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2 An act relating to estates; amending s. 717.101, F.S.; 3 providing a definition; amending s. 717.112, F.S.; 4 providing an exception to property held by agents and 5 fiduciaries; creating s. 717.1125, F.S.; providing 6 that property held by fiduciaries under trust 7 instruments is presumed unclaimed under certain 8 circumstances; amending s. 731.110, F.S.; specifying 9 that a certain subsection does not require a caveator to be served with formal notice of its own petition 10 11 for administration; amending s. 732.703, F.S.; 12 revising language regarding instruments governed by 13 the laws of a different state; creating s. 732.806, F.S.; providing provisions relating to gifts to 14 15 lawyers and other disqualified persons; amending s. 732.901, F.S.; requiring the custodian of a will to 16 17 supply the testator's date of death or the last four 18 digits of the testator's social security number upon 19 deposit; providing that an original will submitted with a pleading is considered to be deposited with the 20 clerk; requiring the clerk to retain and preserve the 21 22 original will in its original form for a certain 23 period of time; amending s. 736.0103, F.S.; providing 24 definitions; amending s. 736.0202, F.S.; providing for 25 in rem jurisdiction and personal jurisdiction over a trustee, beneficiary, or other person; deleting a 26 27 provision referring to other methods of obtaining jurisdiction; creating s. 736.02025, F.S.; providing 28

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29 provisions for methods of service of process in 30 actions involving trusts and trust beneficiaries; 31 repealing s. 736.0205, F.S., relating to trust 32 proceedings and the dismissal of matters relating to 33 foreign trusts; repealing s. 736.0807(4), F.S., 34 relating to delegation of powers by a trustee; amending s. 736.0813, F.S.; clarifying the duties of a 35 36 trustee to provide a trust accounting; amending ss. 37 607.0802, 731.201, 733.212, 736.0802, 736.08125, and 738.104, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing 38 an effective date. 39 40 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 41 42 43 Section 1. Present subsections (22) and (23) of section 44 717.101, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (23) and (24), respectively, and a new subsection (22) is added to 45 that section, to read: 46 47 717.101 Definitions.-As used in this chapter, unless the 48 context otherwise requires: 49 "Trust instrument" means a trust instrument as (22)50 defined in s. 736.0103. Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 717.112, Florida 51 52 Statutes, is amended to read: 53 717.112 Property held by agents and fiduciaries.-54 (1)Except as provided in ss. 717.1125 and 733.816, all 55 intangible property and any income or increment thereon held in 56 a fiduciary capacity for the benefit of another person is

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HB 583 2013 57 presumed unclaimed unless the owner has within 5 years after it 58 has become payable or distributable increased or decreased the 59 principal, accepted payment of principal or income, communicated concerning the property, or otherwise indicated an interest as 60 61 evidenced by a memorandum or other record on file with the 62 fiduciary. 63 Section 3. Section 717.1125, Florida Statutes, is created 64 to read: 717.1125 Property held by fiduciaries under trust 65 66 instruments.-All tangible and intangible property and any income 67 or increment thereon held in a fiduciary capacity for the 68 benefit of another person under a trust instrument is presumed 69 unclaimed unless the owner has, within 2 years after it has become payable or distributable, increased or decreased the 70 71 principal, accepted payment of principal or income, communicated 72 concerning the property, or otherwise indicated an interest as 73 evidenced by a memorandum or other record on file with the 74 fiduciary. 75 Section 4. Subsection (3) of section 731.110, Florida 76 Statutes, is amended to read: 77 731.110 Caveat; proceedings.-78 If a caveat has been filed by an interested person (3)

other than a creditor, the court may not admit a will of the decedent to probate or appoint a personal representative until formal notice of the petition for administration has been served on the caveator or the caveator's designated agent and the caveator has had the opportunity to participate in proceedings on the petition, as provided by the Florida Probate Rules. <u>This</u>

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subsection does not require a caveator to be served with formal

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decedent;

86 notice of its own petition for administration. 87 Section 5. Subsection (4) of section 732.703, Florida 88 Statutes, is amended to read: 89 732.703 Effect of divorce, dissolution, or invalidity of 90 marriage on disposition of certain assets at death.-Subsection (2) does not apply: 91 (4) To the extent that controlling federal law provides 92 (a) 93 otherwise; If the governing instrument is signed by the decedent, 94 (b) 95 or on behalf of the decedent, after the order of dissolution or 96 order declaring the marriage invalid and such governing 97 instrument expressly provides that benefits will be payable to 98 the decedent's former spouse; 99 (C) To the extent a will or trust governs the disposition of the assets and s. 732.507(2) or s. 736.1105 736.1005 applies; 100 101 If the order of dissolution or order declaring the (d) marriage invalid requires that the decedent acquire or maintain 102 the asset for the benefit of a former spouse or children of the 103 104 marriage, payable upon the death of the decedent either outright 105 or in trust, only if other assets of the decedent fulfilling 106 such a requirement for the benefit of the former spouse or 107 children of the marriage do not exist upon the death of the

(e) If, under the terms of the order of dissolution or order declaring the marriage invalid, the decedent could not have unilaterally terminated or modified the ownership of the asset, or its disposition upon the death of the decedent;

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113 (f) If the designation of the decedent's former spouse as 114 a beneficiary is irrevocable under applicable law; 115 If the governing instrument directing the disposition (q) 116 of the asset at death is governed by the laws of a state other 117 than this state; 118 (h) To an asset held in two or more names as to which the 119 death of one coowner vests ownership of the asset in the 120 surviving coowner or coowners; If the decedent remarries the person whose interest 121 (i) would otherwise have been revoked under this section and the 122 123 decedent and that person are married to one another at the time 124 of the decedent's death; or 125 (j) To state-administered retirement plans under chapter 121. 126 127 Section 6. Section 732.806, Florida Statutes, is created 128 to read: 129 732.806 Gifts to lawyers and other disqualified persons.-130 (1) Any part of a written instrument which makes a gift to 131 a lawyer or a person related to the lawyer is void if the lawyer 132 prepared or supervised the execution of the written instrument, 133 or solicited the gift, unless the lawyer or other recipient of 134 the gift is related to the person making the gift. 135 (2) This section is not applicable to a provision in a 136 written instrument appointing a lawyer, or a person related to 137 the lawyer, as a fiduciary. 138 (3) A provision in a written instrument purporting to 139 waive the application of this section is unenforceable. 140 (4) If property distributed in kind, or a security

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141	interest in that property, is acquired by a purchaser or lender
142	for value from a person who has received a gift in violation of
143	this section, the purchaser or lender takes title free of any
144	claims arising under this section and incurs no personal
145	liability by reason of this section, whether or not the gift is
146	void under this section.
147	(5) In all actions brought under this section, the court
148	must award taxable costs as in chancery actions, including
149	attorney fees. When awarding taxable costs and attorney fees
150	under this section, the court may direct payment from a party's
151	interest in the estate or trust, or enter a judgment that may be
152	satisfied from other property of the party, or both. Attorney
153	fees and costs may not be awarded against a party who, in good
154	faith, initiates an action under this section to declare a gift
155	void.
156	(6) If a part of a written instrument is invalid by reason
157	of this section, the invalid part is severable and may not
158	affect any other part of the written instrument which can be
159	given effect, including a term that makes an alternate or
160	substitute gift. In the case of a power of appointment, this
161	section does not affect the power to appoint in favor of persons
162	other than the lawyer or a person related to the lawyer.
163	(7) For purposes of this section:
164	(a) A lawyer is deemed to have prepared, or supervised the
165	execution of, a written instrument if the preparation, or
166	supervision of the execution, of the written instrument was
167	performed by an employee or lawyer employed by the same firm as
168	the lawyer.
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169	(b) A person is "related" to an individual if, at the time
170	the lawyer prepared or supervised the execution of the written
171	instrument or solicited the gift, the person is:
172	1. A spouse of the individual;
173	2. A lineal ascendant or descendant of the individual;
174	3. A sibling of the individual;
175	4. A relative of the individual or of the individual's
176	spouse with whom the lawyer maintains a close, familial
177	<u>relationship;</u>
178	5. A spouse of a person described in subparagraph 2.,
179	subparagraph 3., or subparagraph 4.; or
180	6. A person who cohabitates with the individual.
181	(c) The term "written instrument" includes, but is not
182	limited to, a will, a trust, a deed, a document exercising a
183	power of appointment, or a beneficiary designation under a life
184	insurance contract or any other contractual arrangement that
185	creates an ownership interest or permits the naming of a
186	beneficiary.
187	(d) The term "gift" includes an inter vivos gift, a
188	testamentary transfer of real or personal property or any
189	interest therein, and the power to make such a transfer
190	regardless of whether the gift is outright or in trust;
191	regardless of when the transfer is to take effect; and
192	regardless of whether the power is held in a fiduciary or
193	nonfiduciary capacity.
194	(8) The rights and remedies granted in this section are in
195	addition to any other rights or remedies a person may have at
196	law or in equity.
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197 Section 7. Section 732.901, Florida Statutes, is amended 198 to read:

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732.901 Production of wills.-

(1) The custodian of a will must deposit the will with the clerk of the court having venue of the estate of the decedent within 10 days after receiving information that the testator is dead. The custodian must supply the testator's date of death or <u>the last four digits of the testator's</u> social security number to the clerk upon deposit.

(2) Upon petition and notice, the custodian of any will may be compelled to produce and deposit the will as provided in subsection (1). All costs, damages, and a reasonable attorney's fee shall be adjudged to petitioner against the delinquent custodian if the court finds that the custodian had no just or reasonable cause for failing to deposit the will.

212 <u>(3) An original will submitted to the clerk with a</u> 213 <u>petition or other pleading is deemed to have been deposited with</u> 214 <u>the clerk.</u>

215 (4) Upon receipt, the clerk shall retain and preserve the 216 original will in its original form for at least 20 years. If the probate of a will is initiated, the original will may be 217 218 maintained by the clerk with the other pleadings during the 219 pendency of the proceedings, but the will must at all times be 220 retained in its original form for the remainder of the 20-year 221 period whether or not the will is admitted to probate or the 222 proceedings are terminated. Transforming and storing a will on 223 film, microfilm, magnetic, electronic, optical, or other 224 substitute media or recording a will onto an electronic record-

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225	keeping system, whether or not in accordance with the standards
226	adopted by the Supreme Court of Florida, or permanently
227	recording a will does not eliminate the requirement to preserve
228	the original will.
229	(5) For purposes of this section, the term "will" includes
230	a separate writing as described in s. 732.515.
231	Section 8. Present subsections (6) through (11) of section
232	736.0103, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (7)
233	through (12), respectively, present subsections (12) through
234	(21) of that section are redesignated as subsections (14)
235	through (23), respectively, and new subsections (6) and (13) are
236	added to that section, to read:
237	736.0103 DefinitionsUnless the context otherwise
238	requires, in this code:
239	(6) "Distributee" means a beneficiary who is currently
240	entitled to receive a distribution.
241	(13) "Permissible distributee" means a beneficiary who is
242	currently eligible to receive a distribution.
243	Section 9. Section 736.0202, Florida Statutes, is amended
244	to read:
245	736.0202 Jurisdiction over trustee and beneficiary
246	(1) IN REM JURISDICTIONAny beneficiary By accepting the
247	trusteeship of a trust having its principal place of
248	administration in this state <u>is subject</u> or by moving the
249	principal place of administration to this state, the trustee
250	submits personally to the jurisdiction of the courts of this
251	state <u>to the extent of the beneficiary's interest in</u> regarding
252	any matter involving the trust.

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253 (2) PERSONAL JURISDICTION.-254 Any trustee, trust beneficiary, or other person, (a) 255 whether or not a citizen or resident of this state, who 256 personally or through an agent does any of the following acts 257 related to a trust, submits to the jurisdiction of the courts of 258 this state involving that trust: With respect to their interests 259 in the trust, the beneficiaries of a trust having its principal 260 place of administration in this state are subject to the 261 jurisdiction of the courts of this state regarding any matter 262 involving the trust. By accepting a distribution from such a 263 trust, the recipient submits personally to the jurisdiction of 264 the courts of this state regarding any matter involving the 265 distribution. 266 1. Accepts trusteeship of a trust having its principal 267 place of administration in this state at the time of acceptance. 268 2. Moves the principal place of administration of a trust 269 to this state. 270 3. Serves as trustee of a trust created by a settlor who 271 was a resident of this state at the time of creation of the 272 trust or serves as trustee of a trust having its principal place 273 of administration in this state. 274 4. Accepts or exercises a delegation of powers or duties 275 from the trustee of a trust having its principal place of 276 administration in this state. 277 5. Commits a breach of trust in this state, or commits a 278 breach of trust with respect to a trust having its principal 279 place of administration in this state at the time of the breach. 280 6. Accepts compensation from a trust having its principal

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281	place of administration in this state.
282	7. Performs any act or service for a trust having its
283	principal place of administration in this state.
284	8. Accepts a distribution from a trust having its
285	principal place of administration in this state with respect to
286	any matter involving the distribution.
287	(b) A court of this state may exercise personal
288	jurisdiction over a trustee, trust beneficiary, or other person,
289	whether found within or outside the state, to the maximum extent
290	permitted by the State Constitution or the Federal Constitution.
291	(3) This section does not preclude other methods of
292	obtaining jurisdiction over a trustee, beneficiary, or other
293	person receiving property from the trust.
294	Section 10. Section 736.02025, Florida Statutes, is
295	created to read:
296	736.02025 Service of process
297	(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, service
298	of process upon any person may be made as provided in chapter
299	48.
300	(2) Where only in rem or quasi in rem relief is sought
301	against a person in a matter involving a trust, service of
302	process on that person may be made by sending a copy of the
303	summons and complaint by any commercial delivery service
304	requiring a signed receipt or by any form of mail requiring a
305	signed receipt. Service under this subsection shall be complete
306	upon signing of a receipt by the addressee or by any person
307	authorized to receive service of a summons on behalf of the
308	addressee as provided in chapter 48. Proof of service shall be
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309 by verified statement of the person serving the summons, to 310 which must be attached the signed receipt or other evidence 311 satisfactory to the court that delivery was made to the 312 addressee or other authorized person. (3) Under any of the following circumstances, service of 313 314 original process pursuant to subsection (2) may be made by 315 first-class mail: 316 (a) If registered or certified mail service to the 317 addressee is unavailable and if delivery by commercial delivery 318 service is also unavailable. 319 (b) If delivery is attempted and is refused by the 320 addressee. 321 (c) If delivery by mail requiring a signed receipt is 322 unclaimed after notice to the addressee by the delivering 323 entity. (4) If service of process is obtained under subsection 324 325 (3), proof of service shall be made by verified statement of the 326 person serving the summons. The verified statement must state 327 the basis for service by first-class mail, the date of mailing, 328 and the address to which the mail was sent. 329 Section 11. Section 736.0205, Florida Statutes, is 330 repealed. 331 Section 12. Subsection (4) of section 736.0807, Florida 332 Statutes, is repealed. 333 Section 13. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section 334 736.0813, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 335 736.0813 Duty to inform and account.-The trustee shall 336 keep the qualified beneficiaries of the trust reasonably

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337 informed of the trust and its administration.

338 (1) The trustee's duty to inform and account includes, but 339 is not limited to, the following:

(d) A trustee of an irrevocable trust shall provide a
trust accounting, as set forth in s. 736.08135, <u>from the date of</u>
<u>the last accounting or, if none, from the date on which the</u>
<u>trustee became accountable</u>, to each qualified beneficiary <u>at</u>
<u>least</u> annually and on termination of the trust or on change of
the trustee.

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347 Paragraphs (a) and (b) do not apply to an irrevocable trust 348 created before the effective date of this code, or to a 349 revocable trust that becomes irrevocable before the effective 350 date of this code. Paragraph (a) does not apply to a trustee who 351 accepts a trusteeship before the effective date of this code.

352 Section 14. Subsection (2) of section 607.0802, Florida 353 Statutes, is amended to read:

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607.0802 Qualifications of directors.-

355 (2)In the event that the eligibility to serve as a member 356 of the board of directors of a condominium association, 357 cooperative association, homeowners' association, or mobile home 358 owners' association is restricted to membership in such 359 association and membership is appurtenant to ownership of a 360 unit, parcel, or mobile home, a grantor of a trust described in 361 s. 733.707(3), or a qualified beneficiary as defined in s. 362 736.0103(14) of a trust which owns a unit, parcel, or mobile 363 home shall be deemed a member of the association and eligible to 364 serve as a director of the condominium association, cooperative

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365 association, homeowners' association, or mobile home owners' 366 association, provided that said beneficiary occupies the unit, 367 parcel, or mobile home.

368 Section 15. Subsections (2) and (11) of section 731.201, 369 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

370 731.201 General definitions.-Subject to additional 371 definitions in subsequent chapters that are applicable to 372 specific chapters or parts, and unless the context otherwise 373 requires, in this code, in s. 409.9101, and in chapters 736, 374 738, 739, and 744, the term:

375 "Beneficiary" means heir at law in an intestate estate (2) 376 and devisee in a testate estate. The term "beneficiary" does not 377 apply to an heir at law or a devisee after that person's interest in the estate has been satisfied. In the case of a 378 379 devise to an existing trust or trustee, or to a trust or trustee 380 described by will, the trustee is a beneficiary of the estate. 381 Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the beneficiary 382 of the trust is not a beneficiary of the estate of which that 383 trust or the trustee of that trust is a beneficiary. However, if 384 each trustee is also a personal representative of the estate, 385 each qualified beneficiary of the trust as defined in s. 386 736.0103(14) shall be regarded as a beneficiary of the estate.

(11) "Devisee" means a person designated in a will or trust to receive a devise. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, in the case of a devise to an existing trust or trustee, or to a trust or trustee of a trust described by will, the trust or trustee, rather than the beneficiaries of the trust, is the devisee. However, if each trustee is also a

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HB 583 2013 393 personal representative of the estate, each qualified 394 beneficiary of the trust as defined in s. $736.0103 \cdot (14)$ shall be regarded as a devisee. 395 396 Section 16. Subsection (1) of section 733.212, Florida 397 Statutes, is amended to read: 398 733.212 Notice of administration; filing of objections.-399 (1) The personal representative shall promptly serve a 400 copy of the notice of administration on the following persons 401 who are known to the personal representative: 402 The decedent's surviving spouse; (a) 403 (b) Beneficiaries; 404 (C) The trustee of any trust described in s. 733.707(3)405 and each qualified beneficiary of the trust as defined in s. 406 736.0103(14), if each trustee is also a personal representative 407 of the estate; and 408 Persons who may be entitled to exempt property (d) 409 in the manner provided for service of formal notice, unless 410 411 served under s. 733.2123. The personal representative may 412 similarly serve a copy of the notice on any devisees under a 413 known prior will or heirs or others who claim or may claim an 414 interest in the estate. 415 Section 17. Paragraph (f) of subsection (5) of section 416 736.0802, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 417 736.0802 Duty of loyalty.-418 (5)419 (f)1. The trustee of a trust as defined in s. 731.201 may 420 request authority to invest in investment instruments described

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421 in this subsection other than a qualified investment instrument, 422 by providing to all qualified beneficiaries a written request 423 containing the following:

a. The name, telephone number, street address, and mailing
address of the trustee and of any individuals who may be
contacted for further information.

b. A statement that the investment or investments cannot
be made without the consent of a majority of each class of the
qualified beneficiaries.

430 c. A statement that, if a majority of each class of 431 qualified beneficiaries consent, the trustee will have the right to make investments in investment instruments, as defined in s. 432 433 660.25(6), which are owned or controlled by the trustee or its 434 affiliate, or from which the trustee or its affiliate receives 435 compensation for providing services in a capacity other than as 436 trustee, that such investment instruments may include investment 437 instruments sold primarily to trust accounts, and that the trustee or its affiliate may receive fees in addition to the 438 trustee's compensation for administering the trust. 439

d. A statement that the consent may be withdrawn
prospectively at any time by written notice given by a majority
of any class of the qualified beneficiaries.

444 A statement by the trustee is not delivered if the statement is 445 accompanied by another written communication other than a 446 written communication by the trustee that refers only to the 447 statement.

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2. For purposes of paragraph (e) and this paragraph:

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449 a. "Majority of the qualified beneficiaries" means: 450 (I) If at the time the determination is made there are one 451 or more beneficiaries as described in s. 736.0103(16)(c) 452 736.0103(14)(c), at least a majority in interest of the 453 beneficiaries described in s. 736.0103(16)(a) 736.0103(14)(a), 454 at least a majority in interest of the beneficiaries described 455 in s. 736.0103(16)(b) 736.0103(14)(b), and at least a majority 456 in interest of the beneficiaries described in s. 736.0103(16)(c) 457 736.0103(14)(c), if the interests of the beneficiaries are 458 reasonably ascertainable; otherwise, a majority in number of 459 each such class; or 460 (II) If there is no beneficiary as described in s. 461 736.0103(16)(c) 736.0103(14)(c), at least a majority in interest 462 of the beneficiaries described in s. 736.0103(16)(a) 463 736.0103(14)(a) and at least a majority in interest of the 464 beneficiaries described in s. 736.0103(16)(b) 736.0103(14)(b), 465 if the interests of the beneficiaries are reasonably ascertainable; otherwise, a majority in number of each such 466 467 class. 468 b. "Qualified investment instrument" means a mutual fund, 469 common trust fund, or money market fund described in and 470 governed by s. 736.0816(3). c. An irrevocable trust is created upon execution of the 471 472 trust instrument. If a trust that was revocable when created 473 thereafter becomes irrevocable, the irrevocable trust is created 474 when the right of revocation terminates. 475 Section 18. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 736.08125, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 476 Page 17 of 19

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477	736.08125 Protection of successor trustees
478	(2) For the purposes of this section, the term:
479	(a) "Eligible beneficiaries" means:
480	1. At the time the determination is made, if there are one
481	or more beneficiaries as described in s. <u>736.0103(16)(c)</u>
482	736.0103(14)(c), the beneficiaries described in s.
483	<u>736.0103(16)(a)</u>
484	2. If there is no beneficiary as described in s.
485	<u>736.0103(16)(c)</u> 736.0103(14)(c) , the beneficiaries described in
486	s. <u>736.0103(16)(a)</u> 736.0103(14)(a) and (b).
487	Section 19. Paragraph (d) of subsection (9) of section
488	738.104, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
489	738.104 Trustee's power to adjust
490	(9)
491	(d) For purposes of subsection (8) and this subsection,
492	the term:
493	1. "Eligible beneficiaries" means:
494	a. If at the time the determination is made there are one
495	or more beneficiaries described in s. $736.0103(16)(c)$
496	736.0103(14)(c), the beneficiaries described in s.
497	<u>736.0103(16)(a)</u> 736.0103(14)(a) and (c); or
498	b. If there is no beneficiary described in s.
499	$\underline{736.0103(16)(c)}$ $\underline{736.0103(14)(c)}$, the beneficiaries described in
500	s. <u>736.0103(16)(a)</u> 736.0103(14)(a) and (b).
501	2. "Super majority of the eligible beneficiaries" means:
502	a. If at the time the determination is made there are one
503	or more beneficiaries described in s. <u>736.0103(16)(c)</u>
504	736.0103(14)(c), at least two-thirds in interest of the
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505 beneficiaries described in s. 736.0103(16)(a) 736.0103(14)(a) or two-thirds in interest of the beneficiaries described in s. 506 507 736.0103(16)(c) 736.0103(14)(c), if the interests of the 508 beneficiaries are reasonably ascertainable; otherwise, it means two-thirds in number of either such class; or 509 510 b. If there is no beneficiary described in s. 511 736.0103(16)(c) 736.0103(14)(c), at least two-thirds in interest 512 of the beneficiaries described in s. 736.0103(16)(a) 513 736.0103(14)(a) or two-thirds in interest of the beneficiaries 514 described in s. 736.0103(16)(b) 736.0103(14)(b), if the 515 interests of the beneficiaries are reasonably ascertainable, 516 otherwise, two-thirds in number of either such class.

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Section 20. This act shall take effect October 1, 2013.