandon or decline to administer property of no value or of insufficient value to |
| 1549 | justify its collection or continued administration; |
| 1550 | (13) with respect to possible liability for violation of environmental law: |
| 1551 | (a) inspect or investigate property the trustee holds or has been asked to hold, or |
| 1552 | property owned or operated by an organization in which the trustee holds or has been asked to |
| 1553 | hold an interest, for the purpose of determining the application of environmental law with |
| 1554 | respect to the property; |
| 1555 | (b) take action to prevent, abate, or otherwise remedy any actual or potential violation |
| 1556 | of any environmental law affecting property held directly or indirectly by the trustee, whether |
| 1557 | taken before or after the assertion of a claim or the initiation of governmental enforcement; |
| 1558 | (c) decline to accept property into trust or disclaim any power with respect to property |
| 1559 | that is or may be burdened with liability for violation of environmental law; |
| 1560 | (d) compromise claims against the trust which may be asserted for an alleged violation |
| 1561 | of environmental law; and |
| 1562 | (e) pay the expense of any inspection, review, abatement, or remedial action to comply |
| 1563 | with environmental law; |
| 1564 | (14) pay or contest any claim, settle a claim by or against the trust, and release, in |
| 1565 | whole or in part, a claim belonging to the trust; |
| 1566 | (15) pay taxes, assessments, compensation of the trustee and of employees and agents |
| 1567 | of the trust, and other expenses incurred in the administration of the trust; |
| 1568 | (16) exercise elections with respect to federal, state, and local taxes; |
| 1569 | (17) select a mode of payment under any employee benefit or retirement plan, annuity, |
| 1570 | or life insurance payable to the trustee, exercise rights thereunder, including exercise of the |
| 1571 | right to indemnification for expenses and against liabilities, and take appropriate action to |
| 1572 | <u>collect the proceeds;</u> |
| 1573 | (18) make loans out of trust property, including loans to a beneficiary on terms and |
| 1574 | conditions the trustee considers to be fair and reasonable under the circumstances, and the |
| 1575 | trustee has a lien on future distributions for repayment of those loans; |
| 1576 | (19) pledge trust property to guarantee loans made by others to the beneficiary; |
| 1577 | (20) appoint a trustee to act in another jurisdiction with respect to trust property located |

| 1578 | in the other jurisdiction, confer upon the appointed trustee all of the powers and duties of the |
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| 1579 | appointing trustee, require that the appointed trustee furnish security, and remove any trustee so |
| 1580 | appointed; |
| 1581 | (21) pay an amount distributable to a beneficiary who is under a legal disability or who |
| 1582 | the trustee reasonably believes is incapacitated, by paying it directly to the beneficiary or |
| 1583 | applying it for the beneficiary's benefit, or by: |
| 1584 | (a) paying it to the beneficiary's conservator or, if the beneficiary does not have a |
| 1585 | conservator, the beneficiary's guardian; |
| 1586 | (b) paying it to the beneficiary's custodian under Title 75, Chapter 5a, Uniform |
| 1587 | Transfers to Minors Act or custodial trustee under the Uniform Custodial Trust Act, and, for |
| 1588 | that purpose, creating a custodianship or custodial trust; |
| 1589 | (c) if the trustee does not know of a conservator, guardian, custodian, or custodial |
| 1590 | trustee, paying it to an adult relative or other person having legal or physical care or custody of |
| 1591 | the beneficiary, to be expended on the beneficiary's behalf; or |
| 1592 | (d) managing it as a separate fund on the beneficiary's behalf, subject to the |
| 1593 | beneficiary's continuing right to withdraw the distribution; |
| 1594 | (22) on distribution of trust property or the division or termination of a trust, make |
| 1595 | distributions in divided or undivided interests, allocate particular assets in proportionate or |
| 1596 | disproportionate shares, value the trust property for those purposes, and adjust for resulting |
| 1597 | differences in valuation: |
| 1598 | (23) resolve a dispute concerning the interpretation of the trust or its administration by |
| 1599 | mediation, arbitration, or other procedure for alternative dispute resolution; |
| 1600 | (24) prosecute or defend an action, claim, or judicial proceeding in any jurisdiction to |
| 1601 | protect trust property and the trustee in the performance of the trustee's duties; |
| 1602 | (25) sign and deliver contracts and other instruments that are useful to achieve or |
| 1603 | facilitate the exercise of the trustee's powers; and |
| 1604 | (26) on termination of the trust, exercise the powers appropriate to wind up the |
| 1605 | administration of the trust and distribute the trust property to the persons entitled to it. |
| 1606 | Section 96. Section 75-7-817 is enacted to read: |
| 1607 | 75-7-817. Distribution upon termination. |
| 1608 | (1) Upon termination or partial termination of a trust, the trustee may send to the |

| 1609 | beneficiaries a proposal for distribution. The right of any beneficiary to object to the proposed |
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| 1610 | distribution terminates if the beneficiary does not notify the trustee of an objection within 30 |
| 1611 | days after the proposal was sent but only if the proposal informed the beneficiary of the right to |
| 1612 | object and of the time allowed for objection. |
| 1613 | (2) Upon the occurrence of an event terminating or partially terminating a trust, the |
| 1614 | trustee shall proceed expeditiously to distribute the trust property to the persons entitled to it, |
| 1615 | subject to the right of the trustee to retain a reasonable reserve for the payment of debts, |
| 1616 | expenses, and taxes. |
| 1617 | (3) A release by a beneficiary of a trustee from liability for breach of trust is invalid to |
| 1618 | the extent: |
| 1619 | (a) it was induced by improper conduct of the trustee; or |
| 1620 | (b) the beneficiary, at the time of the release, did not know of the beneficiary's rights or |
| 1621 | of the material facts relating to the breach. |
| 1622 | Section 97. Section 75-7-818 is enacted to read: |
| 1623 | 75-7-818. Recitals when title to real property is in trust Failure. |
| 1624 | (1) When title to real property is granted to a person as trustee, the terms of the trust |
| 1625 | may be given either: |
| 1626 | (a) in the deed of transfer; or |
| 1627 | (b) in an instrument signed by the grantor and recorded in the same office as the grant |
| 1628 | to the trustee. |
| 1629 | (2) If the terms of the trust are not made public as required in Subsection (1), a |
| 1630 | conveyance from the trustee is absolute in favor of purchasers for value who take the property |
| 1631 | without notice of the terms of the trust. |
| 1632 | (3) The terms of the trust recited in the deed of transfer or the instrument recorded |
| 1633 | under Subsection (1)(b) shall include: |
| 1634 | (a) the name of the trustee; |
| 1635 | (b) the address of the trustee; and |
| 1636 | (c) the name and date of the trust. |
| 1637 | Section 98. Section 75-7-819 is enacted to read: |
| 1638 | 75-7-819. Marital deduction formulas Trusts. |
| 1639 | (1) For estates of decedents dying after December 31, 1981, where a decedent's trust |

| 1640 | executed before September 13, 1981, contains a formula expressly providing that the |
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| 1641 | decedent's spouse is to receive the maximum amount of property qualifying for the marital |
| 1642 | deduction allowable by federal law, this formula shall be construed as referring to the unlimited |
| 1643 | marital deduction allowable by federal law as amended by Section 403(a) of the Economic |
| 1644 | Recovery Tax Act of 1981. |
| 1645 | (2) The intention of a trustor as expressed in the trust shall control the legal effect of |
| 1646 | any dispositions made by it for purposes of construing Subsection (1), and the rule of |
| 1647 | construction of that subsection shall apply unless a contrary intention is indicated by the trust. |
| 1648 | Section 99. Section 75-7-901 is enacted to read: |
| 1649 | Part 9. Utah Uniform Prudent Investor Act |
| 1650 | 75-7-901. Prudent investor rule. |
| 1651 | (1) Except as otherwise provided in Subsection (2), a trustee who invests and manages |
| 1652 | trust assets owes a duty to the beneficiaries of the trust to comply with the prudent investor rule |
| 1653 | set forth in this chapter. |
| 1654 | (2) The prudent investor rule is a default rule and may be expanded, restricted, |
| 1655 | eliminated, or otherwise altered by the provisions of a trust. A trustee is not liable to a |
| 1656 | beneficiary to the extent that the trustee acted in reasonable reliance on the provisions of the |
| 1657 | <u>trust.</u> |
| 1658 | Section 100. Section 75-7-902 is enacted to read: |
| 1659 | 75-7-902. Standard of care Portfolio strategy Risk and return objectives. |
| 1660 | (1) A trustee shall invest and manage trust assets as a prudent investor would, by |
| 1661 | considering the purposes, terms, distribution requirements, and other circumstances of the trust. |
| 1662 | In satisfying this standard, the trustee shall exercise reasonable care, skill, and caution. |
| 1663 | (2) A trustee's investment and management decisions respecting individual assets must |
| 1664 | be evaluated not in isolation but in the context of the trust portfolio as a whole and as a part of |
| 1665 | an overall investment strategy having risk and return objectives reasonably suited to the trust. |
| 1666 | (3) Among circumstances that a trustee shall consider in investing and managing trust |
| 1667 | assets are the following which may be relevant to the trust or its beneficiaries: |
| 1668 | (a) general economic conditions; |
| 1669 | (b) the possible effect of inflation or deflation; |
| 1670 | (c) the expected tax consequences of investment decisions or strategies; |

| 1671 | (d) the role that each investment or course of action plays within the overall trust |
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| 1672 | portfolio, which may include financial assets, interests in closely held enterprises, tangible and |
| 1673 | intangible personal property, and real property; |
| 1674 | (e) the expected total return from income and the appreciation of capital; |
| 1675 | (f) other resources of the beneficiaries; |
| 1676 | (g) needs for liquidity, regularity of income, and preservation or appreciation of capital; |
| 1677 | and |
| 1678 | (h) an asset's special relationship or special value, if any, to the purposes of the trust or |
| 1679 | to one or more of the beneficiaries. |
| 1680 | (4) A trustee shall make a reasonable effort to verify facts relevant to the investment |
| 1681 | and management of trust assets. |
| 1682 | (5) A trustee may invest in any kind of property or type of investment consistent with |
| 1683 | the standards of this chapter. |
| 1684 | Section 101. Section 75-7-903 is enacted to read: |
| 1685 | 75-7-903. Diversification. |
| 1686 | A trustee shall diversify the investments of the trust unless the trustee reasonably |
| 1687 | determines that, because of special circumstances, the purposes of the trust are better served |
| 1688 | without diversifying. |
| 1689 | Section 102. Section 75-7-904 is enacted to read: |
| 1690 | 75-7-904. Duties at inception of trusteeship. |
| 1691 | Within a reasonable time after accepting a trusteeship or receiving trust assets, a trustee |
| 1692 | shall review the trust assets and make and implement decisions concerning the retention and |
| 1693 | disposition of assets, in order to bring the trust portfolio into compliance with the purposes, |
| 1694 | terms, distribution requirements, and other circumstances of the trust, and with the |
| 1695 | requirements of this chapter. |
| 1696 | Section 103. Section 75-7-905 is enacted to read: |
| 1697 | 75-7-905. Reviewing compliance. |
| 1698 | Compliance with the prudent investor rule is determined in light of the facts and |
| 1699 | circumstances existing at the time of a trustee's decision or action and not by hindsight. |
| 1700 | Section 104. Section 75-7-906 is enacted to read: |
| 1701 | 75-7-906. Investment direction. |

| 1702 | (1) For purposes of this section, "investment direction" means a direction: |
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| 1703 | (a) that is binding on the trustee, except for an investment direction given by a settlor |
| 1704 | as described in Subsection (2); |
| 1705 | (b) to do any of the following with respect to an investment: |
| 1706 | (i) retention; |
| 1707 | (ii) purchase; |
| 1708 | (iii) sale; |
| 1709 | (iv) exchange; |
| 1710 | (v) tender; or |
| 1711 | (vi) any other transaction affecting ownership in the investment. |
| 1712 | (2) (a) During the time period that a trust is revocable, the trustee may follow any |
| 1713 | investment direction of the settlor, including an investment direction that: |
| 1714 | (i) is manifestly contrary to the terms of the trust; or |
| 1715 | (ii) seriously breaches a fiduciary duty to the beneficiaries. |
| 1716 | (b) The trustee is not liable for any loss resulting from following an investment |
| 1717 | direction described in Subsection (2)(a). |
| 1718 | (3) If the terms of a trust authorize a person to give investment direction to the trustee, |
| 1719 | the person authorized to give investment direction: |
| 1720 | (a) is presumptively a fiduciary only with respect to an investment direction that the |
| 1721 | person gives to the trustee; |
| 1722 | (b) is required to act in good faith with regard to: |
| 1723 | (i) the purposes of the trust; and |
| 1724 | (ii) the interests of the beneficiaries; and |
| 1725 | (c) is liable for any loss that results from breach of the fiduciary duty only with respect |
| 1726 | to an investment direction that the person gives to the trustee. |
| 1727 | (4) Except in cases of willful misconduct or gross negligence, a trustee is not liable for |
| 1728 | any loss that results from following an investment direction if: |
| 1729 | (a) the terms of a trust authorizes a person to give the investment direction to the |
| 1730 | trustee; and |
| 1731 | (b) the trustee acts in accordance with the investment direction given by a person |
| 1732 | described in Subsection (4)(a). |

| 1733 | (5) If the terms of a trust require another person's approval or consent to an investment |
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| 1734 | decision of the trustee: |
| 1735 | (a) the person from whom approval or consent is required: |
| 1736 | (i) is presumptively a fiduciary; |
| 1737 | (ii) is required to act in good faith with regard to: |
| 1738 | (A) the purposes of the trust; and |
| 1739 | (B) the interests of the beneficiaries; and |
| 1740 | (iii) is liable for any loss that results from breach of the fiduciary duty; and |
| 1741 | (b) except in cases of willful misconduct or gross negligence, the trustee is not liable |
| 1742 | for any loss resulting from any act not taken as a result of the person's failure to respond to a |
| 1743 | request for approval or consent. |
| 1744 | Section 105. Section 75-7-907 is enacted to read: |
| 1745 | 75-7-907. Language invoking standard of chapter. |
| 1746 | The following terms or comparable language in the provisions of a trust, unless |
| 1747 | otherwise limited or modified, authorizes any investment or strategy permitted under this |
| 1748 | chapter: "investments permissible by law for investment of trust funds," "legal investments," |
| 1749 | "authorized investments," "using the judgment and care under the circumstances then |
| 1750 | prevailing that persons of prudence, discretion, and intelligence exercise in the management of |
| 1751 | their own affairs, not in regard to speculation but in regard to the permanent disposition of their |
| 1752 | funds, considering the probable income as well as the probable safety of their capital," "prudent |
| 1753 | man rule," "prudent trustee rule," "prudent person rule," and "prudent investor rule." |
| 1754 | Section 106. Section 75-7-1001 is enacted to read: |
| 1755 | Part 10. Liability of Trustees and Rights of Persons Dealing with Trustee |
| 1756 | 75-7-1001. Remedies for breach of trust. |
| 1757 | (1) A violation by a trustee of a duty the trustee owes to a beneficiary is a breach of |
| 1758 | trust. |
| 1759 | (2) To remedy a breach of trust that has occurred or may occur, the court may: |
| 1760 | (a) compel the trustee to perform the trustee's duties; |
| 1761 | (b) enjoin the trustee from committing a breach of trust; |
| 1762 | (c) compel the trustee to redress a breach of trust by paying money, restoring property, |
| 1763 | or other means; |

| 1764 | (d) order a trustee to account; |
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| 1765 | (e) appoint a special fiduciary to take possession of the trust property and administer |
| 1766 | the trust; |
| 1767 | (f) suspend the trustee: |
| 1768 | (g) remove the trustee as provided in Section 75-7-706; |
| 1769 | (h) reduce or deny compensation to the trustee; |
| 1770 | (i) subject to Section 75-7-1012, void an act of the trustee, impose a lien or a |
| 1771 | constructive trust on trust property, or trace trust property wrongfully disposed of and recover |
| 1772 | the property or its proceeds; or |
| 1773 | (j) order any other appropriate relief. |
| 1774 | Section 107. Section 75-7-1002 is enacted to read: |
| 1775 | 75-7-1002. Damages for breach of trust. |
| 1776 | (1) A trustee who commits a breach of trust is liable to the beneficiaries affected for the |
| 1777 | greater of: |
| 1778 | (a) the amount required to restore the value of the trust property and trust distributions |
| 1779 | to what they would have been had the breach not occurred; or |
| 1780 | (b) the profit the trustee made by reason of the breach. |
| 1781 | (2) Except as otherwise provided in this Subsection (2), if more than one trustee is |
| 1782 | liable to the beneficiaries for a breach of trust, a trustee is entitled to contribution from the |
| 1783 | other trustee or trustees. A trustee is not entitled to contribution if the trustee was substantially |
| 1784 | more at fault than another trustee or if the trustee committed the breach of trust in bad faith or |
| 1785 | with reckless indifference to the purposes of the trust or the interests of the beneficiaries. A |
| 1786 | trustee who received a benefit from the breach of trust is not entitled to contribution from |
| 1787 | another trustee to the extent of the benefit received. |
| 1788 | Section 108. Section 75-7-1003 is enacted to read: |
| 1789 | 75-7-1003. Damages in absence of breach. |
| 1790 | (1) A trustee is accountable to an affected beneficiary for any profit made by the trustee |
| 1791 | arising from the administration of the trust, even absent a breach of trust. |
| 1792 | (2) Absent a breach of trust, a trustee is not liable to a beneficiary for a loss or |
| 1793 | depreciation in the value of trust property or for not having made a profit. |
| 1794 | Section 109. Section 75-7-1004 is enacted to read: |

| 1795 | 75-7-1004. Attorney's fees and costs. |
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| 1796 | In a judicial proceeding involving the administration of a trust, the court may, as justice |
| 1797 | and equity may require, award costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, to any |
| 1798 | party, to be paid by another party or from the trust that is the subject of the controversy. |
| 1799 | Section 110. Section 75-7-1005 is enacted to read: |
| 1800 | 75-7-1005. Limitation of action against trustee. |
| 1801 | (1) A beneficiary may not commence a proceeding against a trustee for breach of trust |
| 1802 | more than one year after the date that the beneficiary or a person who may represent and bind |
| 1803 | the beneficiary was sent a report that adequately disclosed the existence of a potential claim for |
| 1804 | breach of trust and informed the beneficiary of the time allowed for commencing a proceeding. |
| 1805 | (2) A report adequately discloses the existence of a potential claim for breach of trust if |
| 1806 | it provides sufficient information so that the beneficiary or representative knows of the |
| 1807 | potential claim or should have inquired into its existence. |
| 1808 | (3) If Subsection (1) does not apply, a judicial proceeding by a beneficiary against a |
| 1809 | trustee for breach of trust must be commenced within three years after the first to occur of: |
| 1810 | (a) the removal, resignation, or death of the trustee; |
| 1811 | (b) the termination of the beneficiary's interest in the trust; or |
| 1812 | (c) the termination of the trust. |
| 1813 | (4) This section does not preclude an action to recover for fraud or misrepresentation |
| 1814 | related to the report. |
| 1815 | Section 111. Section 75-7-1006 is enacted to read: |
| 1816 | <u>75-7-1006.</u> Reliance on trust instrument. |
| 1817 | A trustee who acts in reasonable reliance on the terms of the trust as expressed in the |
| 1818 | trust instrument is not liable to a beneficiary for a breach of trust to the extent the breach |
| 1819 | resulted from the reliance. |
| 1820 | Section 112. Section 75-7-1007 is enacted to read: |
| 1821 | 75-7-1007. Event affecting administration or distribution. |
| 1822 | If the happening of an event, including marriage, divorce, performance of educational |
| 1823 | requirements, or death, affects the administration or distribution of a trust, a trustee who has |
| 1824 | exercised reasonable care to ascertain the happening of the event is not liable for a loss |
| 1825 | resulting from the trustee's lack of knowledge. |

| 1826 | Section 113. Section 75-7-1008 is enacted to read: |
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| 1827 | <u>75-7-1008.</u> Exculpation of trustee. |
| 1828 | (1) A term of a trust relieving a trustee of liability for breach of trust is unenforceable |
| 1829 | to the extent that it: |
| 1830 | (a) relieves the trustee of liability for breach of trust committed in bad faith or with |
| 1831 | reckless indifference to the purposes of the trust or the interests of the beneficiaries; or |
| 1832 | (b) was inserted as the result of an abuse by the trustee of a fiduciary or confidential |
| 1833 | relationship to the settlor. |
| 1834 | (2) An exculpatory term drafted or caused to be drafted by the trustee is invalid as an |
| 1835 | abuse of a fiduciary or confidential relationship unless the trustee proves that the exculpatory |
| 1836 | term is fair under the circumstances and that its existence and contents were adequately |
| 1837 | communicated to the settlor. |
| 1838 | Section 114. Section 75-7-1009 is enacted to read: |
| 1839 | 75-7-1009. Beneficiary's consent, release, or ratification. |
| 1840 | A trustee is not liable to a beneficiary for breach of trust if the beneficiary, while having |
| 1841 | capacity, consented to the conduct constituting the breach, released the trustee from liability for |
| 1842 | the breach, or ratified the transaction constituting the breach, unless: |
| 1843 | (1) the consent, release, or ratification of the beneficiary was induced by improper |
| 1844 | conduct of the trustee; or |
| 1845 | (2) at the time of the consent, release, or ratification, the beneficiary did not know of |
| 1846 | the beneficiary's rights or of the material facts relating to the breach. |
| 1847 | Section 115. Section 75-7-1010 is enacted to read: |
| 1848 | 75-7-1010. Limitation on personal liability of trustee. |
| 1849 | (1) Except as otherwise provided in the contract, a trustee is not personally liable on a |
| 1850 | contract properly entered into in the trustee's fiduciary capacity in the course of administering |
| 1851 | the trust if the trustee in the contract disclosed the fiduciary capacity. |
| 1852 | (2) A trustee is personally liable for torts committed in the course of administering a |
| 1853 | trust, or for obligations arising from ownership or control of trust property, including liability |
| 1854 | for violation of environmental law, only if the trustee is personally at fault. |
| 1855 | (3) A claim based on a contract entered into by a trustee in the trustee's fiduciary |
| 1856 | capacity, on an obligation arising from ownership or control of trust property, or on a tort |

| 1857 | committed in the course of administering a trust, may be asserted in a judicial proceeding |
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| 1858 | against the trustee in the trustee's fiduciary capacity, whether or not the trustee is personally |
| 1859 | liable for the claim. |
| 1860 | Section 116. Section 75-7-1011 is enacted to read: |
| 1861 | 75-7-1011. Interest as general partner. |
| 1862 | (1) Except as otherwise provided in Subsection (3) or unless personal liability is |
| 1863 | imposed in the contract, a trustee who holds an interest as a general partner in a general or |
| 1864 | limited partnership is not personally liable on a contract entered into by the partnership after |
| 1865 | the trust's acquisition of the interest if the fiduciary capacity was disclosed in the contract or in |
| 1866 | a statement previously filed pursuant to Title 48, Chapter 2a, Utah Revised Uniform Limited |
| 1867 | Partnership Act. |
| 1868 | (2) Except as otherwise provided in Subsection (3), a trustee who holds an interest as a |
| 1869 | general partner is not personally liable for torts committed by the partnership or for obligations |
| 1870 | arising from ownership or control of the interest unless the trustee is personally at fault. |
| 1871 | (3) The immunity provided by this section does not apply if an interest in the |
| 1872 | partnership is held by the trustee in a capacity other than that of trustee or is held by the |
| 1873 | trustee's spouse or one or more of the trustee's descendants, siblings, or parents, or the spouse |
| 1874 | of any of them. |
| 1875 | (4) If the trustee of a revocable trust holds an interest as a general partner, the settlor is |
| 1876 | personally liable for contracts and other obligations of the partnership as if the settlor were a |
| 1877 | general partner. |
| 1878 | Section 117. Section 75-7-1012 is enacted to read: |
| 1879 | <u>75-7-1012.</u> Protection of person dealing with trustee. |
| 1880 | (1) A person other than a beneficiary who in good faith assists a trustee, or who in |
| 1881 | good faith and for value deals with a trustee, without knowledge that the trustee is exceeding or |
| 1882 | improperly exercising the trustee's powers is protected from liability as if the trustee properly |
| 1883 | exercised the power. |
| 1884 | (2) A person other than a beneficiary who in good faith deals with a trustee is not |
| 1885 | required to inquire into the extent of the trustee's powers or the propriety of their exercise. |
| 1886 | (3) A person who in good faith delivers assets to a trustee need not ensure their proper |
| 1887 | application. |

| 1888 | (4) A person other than a beneficiary who in good faith assists a former trustee, or who |
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| 1889 | in good faith and for value deals with a former trustee, without knowledge that the trusteeship |
| 1890 | has terminated is protected from liability as if the former trustee were still a trustee. |
| 1891 | (5) Comparable protective provisions of other laws relating to commercial transactions |
| 1892 | or transfer of securities by fiduciaries prevail over the protection provided by this section. |
| 1893 | Section 118. Section 75-7-1013 is enacted to read: |
| 1894 | 75-7-1013. Certification of trust. |
| 1895 | (1) Instead of furnishing a copy of the trust instrument to a person other than a |
| 1896 | beneficiary, the trustee may furnish to the person a certification of trust containing the |
| 1897 | following information: |
| 1898 | (a) that the trust exists and the date the trust instrument was executed; |
| 1899 | (b) the identity of the settlor; |
| 1900 | (c) the identity and address of the currently acting trustee; |
| 1901 | (d) the powers of the trustee in the pending transaction; |
| 1902 | (e) the revocability or irrevocability of the trust and the identity of any person holding a |
| 1903 | power to revoke the trust; |
| 1904 | (f) the authority of cotrustees to sign or otherwise authenticate and whether all or less |
| 1905 | than all are required in order to exercise powers of the trustee; and |
| 1906 | (g) the name in which title to trust property may be taken. |
| 1907 | (2) A certification of trust may be signed or otherwise authenticated by any trustee. |
| 1908 | (3) A certification of trust must state that the trust has not been revoked, modified, or |
| 1909 | amended in any manner that would cause the representations contained in the certification of |
| 1910 | trust to be incorrect. |
| 1911 | (4) A certification of trust need not contain the dispositive terms of a trust. |
| 1912 | (5) A recipient of a certification of trust may require the trustee to furnish copies of |
| 1913 | those excerpts from the original trust instrument and later amendments which designate the |
| 1914 | trustee and confer upon the trustee the power to act in the pending transaction. |
| 1915 | (6) A person who acts in reliance upon a certification of trust without knowledge that |
| 1916 | the representations contained in it are incorrect is not liable to any person for acting and may |
| 1917 | assume without inquiry the existence of the facts contained in the certification. Knowledge of |
| 1918 | the terms of the trust may not be inferred solely from the fact that a copy of all or part of the |

| 1919 | trust instrument is held by the person relying upon the certification. |
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| 1920 | (7) A person who in good faith enters into a transaction in reliance upon a certification |
| 1921 | of trust may enforce the transaction against the trust property as if the representations contained |
| 1922 | in the certification were correct. |
| 1923 | (8) A person making a demand for the trust instrument in addition to a certification of |
| 1924 | trust or excerpts is liable for costs, expenses, attorney fees, and damages if the court determines |
| 1925 | that the person did not act in good faith in demanding the trust instrument. |
| 1926 | (9) This section does not limit the right of a person to obtain a copy of the trust |
| 1927 | instrument in a judicial proceeding concerning the trust. |
| 1928 | Section 119. Section 75-7-1101 is enacted to read: |
| 1929 | Part 11. Miscellaneous Provisions |
| 1930 | 75-7-1101. Uniformity of application and construction. |
| 1931 | In applying and construing this uniform act, consideration must be given to the need to |
| 1932 | promote uniformity of the law with respect to its subject matter among states that enact it. |
| 1933 | Section 120. Section 75-7-1102 is enacted to read: |
| 1934 | 75-7-1102. Electronic records and signatures. |
| 1935 | The provisions of this chapter governing the legal effect, validity, or enforceability of |
| 1936 | electronic records or electronic signatures, and of contracts formed or performed with the use |
| 1937 | of such records or signatures, conform to the requirements of Section 102 of the Electronic |
| 1938 | Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act (15 U.S.C. Sec. 7002) and supersede, |
| 1939 | modify, and limit the requirements of the Electronic Signatures in Global and National |
| 1940 | Commerce Act. |
| 1941 | Section 121. Section 75-7-1103 is enacted to read: |
| 1942 | 75-7-1103. Application to existing relationships. |
| 1943 | (1) Except as otherwise provided, this chapter applies to: |
| 1944 | (a) all trusts created before, on, or after May 5, 2003; |
| 1945 | (b) all judicial proceedings concerning trusts commenced on or after May 5, 2003; and |
| 1946 | (c) judicial proceedings concerning trusts commenced before May 5, 2003 unless the |
| 1947 | court finds that application of a particular provision of this chapter would substantially interfere |
| 1948 | with the effective conduct of the judicial proceedings or prejudice the rights of the parties, in |
| 1949 | which case the particular provision of this chapter does not apply and the superseded section |

| 1950 | will apply. |
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| 1951 | (2) Any rule of construction or presumption provided in this chapter applies to trust |
| 1952 | instruments executed before May 5, 2003 unless there is a clear indication of a contrary intent |
| 1953 | in the terms of the trust. |
| 1954 | (3) An act done before May 5, 2003 is not affected by this chapter. |
| 1955 | (4) If a right is acquired, extinguished, or barred upon the expiration of a prescribed |
| 1956 | period that has commenced to run under any other statute before May 5, 2003, that statute |
| 1957 | continues to apply to the right even if it has been repealed or superseded. |
| 1958 | Section 122. Repealer. |
| 1959 | This act repeals: |
| 1960 | Section 75-7-205, Court Concurrent jurisdiction of litigation involving trusts |
| 1961 | and third parties. |
| 1962 | Section 75-7-206, Proceedings for review of employment of agents and review of |
| 1963 | compensation of trustee and employees of trust. |
| 1964 | Section 75-7-207, Trust proceedings Initiation by notice Necessary parties. |
| 1965 | Section 75-7-306, Personal liability of trustee to third parties. |
| 1966 | Section 75-7-307, Limitations on proceedings against trustees after final account. |
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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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State Impact

It is estimated that provisions of this bill can be implemented with existing resources.

Individual and Business Impact

Beneficiaries of trust agreements may benefit financially from provisions of this legislation, but it cannot be quantified.

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