

Testimony of Gregory W. Stype before the  
Ohio Sunset Review Committee concerning the  
State Council of Uniform State Laws  
(August 28, 2024, 1:30 p.m. Session)

Chairman Wilken, Vice-Chairman Hillyer, and Members of the Committee –

Thank you for the opportunity to come before you this afternoon to briefly address the purpose of the Ohio State Council of Uniform State Laws.

As you are probably aware, the Ohio State Council of Uniform State Laws was created and exists under Section 105.21 et seq. of the Ohio Revised Code. The Ohio Council is comprised of four “commissioners” appointed by the Governor to three year overlapping terms. The Commissioners receive no compensation for their service but are reimbursed for their actual travel and other necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties.

The purpose of the Ohio Council is to collect and digest information concerning state laws on subjects where uniformity among the states is important in our federal system. This includes, among other subjects, commercial law, corporations and partnerships, marriage and divorce, and trusts and estates.

Much of the Council’s purpose is served through the participation of the Ohio Commissioners in meetings of the non-partisan National Conference on Commissioners of Uniform State Laws established in 1892. The States, District of Columbia and U.S. territories are members of and participate in the activities of the Conference. In addition to participating in the Conference’s annual meeting, Ohio’s Commissioners participate in various study and drafting committees of the Conference. The National Conference develops uniform and model acts -- including revisions to the Uniform Commercial Code – for consideration by state legislatures. Its

drafting process is open to the public and includes input from experts, advisors and interested observers.

Attached is a list of more than 85 uniform acts that have been that have been adopted by the Ohio General Assembly.

I trust this gives you a helpful overview of the work and contributions of the Council and would be happy to address any questions.

Attachment – Uniform Laws enacted by Ohio General Assembly.

**Uniform Acts Enacted in Ohio**

*Source: 2023 Handbook of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws  
Table VII*

Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction (2007): Enacted 2013;  
Anatomical Gift (1968): Enacted 1969;  
Revised Anatomical Gift (2006): Enacted 2009;  
Arbitration\* (1956): Enacted 19\_\_;  
Attendance of Witnesses from Without a State in Criminal Proceedings, Act to Secure (1936): Enacted 1937;  
Bills of Lading (1909): Enacted 1911;  
Business Records as Evidence (1936): Enacted 1939;  
Child Custody Jurisdiction (1968): Enacted 1977;  
Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement (1997): Enacted 2005;  
Collaborative Law (2009): Enacted 2013;  
Commercial Code (1951): Enacted 1961;  
Revised UCC Article 1 (2001): Enacted 2011;  
UCC Article 2A (1987) (1990): Enacted 1992;  
Revised UCC Articles 3 and 4 (1990): Enacted 1994;  
UCC Article 4A (1989): Enacted 1991;  
Amendment to UCC Article 4A (2012): Enacted 2013;  
Revised UCC Article 5 (1995): Enacted 1997;  
Revised UCC Article 6 (Repeal) (1989): Enacted 1996;  
Revised UCC Article 7 (2003): Enacted 2011;  
Amendments to UCC Article 8 (1977): Enacted 1984;  
Revised UCC Article 8 (1994): Enacted 1997;  
Amendments to UCC Article 9 (1972): Enacted 1978;  
Revised UCC Article 9 (1999): Enacted 2001;  
Amendments to Revised UCC Article 9 (2010): Enacted 2012;  
Common Trust Fund (1938): Enacted 1943;  
Amendments to Common Trust Fund (1952): Enacted 1957, Repealed 1996;  
Composite Reports as Evidence (1936): Enacted 1939;  
Consumer Sales Practices\* (1970)(1971): Enacted 1972;  
Criminal Extradition (1936): Enacted 1937;  
Deceptive Trade Practices (1964)(1966): Enacted 1969;  
Declaratory Judgments (1922): Enacted 1933;  
Determination of Death (1980): Enacted 1982;  
Division of Income for Tax Purposes\* (1957): Enacted 19\_\_;  
Duties to Disabled Persons (1972): Enacted 1976;  
Electronic Legal Material (2011): Enacted 2018;  
Electronic Transactions (1999): Enacted 2000;  
Enforcement of Foreign Judgments (1964): Enacted 1983;  
Environmental Covenants (2003): Enacted 2005;  
Evidence, Rules of (1974): Enacted 1980;  
  
Fiduciaries (1922): Enacted 1943;  
Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets (2015): Enacted 2017;

Foreign Depositions (1920): Enacted 1949;  
 Foreign Money Claims (1989): Enacted 1994;  
 Foreign Money Judgments Recognition (1962): Enacted 1985;  
 Fraudulent Conveyance (1918): Enacted 1961;  
 Gifts to Minors (1956): Enacted 1961;  
 Insurers Liquidation (1939): Enacted 1939;  
 Interstate Depositions and Discovery (2007): Enacted 2016;  
 Interstate Family Support (1992) (1996): Enacted 1998;  
 Amendments to Interstate Family Support (2008): Enacted 2015;  
 Judicial Notice of Foreign Law (1936): Enacted 1939;  
 Limited Partnership (1916): Enacted 1957;  
 Revised Limited Partnership (1976)(1985): Enacted 1994;  
 Machine Gun (1932): Enacted 19\_\_;  
 Management of Institutional Funds (1972): Enacted 1975;  
 Mediation (2001): Enacted 2005;  
 Military Justice, Code of (1961): Enacted 1961;  
 Narcotic Drug (1932): Enacted 1935;  
 Negotiable Instruments Law (1896): Enacted 1902;  
 Official Reports as Evidence (1936): Enacted 1939;  
 Parentage (1973): Enacted 1983;  
 Partnership (1914): Enacted 1949;  
 Revised Partnership (1994) (1996): Enacted 2008;  
 Power of Attorney (2006): Enacted 2012;  
 Principal and Income (1997): Enacted 2003;  
 Amendments to Principal and Income (2008): Enacted 2017;  
 Proof of Statutes (1920): Enacted 1853 previous to adoption by Conference;  
 Prudent Investor (1994): Enacted 1999;  
 Prudent Management of Institutional Funds (2006): Enacted 2009;  
 Reciprocal Enforcement of Support (1950): Enacted 1951;  
 Amendments to Reciprocal Enforcement of Support (1952): Enacted 1955;  
 Revised Reciprocal Enforcement of Support (1968): Enacted 1972;  
 Rights of the Terminally Ill (1985): Enacted 1992;  
 Sales (1906): Enacted 1908;  
 Amendments to Sales (1922): Enacted 1925;  
 Simultaneous Death (1991)(1993): Enacted 2002;  
 Statutory Form Power of Attorney (1988): Enacted 2006;  
 Stock Transfer (1909): Enacted 1911;  
 TOD Security Registration (1989): Enacted 1993;  
 Testamentary Additions to Trusts\* (1960): Enacted 1961;  
 Revised Testamentary Additions to Trusts (1991): Enacted 1993;  
 Trade Secrets (1979)(1985): Enacted 1994;  
  
 Traffic on Highways, Act Regulating\* (1926): Enacted 1941;  
 Transfers to Minors (1983): Enacted 1986;  
 Trust Code (2000) (2001) (2003)(2004)(2005): Enacted 2006;  
 Veterans' Guardianship (1928): Enacted 1929;  
 Voidable Transactions (1984): Enacted 1990;

Warehouse Receipts (1906): Enacted 1908; and  
Amendments to Warehouse Receipts (1922): Enacted 1925.