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1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Trusts and Trustees Act is amended by 5 changing Sections 5.3 and 16.1 as follows:

6 (760 ILCS 5/5.3)

7 Sec. 5.3. Total return trusts.

8 (a) Conversion by trustee. A trustee may convert a trust to 9 a total return trust as described in this Section if all of the 10 following apply:

(1) The trust describes the amount that may or must be distributed to a beneficiary by referring to the trust's income, and the trustee determines that conversion to a total return trust will enable the trustee to better carry out the purposes of the trust and the conversion is in the best interests of the beneficiaries;

(2) conversion to a total return trust means the trustee will invest and manage trust assets seeking a total return without regard to whether that return is from income or appreciation of principal, and will make distributions in accordance with this Section (such a trust is called a "total return trust" in this Section);

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(3) the trustee sends a written notice of the trustee's

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decision to convert the trust to a total return trust, specifying a prospective effective date for the conversion and including a copy of this Section, to the following beneficiaries, determined as of the date the notice is sent and assuming nonexercise of all powers of appointment:

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(A) all of the legally competent beneficiaries who are currently receiving or eligible to receive income from the trust; and

9 (B) all of the legally competent beneficiaries who 10 would receive or be eligible to receive a distribution 11 of principal or income if the current interests of 12 beneficiaries currently receiving or eligible to 13 receive income ended;

14 (4) there are one or more legally competent income 15 beneficiaries under subdivision (3)(A) of this subsection 16 and one or more legally competent remainder (a) 17 beneficiaries under subdivision (3) (B) of this subsection (a), determined as of the date of sending the notice; 18

19 (5) no beneficiary objects to the conversion to a total 20 return trust in a writing delivered to the trustee within 21 60 days after the notice is sent; and

(6) the trustee has signed acknowledgments of receipt confirming that notice was received by each beneficiary required to be sent notice under subdivision (3) of this subsection (a).

26 (b) Conversion by agreement. Conversion to a total return

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trust may be made by agreement between a trustee and (i) all 1 2 primary beneficiaries, either individually or by their 3 respective representatives in accordance with subsection 16.1(a)(2) of this Act, or (ii) all beneficiaries currently 4 5 eligible to receive income or principal from the trust and all beneficiaries who are presumptive remaindermen, either 6 individually or by their respective representatives in 7 8 accordance with subsection 16.1(a) (3) of this Act all the primary beneficiaries of the trust under the virtual 9 10 representation provisions of Section 16.1 of this Act if those 11 provisions otherwise apply. The agreement may include any 12 actions a court could properly order under subsection (g) of this Section; however, any distribution percentage determined 13 14 by the agreement may not be less than 3% nor greater than 5%.

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(c) Conversion or reconversion by court.

16 (1) The trustee may for any reason elect to petition 17 the court to order conversion to a total return trust, 18 including without limitation the reason that conversion 19 under subsection (a) is unavailable because:

20 (A) a beneficiary timely objects to the conversion
21 to a total return trust;

(B) there are no legally competent beneficiariesdescribed in subdivision (3) (A) of subsection (a); or

(C) there are no legally competent beneficiaries
described in subdivision (3) (B) of subsection (a).
(2) A beneficiary may request the trustee to convert to

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a total return trust or adjust the distribution percentage.
 If the trustee declines or fails to act within 6 months
 after receiving a written request to do so, the beneficiary
 may petition the court to order the conversion or
 adjustment.

6 (3) The trustee may petition the court prospectively to 7 reconvert from a total return trust or adjust the 8 distribution percentage if the trustee determines that the 9 reconversion or adjustment will enable the trustee to better carry out the purposes of the trust. A beneficiary 10 11 may request the trustee to petition the court prospectively 12 to reconvert from a total return trust or adjust the distribution percentage. If the trustee declines or fails 13 14 to act within 6 months after receiving a written request to 15 do so, the beneficiary may petition the court to order the 16 reconversion or adjustment.

17 (4) In a judicial proceeding under this subsection (c), 18 the trustee may, but need not, present the trustee's 19 opinions and reasons (A) for supporting or opposing 20 conversion to (or reconversion from or adjustment of the 21 distribution percentage of) а total return trust, 22 including whether the trustee believes conversion (or 23 reconversion or adjustment of the distribution percentage) 24 would enable the trustee to better carry out the purposes 25 of the trust, and (B) about any other matters relevant to 26 the proposed conversion (or reconversion or adjustment of

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1 the distribution percentage). A trustee's actions in 2 accordance with this subsection (c) shall not be deemed 3 improper or inconsistent with the trustee's duty of 4 impartiality unless the court finds from all the evidence 5 that the trustee acted in bad faith.

shall order conversion 6 (5) The court to (or 7 reconversion prospectively from or adjustment of the 8 distribution percentage of) a total return trust if the 9 court determines that the conversion (or reconversion or 10 adjustment of the distribution percentage) will enable the 11 trustee to better carry out the purposes of the trust and 12 the conversion (or reconversion or adjustment of the 13 distribution percentage) is in the best interests of the beneficiaries. 14

15 (6) Notwithstanding any other provision of this 16 Section, a trustee has no duty to inform beneficiaries 17 about the availability of this Section and has no duty to 18 review the trust to determine whether any action should be 19 taken under this Section unless requested to do so in 20 writing by a beneficiary described in subdivision (3) of 21 subsection (a).

(d) Post conversion. While a trust is a total return trust,all of the following shall apply to the trust:

(1) the trustee shall make income distributions in
 accordance with the governing instrument subject to the
 provisions of this Section;

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1 (2) the term "income" in the governing instrument means 2 an annual amount (the "distribution amount") equal to a 3 percentage (the "distribution percentage") of the net fair 4 market value of the trust's assets, whether the assets are 5 considered income or principal under the Principal and 6 Income Act, averaged over the lesser of:

(i) the 3 preceding years; or

8 (ii) the period during which the trust has been in 9 existence;

10 (3) the distribution percentage for any trust 11 converted to a total return trust by a trustee in 12 accordance with subsection (a) shall be 4%;

13 (4) the trustee shall pay to a beneficiary (in the case 14 of an underpayment) and shall recover from a beneficiary 15 (in the case of an overpayment) an amount equal to the 16 difference between the amount properly payable and the amount actually paid, plus interest compounded annually at 17 a rate per annum equal to the distribution percentage in 18 19 the year or years while the underpayment or overpayment 20 exists; and

(5) a change in the method of determining a reasonable 21 22 current return by converting to a total return trust in 23 with this Section accordance and substituting the 24 distribution amount for net trust accounting income is a 25 definition of proper change in the trust income 26 notwithstanding any contrary provision of the Principal

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and Income Act, and the distribution amount shall be deemed a reasonable current return that fairly apportions the total return of a total return trust.

4 (e) Administration. The trustee, in the trustee's 5 discretion, may determine any of the following matters in 6 administering a total return trust as the trustee from time to 7 time determines necessary or helpful for the proper functioning 8 of the trust:

9 (1) the effective date of a conversion to a total 10 return trust;

11 (2) the manner of prorating the distribution amount for 12 a short year in which a beneficiary's interest commences or 13 ceases;

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(3) whether distributions are made in cash or in kind;

15 (4) the manner of adjusting valuations and
16 calculations of the distribution amount to account for
17 other payments from or contributions to the trust;

18 (5) whether to value the trust's assets annually or 19 more frequently;

20 (6) what valuation dates and how many valuation dates21 to use;

(7) valuation decisions about any asset for which thereis no readily available market value, including:

(A) how frequently to value such an asset;
(B) whether and how often to engage a professional
appraiser to value such an asset; and

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(C) whether to exclude the value of such an asset 1 from the net fair market value of the trust's assets 2 3 under subdivision (d)(2) for purposes of determining the distribution amount. Any such asset so excluded is 4 5 referred to as an "excluded asset" in this subsection (e), and the trustee shall distribute any net income 6 7 received from the excluded asset as provided for in the governing instrument, subject to the following 8 9 principles:

10 (i) unless the trustee determines there are 11 compelling reasons to the contrary considering all 12 relevant factors including the best interests of 13 the beneficiaries, the trustee shall treat each 14 asset for which there is no readily available 15 market value as an excluded asset;

16 (ii) if tangible personal property or real 17 property is possessed or occupied by а beneficiary, the trustee shall not limit 18 or 19 restrict any right of the beneficiary to use the 20 property in accordance with the governing instrument whether or not the trustee treats the 21 22 property as an excluded asset;

(iii) examples of assets for which there is a
readily available market value include: cash and
cash equivalents; stocks, bonds, and other
securities and instruments for which there is an

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established market on a stock exchange, in an over-the-counter market, or otherwise; and any other property that can reasonably be expected to be sold within one week of the decision to sell without extraordinary efforts by the seller;

6 (iv) examples of assets for which there is no 7 readily available market value include: stocks, 8 bonds, and other securities and instruments for 9 which there is no established market on a stock 10 exchange, in an over-the-counter market, or 11 otherwise; real property; tangible personal 12 property; and artwork and other collectibles; and

(8) any other administrative matters as the trustee
determines necessary or helpful for the proper functioning
of the total return trust.

16 (f) Allocations.

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17 (1) Expenses, taxes, and other charges that would be
18 deducted from income if the trust were not a total return
19 trust shall not be deducted from the distribution amount.

20 (2)Unless otherwise provided by the governing instrument, the trustee shall fund the distribution amount 21 22 each year from the following sources for that year in the 23 order listed: first from net income (as the term would be 24 determined if the trust were not a total return trust), 25 then from other ordinary income as determined for federal 26 income tax purposes, then from net realized short-term SB0188 Enrolled - 10 - LRB096 04547 AJO 14602 b

determined for federal income 1 capital gains as tax 2 purposes, then from net realized long-term capital gains as 3 determined for federal income tax purposes, then from trust principal comprised of assets for which there is a readily 4 5 available market value, and then from other trust 6 principal.

7 (g) Court orders. The court may order any of the following 8 actions in a proceeding brought by a trustee or a beneficiary 9 in accordance with subdivision (c) (1), (c) (2), or (c) (3):

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(1) select a distribution percentage other than 4%;

(2) average the valuation of the trust's net assets
over a period other than 3 years;

13 (3) reconvert prospectively from or adjust the14 distribution percentage of a total return trust;

15 (4) direct the distribution of net income (determined 16 as if the trust were not a total return trust) in excess of 17 the distribution amount as to any or all trust assets if 18 the distribution is necessary to preserve a tax benefit; or

(5) change or direct any administrative procedure as
the court determines necessary or helpful for the proper
functioning of the total return trust.

Nothing in this subsection (g) limits the equitable powersof the court to grant other relief.

(h) Restrictions. Conversion to a total return trust doesnot affect any provision in the governing instrument:

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(1) directing or authorizing the trustee to distribute

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1 principal;

2 (2) directing or authorizing the trustee to distribute
3 a fixed annuity or a fixed fraction of the value of trust
4 assets;

5 (3) authorizing a beneficiary to withdraw a portion or6 all of the principal; or

7 (4) in any manner that would diminish an amount 8 permanently set aside for charitable purposes under the 9 governing instrument unless both income and principal are 10 so set aside.

11 (i) Tax limitations. If a particular trustee is а 12 beneficiary of the trust and conversion or failure to convert would enhance or diminish the beneficial interest of the 13 14 trustee, or if possession or exercise of the conversion power 15 by a particular trustee would alone cause any individual to be 16 treated as owner of a part of the trust for income tax purposes 17 or cause a part of the trust to be included in the gross estate of any individual for estate tax purposes, then that particular 18 19 trustee may not participate as a trustee in the exercise of the 20 conversion power; however:

(1) the trustee may petition the court under
subdivision (c) (1) to order conversion in accordance with
this Section; and

(2) if the trustee has one or more co-trustees to whom
this subsection (i) does not apply, the co-trustee or
co-trustees may convert the trust to a total return trust

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in accordance with this Section.

(j) Releases. A trustee may irrevocably release the power granted by this Section if the trustee reasonably believes the release is in the best interests of the trust and its beneficiaries. The release may be personal to the releasing trustee or may apply generally to some or all subsequent trustees, and the release may be for any specified period, including a period measured by the life of an individual.

9 (k) Remedies. A trustee who reasonably and in good faith 10 takes or omits to take any action under this Section is not 11 liable to any person interested in the trust. If a trustee 12 reasonably and in good faith takes or omits to take any action under this Section and a person interested in the trust opposes 13 14 the act or omission, the person's exclusive remedy is to obtain 15 an order of the court directing the trustee to convert the 16 trust to a total return trust, to reconvert from a total return 17 trust, to change the distribution percentage, or to order any administrative procedures the court determines necessary or 18 19 helpful for the proper functioning of the trust. An act or 20 omission by a trustee under this Section is presumed taken or 21 omitted reasonably and in good faith unless it is determined by 22 the court to have been an abuse of discretion. Any claim by any 23 person interested in the trust that an act or omission by a trustee under this Section was an abuse of discretion is barred 24 25 if not asserted in a proceeding commenced by or on behalf of the person within 2 years after the trustee has sent to the 26

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person or the person's personal representative a notice or 1 2 report in writing sufficiently disclosing facts fundamental to 3 the claim such that the person knew or reasonably should have known of the claim. The preceding sentence shall not apply to a 4 5 person who was under a legal disability at the time the notice 6 or report was sent and who then had no personal representative. 7 For purposes of this subsection (k), a personal representative 8 refers to a court appointed guardian or conservator of the 9 estate of a person.

10 (1) Application. This Section is available to trusts in 11 existence on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 12 92nd General Assembly or created after that date. This Section 13 shall be construed as pertaining to the administration of a 14 trust and shall be available to any trust that is administered 15 in Illinois under Illinois law or that is governed by Illinois 16 law with respect to the meaning and effect of its terms unless:

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(1) the trust is a trust described in Internal RevenueCode Section 642(c)(5), 664(d), 2702(a)(3), or 2702(b); or

19 (2) the governing instrument expressly prohibits use 20 of this Section by specific reference to this Section. A 21 provision in the governing instrument in the form: "Neither 22 the provisions of Section 5.3 of the Trusts and Trustees 23 Act nor any corresponding provision of future law may be used in the administration of this trust" or a similar 24 25 provision demonstrating that intent is sufficient to 26 preclude the use of this Section.

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(m) Application to express trusts.

(1) This subsection (m) does not apply to a charitable remainder unitrust as defined by Section 664(d), Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. Section 664), as amended.

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(2) In this subsection (m):

6 (A) "Unitrust" means a trust the terms of which 7 require distribution of a unitrust amount, without 8 regard to whether the trust has been converted to a 9 total return trust in accordance with this Section or 10 whether the trust is established by express terms of 11 the governing instrument.

12 (B) "Unitrust amount" means an amount equal to a 13 percentage of a trust's assets that may or must be 14 distributed to one or more beneficiaries annually in 15 accordance with the terms of the trust. The unitrust 16 amount may be determined by reference to the net fair 17 market value of the trust's assets as of a particular date or as an average determined on a multiple year 18 19 basis.

20 (3) A unitrust changes the definition of income by substituting the unitrust amount for net trust accounting 21 22 income as the method of determining current return and 23 effect notwithstanding any contrary shall be given 24 provision of the Principal and Income Act. By way of 25 example and not limitation, a unitrust amount determined by 26 a percentage of not less than 3% nor greater than 5% is SB0188 Enrolled - 15 - LRB096 04547 AJO 14602 b

conclusively presumed a reasonable current return that
 fairly apportions the total return of a unitrust.

3 (4) The allocations provision of subdivision (2) of 4 subsection (f) of Section 5.3 applies to a unitrust except 5 to the extent its governing instrument expressly provides 6 otherwise.

7 (Source: P.A. 92-838, eff. 8-22-02; 93-991, eff. 8-23-04.)

8 (760 ILCS 5/16.1)

9 Sec. 16.1. Virtual representation.

10 (a) Representation by person having substantially
 11 identical interest; contingent remainder beneficiaries.

(1) To the extent there is no conflict of interest 12 13 between the representative and the person represented, a minor, disabled, or unborn person, or a person whose 14 15 identity or location is unknown and not reasonably 16 ascertainable, may be represented by and bound by another individual having a substantially identical interest with 17 18 respect to the particular question or dispute; provided, however, that such person is not otherwise represented by a 19 court appointed guardian as provided in the next sentence. 20 21 If a person is represented by a court appointed quardian of 22 the estate or, if none, by a court appointed quardian of 23 the person, the actions of such guardian shall represent 24 and bind that person for purposes of this subsection 25 (a)(1).

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1	(2) If all primary beneficiaries of a trust either are
2	adults and not disabled, or have representatives in
3	accordance with subsection (a)(1) who are adults and not
4	disabled, the actions of such primary beneficiaries, or
5	their respective representatives, shall represent and bind
6	all other persons who have a successor, contingent, future,
7	or other interest in the trust and who would become primary
8	beneficiaries only by reason of surviving a primary
9	beneficiary.
10	For purposes of this Section, "primary beneficiary"
11	means a beneficiary who is either: (i) currently eligible
12	to receive income or principal from the trust or (ii)
13	assuming nonexercise of all powers of appointment, will be
14	eligible to receive a distribution of principal from the
15	trust if the beneficiary survives to the final date of
16	distribution with respect to the beneficiary's share.
17	(3) If all presumptive remainder beneficiaries either
18	are adults and not disabled, or have representatives in
19	accordance with subsection (a)(1) who are adults and not
20	disabled, the actions of such presumptive remainder
21	beneficiaries, or their respective representatives, shall
22	represent and bind all other beneficiaries who have a
23	successor, contingent, or other future interest in the
24	trust. For purposes of this Section, "presumptive
25	remainder beneficiaries" means, as of the date of
26	determination and assuming nonexercise of all powers of

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1appointment, all beneficiaries who either (A) would be2eligible to receive a distribution of income or principal3if the trust terminated on that date, or (B) would be4eligible to receive a distribution of income or principal5if the interests of all beneficiaries currently eligible to6receive income or principal from the trust ended without7causing the trust to terminate.

8 <u>(4) The consent of a person who may represent and bind</u> 9 <u>another person in accordance with this Section is binding</u> 10 <u>on the person represented, and notice to a person who may</u> 11 <u>represent and bind another person in accordance with this</u> 12 <u>Section has the same effect as if notice were given</u> 13 <u>directly to the other person.</u>

14 (b) Total return trusts. This Section shall apply to enable 15 conversion to a total return trust by agreement in accordance with subsection 5.3(b) of the total return trust provisions of 16 Section 5.3 of this Act, whether such agreement is made between 17 the trustee and (A) all primary beneficiaries, either 18 19 individually or by their respective representatives in 20 accordance with subsection (a)(1), or (B) all beneficiaries currently eligible to receive income or principal from the 21 22 trust and all beneficiaries who are presumptive remaindermen of 23 the trust, in each case either individually or by their 24 respective representatives in accordance with subsection 25 (a)(1).

26 (c) Representation of charity. If a trust provides a

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1 beneficial interest or expectancy for one or more charities or 2 charitable purposes that are not specifically named or 3 otherwise represented (the "charitable interest"), the Illinois Attorney General may, in accordance with this Section, 4 5 represent, bind, and act on behalf of the charitable interest 6 with respect to any particular question or dispute, including 7 without limitation representing the charitable interest in a 8 nonjudicial settlement agreement or in an agreement to convert a trust to a total return trust in accordance with subsection 9 10 5.3(b) of the total return trust provisions of Section 5.3 of 11 this Act. This subsection (c) shall be construed as being 12 declarative of existing law and not as a new enactment. Notwithstanding any other provision, nothing in this Section 13 14 shall be construed to limit or affect the Illinois Attorney 15 General's authority to file an action or take other steps as he or she deems advisable at any time to enforce or protect the 16 general public interest as to a trust that provides a 17 18 beneficial interest or expectancy for one or more charities or 19 charitable purposes whether or not a specific charity is named 20 in the trust. 21 (d) Nonjudicial settlement agreements.

(1) For purposes of this Section, "interested persons" means the trustee and all other persons and parties in interest whose consent or joinder would be required in order to achieve a binding settlement were the settlement to be approved by the court. SB0188 Enrolled - 19 - LRB096 04547 AJO 14602 b

1	(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d)(3),
2	interested persons, or their respective representatives
3	determined after giving effect to the preceding provisions
4	of this Section, may enter into a binding nonjudicial
5	settlement agreement with respect to any matter involving a
6	trust.
7	(3) A nonjudicial settlement agreement is valid only to
8	the extent its terms and conditions could be properly
9	approved under applicable law by a court of competent
10	jurisdiction.
11	(4) Matters that may be resolved by a nonjudicial
12	settlement agreement include but are not limited to:
13	(A) interpretation or construction of the terms of
14	the trust;
15	(B) approval of a trustee's report or accounting;
16	(C) exercise or nonexercise of any power by a
17	trustee;
18	(D) the grant to a trustee of any necessary or
19	desirable administrative power;
20	(E) questions relating to property or an interest
21	in property held by the trust;
22	(F) resignation or appointment of a trustee;
23	(G) determination of a trustee's compensation;
24	(H) transfer of a trust's principal place of
25	administration;
26	(I) liability or indemnification of a trustee for

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an action relating to the trust; 1 (J) resolution of disputes or issues related to 2 3 administration, investment, distribution or other 4 matters; 5 (K) modification of terms of the trust pertaining 6 to administration of the trust; and 7 (L) termination of the trust, provided that court approval of such termination must be obtained in 8 accordance with subsection (d) (5), and the court must 9 10 conclude continuance of the trust is not necessary to 11 achieve any material purpose of the trust; upon such 12 termination the court may order the trust property distributed as agreed by the parties to the agreement 13 14 or otherwise as the court determines equitable 15 consistent with the purposes of the trust. 16 (5) Any interested person may request the court to approve any part or all of a nonjudicial settlement 17 18 agreement, including whether any representation is 19 adequate and without conflict of interest, provided that the petition for such approval must be filed before or 20 within 60 days after the effective date of the agreement. 21 22 (6) An agreement entered into in accordance with this 23 Section shall be final and binding on the trustee and all 24 beneficiaries of the trust, both current and future, as if 25 ordered by a court with competent jurisdiction over all 26 parties in interest.

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1	(7) In the trustee's sole discretion, the trustee may,
2	but is not required to, obtain and rely upon opinion of
3	counsel on any matter relevant to this Section, including
4	that any agreement proposed to be made in accordance with
5	this Section could be properly approved by the court under
6	applicable law, or that there is no conflict of interest
7	between a representative and the person represented or
8	among those being represented with respect to a particular
9	question or dispute.
10	(e) Application. On and after its effective date, this

Section applies to all existing and future trusts, judicial proceedings, or agreements entered into in accordance with this Section on or after the effective date.

(a) If all primary beneficiaries of a trust are adults and 14 15 not incapacitated, except as provided in subsection (c), any 16 written agreement; including, without limitation, an agreement 17 construing any provision of the trust or an agreement regarding any duty, power, responsibility, or action of the trustee, 18 between a trustee and all of the primary beneficiaries of a 19 trust shall be final and binding on the trustee and all 20 beneficiaries of the trust, both current and future, as if 21 22 ordered by a court with competent jurisdiction over all parties in interest, if all other persons who have a contingent, 23 future, or other interest in the trust would become primary 24 beneficiaries only by reason of surviving a primary 25 26 beneficiary.

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1	(b) For purposes of this Section, "primary beneficiary"
2	means a beneficiary who is either: (1) currently entitled or
3	eligible to receive any portion of the trust income or
4	principal, or (2) assuming nonexercise of all powers of
5	appointment, will receive, or be entitled to withdraw, all or a
6	portion of the principal of the trust, if the beneficiary
7	survives to the final date of distribution with respect to the
8	beneficiary's share.
9	(c) This Section shall not apply to an agreement that
10	accelerates the termination of a trust, in whole or in part.
11	(d) In the trustee's sole discretion, the trustee may
12	obtain opinion of counsel that any agreement proposed to be
13	made under this Section is not clearly contrary to the express
14	terms of the trust instrument. The trustee may, but is not
15	required to, enter into an agreement under this Section. On and
16	after its effective date, this Section applies to all existing
17	and future trusts, but only as to agreements entered into on or
18	after the effective date.
19	(Source: P.A. 88-367.)