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AT A GLANCE

- Twelve Commissioners, as members of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (ULC), volunteer their services to draft uniform acts for adoption by the states and promote their adoption in Minnesota.
- Minnesota introduced and considered six acts the past two years and has over 94 are currently in statute.
- Commissioners worked with legislators and stakeholders to secure adoption of uniform acts.

PURPOSE

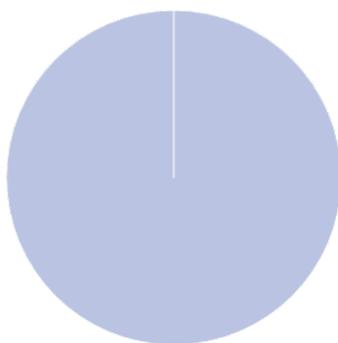
Twelve unpaid Minnesota Uniform Law Commissioners work with Commissioners from other states, the District of Columbia, U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico to prepare uniform acts that address complex and technical issues of commercial and other private law for introduction in their legislatures. Uniform acts establish the legal framework for economic growth, trade, and business development, criminal justice, and support the rule of law and federalism.

- Uniform acts enable states to carry out their responsibilities by providing rules and procedures that are consistent from state to state but that also reflect the diverse experience of the states, preserving the role of state law in our federal system.
- The ULC keeps state law up-to-date by addressing important and timely legal issues.
- Uniform acts promote efficiency by reducing the need for individuals and businesses to deal with different laws as they move and do business in different states.
- The ULC’s work facilitates economic development and provides a legal platform for U.S. citizens and businesses when dealing with foreign citizens and entities.

BUDGET

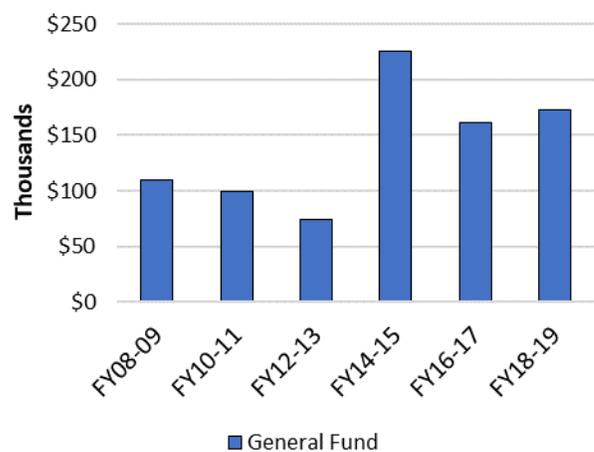
**Spending by Category
FY 2019 Actual**

Operating Expenses
100%



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)

Historical Spending



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

The total FY 2019 budget of \$93,000 was provided by a general fund appropriation. Funding is used to pay dues to the National Commission and expenses incurred by Minnesota Commissioners attending the annual conference.

STRATEGIES

Minnesota Uniform Law Commissioners donate hundreds of hours of their time and legal and drafting expertise every year as a public service, and receive no salary or compensation for their work.

ULC’s deliberative and uniquely open drafting process draws on the expertise of commissioners, but also utilizes input from legal experts, and advisors and observers representing the views of other legal organizations or interests that will be subject to the proposed laws.

Drafting committees prepare acts for debate and approval at annual meetings. Each drafting committee meets two to three weekends per year, usually for two and one-half days. Drafting an act typically takes three years. Before an act is approved and promulgated, it is read line-by-line, scrutinized and debated by the entire Uniform Law Conference at two annual meetings.

Minnesota commissioners fulfill their statutory responsibilities by participating in the development, drafting, approval and promulgation of uniform acts. Commissioners do this by (1) serving on drafting committees that prepare acts, (2) participating in the mandatory annual meeting at which proposed acts are debated, amended and approved, (3) promoting adoption by the legislature, and (4) securing support from people and organizations interested in an act such as the Minnesota State Bar Association. Minnesota commissioners have been chosen leaders of the ULC serving as presidents, chairs of the Executive, Scope and Program, and Legislative committees, chairs of drafting committees and continue to serve on study and drafting committees. Commissioners develop a legislative agenda for each legislative session.

RESULTS

<i>Type of Measure</i>	<i>Name of Measure</i>	<i>Previous</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Result	Acts adopted by the legislature 1892-2018. Over 155 uniform acts have been adopted since 1892. Over 94 are currently in effect.	N/A	155	Before 2019
Result	Minnesota Commissioners secured introduction of the following Uniform Acts in 2019-2020 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Uniform Collateral Consequences of Conviction Act. 2. Uniform Recognition of Substitute Decision Making Act. 3. Uniform Recognition of Canadian Money Judgments Act. 4. Uniform Criminal Records Accuracy Act. 5. Uniform Correction or Clarification of Defamation Act. 6. Uniform Recognition and Enforcement of Canadian Domestic-Violence Protection Orders Act. 	2	6	2019-2020

M.S. 3.251-.253 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=3.251>) provides the legal authority for the Uniform Laws Commission.

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY18	Actual FY19	Actual FY20	Estimate FY21	Forecast Base	
					FY22	FY23

Expenditures by Fund

1000 - General	91	82	98	98	98	98
Total	91	82	98	98	98	98
Biennial Change				23		0
Biennial % Change				13		0

Expenditures by Program

Uniform Laws Cmsn	91	82	98	98	98	98
Total	91	82	98	98	98	98

Expenditures by Category

Operating Expenses	91	82	98	98	98	98
Total	91	82	98	98	98	98

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Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY18	Actual FY19	Actual FY20	Estimate FY21	Forecast Base FY22 FY23	
1000 - General						
Balance Forward In		2				
Direct Appropriation	93	93	98	98	98	98
Cancellations		13				
Balance Forward Out	2		0			
Expenditures	91	82	98	98	98	98
Biennial Change in Expenditures				23	0	
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				13	0	

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY21	FY22	FY23	Biennium 2022-23
Direct				
Fund: 1000 - General				
FY2021 Appropriations	98	98	98	196
Forecast Base	98	98	98	196