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2	An act relating to trusts; amending s. 736.0103, F.S.;
3	redefining the term "interests of the beneficiaries";
4	amending s. 736.0105, F.S.; deleting a requirement
5	that a trust and its terms be for the benefit of the
6	trust's beneficiaries; amending s. 736.0109, F.S.;
7	revising provisions relating to notice or sending of
8	trust documents to include posting on a secure
9	electronic account or website; providing requirements
10	for such documents to be deemed sent; requiring a
11	certain authorization to specify documents subject to
12	electronic posting; revising requirements for a
13	recipient to electronically access such documents;
14	prohibiting the termination of a recipient's
15	electronic access to such documents from invalidating
16	certain notice or sending of electronic trust
17	documents; tolling specified limitations periods under
18	certain circumstances; providing requirements for
19	electronic access to such documents to be deemed
20	terminated by a sender; providing construction;
21	providing applicability; amending s. 736.0404, F.S.;
22	deleting a restriction on the purpose for which a
23	trust is created; amending s. 736.04117, F.S.;
24	defining and redefining terms; authorizing an
25	authorized trustee to appoint all or part of the

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26	principal of a trust to a second trust under certain
27	circumstances; providing requirements for the second
28	trust and its beneficiaries; authorizing the second
29	trust to retain, omit, or create or modify specified
30	powers; authorizing the term of the second trust to
31	extend beyond the term of the first trust; authorizing
32	the class of permissible appointees to the second
33	trust to differ from the class identified in the first
34	trust under certain circumstances; providing
35	requirements for distributions to a second trust when
36	the authorized trustee does not have absolute power;
37	providing requirements for such second trust;
38	providing requirements for grants of power of
39	appointment by the second trust; authorizing a second
40	trust created by an authorized trustee without
41	absolute power to grant specified powers under certain
42	circumstances; authorizing an authorized trustee to
43	appoint the principal of a first trust to a
44	supplemental needs trust under certain circumstances;
45	providing requirements for such supplemental needs
46	trust; prohibiting an authorized trustee from
47	distributing the principal of a trust in a manner that
48	would reduce specified tax benefits; prohibiting the
49	distribution of S corporation stock from a first trust
50	to a second trust under certain circumstances;

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51	prohibiting a settlor from being treated as the owner
52	of a second trust if he or she was not treated as the
53	owner of the first trust; prohibiting an authorized
54	trustee from distributing a trust's interest in
55	property to a second trust if the interest is subject
56	to specified rules of the Internal Revenue Code;
57	authorizing the exercise of power to invade a trust's
58	principal to apply to a second trust created or
59	administered under the law of any jurisdiction;
60	prohibiting the exercise of power to invade a trust's
61	principal to increase an authorized trustee's
62	compensation or relieve him or her from certain
63	liability; specifying who an authorized trustee must
64	notify when he or she exercises his or her power to
65	invade the trust's principal; specifying the documents
66	that the authorized trustee must provide with such
67	notice; amending s. 736.08135, F.S.; revising
68	applicability; amending s. 736.1008, F.S.; clarifying
69	that certain knowledge by a beneficiary does not cause
70	a claim to accrue for breach of trust or commence the
71	running of a period of limitations or laches;
72	providing legislative intent; providing retroactive
73	application; providing effective dates.
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77	Section 1. Subsection (11) of section 736.0103, Florida
78	Statutes, is amended to read:
79	736.0103 DefinitionsUnless the context otherwise
80	requires, in this code:
81	(11) "Interests of the beneficiaries" means the beneficial
82	interests intended by the settlor as provided in the terms of $\underline{a}$
83	the trust.
84	Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
85	736.0105, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
86	736.0105 Default and mandatory rules
87	(2) The terms of a trust prevail over any provision of
88	this code except:
89	(c) The requirement that a trust <del>and its terms be for the</del>
90	benefit of the trust's beneficiaries, and that the trust have a
91	purpose that is lawful, not contrary to public policy, and
92	possible to achieve.
93	Section 3. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 736.0109,
94	Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
95	736.0109 Methods and waiver of notice
96	(1) Notice to a person under this code or the sending of a
97	document to a person under this code must be accomplished in a
98	manner reasonably suitable under the circumstances and likely to
99	result in receipt of the notice or document. Permissible methods
100	of notice or for sending a document include first-class mail,
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personal delivery, delivery to the person's last known place of residence or place of business, or a properly directed facsimile or other electronic message, or posting on a secure electronic account or website in accordance with subsection (3).

105 (3) A document that is sent solely by posting on an 106 electronic account or website is not deemed sent for purposes of 107 this section unless the sender complies with this subsection. 108 The sender has the burden of proving compliance with this subsection In addition to the methods listed in subsection (1) 109 110 for sending a document, a sender may post a document to a secure 111 electronic account or website where the document can be 112 accessed.

(a) Before a document may be posted to an electronic account or website, The recipient must sign a separate written authorization solely for the purpose of authorizing the sender to post documents on an electronic account or website <u>before</u> such posting. The written authorization must:

118 1. <u>Specifically indicate whether a trust accounting, trust</u> 119 <u>disclosure document, or limitation notice, as those terms are</u> 120 <u>defined in s. 736.1008(4), will be posted in this manner, and</u> 121 <u>generally</u> enumerate the <u>other types of</u> documents that may be 122 posted in this manner.

123 2. Contain specific instructions for accessing the
124 electronic account or website, including the security procedures
125 required to access the electronic account or website, such as a

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126 username and password.

127 3. Advise the recipient that a separate notice will be 128 sent when a document is posted <u>on</u> to the electronic account or 129 website and the manner in which the separate notice will be 130 sent.

4. Advise the recipient that the authorization to receive documents by electronic posting may be amended or revoked at any time and include specific instructions for revoking or amending the authorization, including the address designated for the purpose of receiving notice of the revocation or amendment.

136 5. Advise the recipient that posting a document on the 137 electronic account or website may commence a limitations period 138 as short as 6 months even if the recipient never actually 139 accesses the electronic account, electronic website, or the 140 document.

Once the recipient signs the written authorization, 141 (b) 142 the sender must provide a separate notice to the recipient when 143 a document is posted on to the electronic account or website. As 144 used in this subsection, the term "separate notice" means a notice sent to the recipient by means other than electronic 145 posting, which identifies each document posted to the electronic 146 147 account or website and provides instructions for accessing the 148 posted document. The separate notice requirement is deemed satisfied if the recipient accesses the document on the 149 electronic account or website. 150

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(c) A document sent by electronic posting is deemed received by the recipient on the earlier of the date <u>on which</u> that the separate notice is received or the date <u>on which</u> that the recipient accesses the document on the electronic account or website.

156 At least annually after a recipient signs a written (d) 157 authorization, a sender shall send a notice advising recipients 158 who have authorized one or more documents to be posted on to an 159 electronic account or website that such posting may commence a limitations period as short as 6 months even if the recipient 160 never accesses the electronic account or website or the document 161 162 and that authority to receive documents by electronic posting may be amended or revoked at any time. This notice must be given 163 164 by means other than electronic posting and may not be 165 accompanied by any other written communication. Failure to 166 provide such notice within 380 days after the last notice is 167 deemed to automatically revoke the authorization to receive 168 documents in the manner permitted under this subsection 380 days 169 after the last notice is sent.

(e) The notice required in paragraph (d) may be in substantially the following form: "You have authorized the receipt of documents through posting <u>on</u> to an electronic account or website <u>on which</u> where the documents can be accessed. This notice is being sent to advise you that a limitations period, which may be as short as 6 months, may be running as to matters

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disclosed in a trust accounting or other written report of a trustee posted to the electronic account or website even if you never actually access the electronic account or website or the documents. You may amend or revoke the authorization to receive documents by electronic posting at any time. If you have any questions, please consult your attorney."

(f) A sender may rely on the recipient's authorization until the recipient amends or revokes the authorization by sending a notice to the address designated for that purpose in the authorization <u>or in the manner specified on the electronic</u> <u>account or website</u>. The recipient, at any time, may amend or revoke an authorization to have documents posted on the electronic account or website.

189 (g) If a document is provided to a recipient solely 190 through electronic posting pursuant to this subsection, the recipient must be able to access and print or download the 191 192 document until the earlier of remain accessible to the recipient 193 on the electronic account or website for at least 4 years after 194 the date that the document is deemed received by the recipient 195 or the date upon which the recipient's access to the electronic 196 account or website is terminated for any reason.

197 <u>1. If the recipient's access to the electronic account or</u>
 198 website is terminated for any reason, such termination does not
 199 <u>invalidate the notice or sending of any document previously</u>
 200 posted on the electronic account or website in accordance with

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201	this subsection, but may toll the applicable limitations period
202	as provided in subparagraph 2.
203	2. If the recipient's access to the electronic account or
204	website is terminated by the sender sooner than 4 years after
205	the date on which the document was received by the recipient,
206	any applicable limitations period set forth in s. 736.1008(1) or
207	(2) which is still running is tolled for any information
208	adequately disclosed in a document sent solely by electronic
209	posting, from the date on which the recipient's access to the
210	electronic account or website was terminated by the sender until
211	45 days after the date on which the sender provides one of the
212	following to the recipient by means other than electronic
213	posting:
214	a. Notice of such termination and notification to the
215	recipient that he or she may request that any documents sent
216	during the prior 4 years solely through electronic posting be
217	provided to him or her by other means at no cost; or
218	b. Notice of such termination and notification to the
219	recipient that his or her access to the electronic account or
220	website has been restored.
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222	Any applicable limitations period is further tolled from the
223	date on which any request is made pursuant to sub-subparagraph
224	2.a. until 20 days after the date on which the requested
225	documents are provided to the recipient by means other than
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electronic posting The electronic account or website must allow 227 the recipient to download or print the document. This subsection does not affect or alter the duties of a trustee to keep clear, 228 229 736.0810 distinct, and accurate records pursuant to s. 230 or alter the time periods for which the trustee must maintain 231 those records. 232 (h) For purposes of this subsection, access to an 233 electronic account or website is terminated by the sender when 234 the sender unilaterally terminates the recipient's ability to 235 access the electronic website or account or to download or print 236 any document posted on such website or account. Access is not terminated by the sender when access is terminated by an action 237 238 of the recipient or by an action of the sender in response to 239 the recipient's request to terminate access. The recipient's 240 revocation of authorization pursuant to paragraph (f) is not 241 considered a request to terminate access To be effective, the 242 posting of a document to an electronic account or website must 243 be done in accordance with this subsection. The sender has the 244 burden of establishing compliance with this subsection. 245 This subsection does not affect or alter the duties of (i) a trustee to keep clear, distinct, and accurate records pursuant 246 to s. 736.0810 or affect or alter the time periods for which the 247 248 trustee must maintain such records preclude the sending of a document by other means. 249 250 This subsection governs the posting of a document (j)

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251 solely for the purpose of giving notice under this code or the 252 sending of a document to a person under this code and does not 253 prohibit or otherwise apply to the posting of a document on an 254 electronic account or website for any other purpose or preclude 255 the sending of a document by any other means. Section 4. Section 736.0404, Florida Statutes, is amended 256 257 to read: 258 736.0404 Trust purposes.-A trust may be created only to 259 the extent the purposes of the trust are lawful, not contrary to 260 public policy, and possible to achieve. A trust and its terms 261 must be for the benefit of its beneficiaries. 262 Section 5. Effective upon becoming a law, section 736.04117, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 263 264 736.04117 Trustee's power to invade principal in trust.-265 (1) (a) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term: 266 Unless the trust instrument expressly provides otherwise, a 267 trustee who has absolute power under the terms of a trust to 268 invade the principal of the trust, referred to in this section 269 as the "first trust," to make distributions to or for the 270 benefit of one or more persons may instead exercise the power by 271 appointing all or part of the principal of the trust subject to 272 the power in favor of a trustee of another trust, referred to in 273 this section as the "second trust," for the current benefit of 274 one or more of such persons under the same trust instrument or 275 under a different trust instrument; provided:

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1. The beneficiaries of the second trust may include only 276 277 beneficiaries of the first trust; 278 2. The second trust may not reduce any fixed income, 279 annuity, or unitrust interest in the assets of the first trust: 280 and 281 3. If any contribution to the first trust qualified for a 282 marital or charitable deduction for federal income, gift, or 283 estate tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as 284 amended, the second trust shall not contain any provision which, 285 if included in the first trust, would have prevented the first 286 trust from qualifying for such a deduction or would have reduced 287 the amount of such deduction. 288 (b) For purposes of this subsection, an absolute power to invade principal shall include 289 (a) 290 "Absolute power" means a power to invade principal 291 that is not limited to specific or ascertainable purposes, such 292 as health, education, maintenance, and support, regardless of

whether or not the term "absolute" is used. A power to invade

principal for purposes such as best interests, welfare, comfort,

or happiness constitutes shall constitute an absolute power not

settlor or a beneficiary, who has the power to invade the

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(c) "Beneficiary with a disability" means a beneficiary of

(b) "Authorized trustee" means a trustee, other than the

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301	the first trust who the authorized trustee believes may qualify
302	for government benefits based on disability, regardless of
303	whether the beneficiary currently receives those benefits or has
304	been adjudicated incapacitated.
305	(d) "Current beneficiary" means a beneficiary who, on the
306	date his or her qualification is determined, is a distributee or
307	permissible distributee of trust income or principal. The term
308	includes the holder of a presently exercisable general power of
309	appointment but does not include a person who is a beneficiary
310	only because he or she holds another power of appointment.
311	(e) "Government benefits" means financial aid or services
312	from any state, federal, or other public agency.
313	(f) "Internal Revenue Code" means the Internal Revenue
314	Code of 1986, as amended.
315	(g) "Power of appointment" has the same meaning as
316	provided in s. 731.201.
317	(h) "Presently exercisable general power of appointment"
318	means a power of appointment exercisable by the power holder at
319	the relevant time. The term:
320	1. Includes a power of appointment that is exercisable
321	only after the occurrence of a specified event or that is
322	subject to a specified restriction, but only after the event has
323	occurred or the restriction has been satisfied.
324	2. Does not include a power of appointment that is
325	exercisable only upon the death of the power holder.

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326	(i) "Substantially similar" means that there is no
327	material change in a beneficiary's beneficial interests or in
328	the power to make distributions and that the power to make a
329	distribution under a second trust for the benefit of a
330	beneficiary who is an individual is substantially similar to the
331	power under the first trust to make a distribution directly to
332	the beneficiary. A distribution is deemed to be for the benefit
333	of a beneficiary if:
334	1. The distribution is applied for the benefit of a
335	beneficiary;
336	2. The beneficiary is under a legal disability or the
337	trustee reasonably believes the beneficiary is incapacitated,
338	and the distribution is made as permitted under this code; or
339	3. The distribution is made as permitted under the terms
340	of the first trust instrument and the second trust instrument
341	for the benefit of the beneficiary.
342	(j) "Supplemental needs trust" means a trust that the
343	authorized trustee believes would not be considered a resource
344	for purposes of determining whether the beneficiary who has a
345	disability is eligible for government benefits.
346	(k) "Vested interest" means a current unconditional right
347	to receive a mandatory distribution of income, a specified
348	dollar amount, or a percentage of value of a trust, or a current
349	unconditional right to withdraw income, a specified dollar
350	amount, or a percentage of value of a trust, which right is not
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351	subject to the occurrence of a specified event, the passage of a
352	specified time, or the exercise of discretion.
353	1. The term includes a presently exercisable general power
354	of appointment.
355	2. The term does not include a beneficiary's interest in a
356	trust if the trustee has discretion to make a distribution of
357	trust property to a person other than such beneficiary.
358	(2) DISTRIBUTION FROM FIRST TRUST TO SECOND TRUST WHEN
359	AUTHORIZED TRUSTEE HAS ABSOLUTE POWER TO INVADE
360	(a) Unless a trust instrument expressly provides
361	otherwise, an authorized trustee who has absolute power under
362	the terms of the trust to invade its principal, referred to in
363	this section as the "first trust," to make current distributions
364	to or for the benefit of one or more beneficiaries may instead
365	exercise such power by appointing all or part of the principal
366	of the trust subject to such power in favor of a trustee of one
367	or more other trusts, whether created under the same trust
368	instrument as the first trust or a different trust instrument,
369	including a trust instrument created for the purposes of
370	exercising the power granted by this section, each referred to
371	in this section as the "second trust," for the current benefit
372	of one or more of such beneficiaries only if:
373	1. The beneficiaries of the second trust include only
374	beneficiaries of the first trust; and
375	2. The second trust does not reduce any vested interest.

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376	(b) In an exercise of absolute power, the second trust
377	may:
378	1. Retain a power of appointment granted in the first
379	trust;
380	2. Omit a power of appointment granted in the first trust,
381	other than a presently exercisable general power of appointment;
382	3. Create or modify a power of appointment if the power
383	holder is a current beneficiary of the first trust;
384	4. Create or modify a power of appointment if the power
385	holder is a beneficiary of the first trust who is not a current
386	beneficiary, but the exercise of the power of appointment may
387	take effect only after the power holder becomes, or would have
388	become if then living, a current beneficiary of the first trust;
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401	beneficiaries may instead exercise such power by appointing all
402	or part of the principal of the first trust subject to such
403	power in favor of a trustee of one or more second trusts. If the
404	authorized trustee exercises such power:
405	(a) The second trusts, in the aggregate, shall grant each
406	beneficiary of the first trust beneficial interests in the
407	second trusts which are substantially similar to the beneficial
408	interests of the beneficiary in the first trust.
409	(b) If the first trust grants a power of appointment to a
410	beneficiary of the first trust, the second trust shall grant
411	such power of appointment in the second trust to such
412	beneficiary, and the class of permissible appointees shall be
413	the same as in the first trust.
414	(c) If the first trust does not grant a power of
415	appointment to a beneficiary of the first trust, the second
416	trust may not grant a power of appointment in the second trust
417	to such beneficiary.
418	(d) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a), (b), and (c), the term
419	of the second trust may extend beyond the term of the first
420	trust, and, for any period after the first trust would have
421	otherwise terminated, in whole or in part, under the provisions
422	of the first trust, the trust instrument of the second trust
423	may, with respect to property subject to such extended term:
424	1. Include language providing the trustee with the
425	absolute power to invade the principal of the second trust
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426	during such extended term; and
427	2. Create a power of appointment, if the power holder is a
428	current beneficiary of the first trust, or expand the class of
429	permissible appointees in favor of which a power of appointment
430	may be exercised.
431	(4) DISTRIBUTION FROM FIRST TRUST TO SUPPLEMENTAL NEEDS
432	TRUST
433	(a) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (3), unless the
434	trust instrument expressly provides otherwise, an authorized
435	trustee who has the power under the terms of a first trust to
436	invade the principal of the first trust to make current
437	distributions to or for the benefit of a beneficiary with a
438	disability may instead exercise such power by appointing all or
439	part of the principal of the first trust in favor of a trustee
440	of a second trust that is a supplemental needs trust if:
441	1. The supplemental needs trust benefits the beneficiary
442	with a disability;
443	2. The beneficiaries of the second trust include only
444	beneficiaries of the first trust; and
445	3. The authorized trustee determines that the exercise of
446	such power will further the purposes of the first trust.
447	(b) Except as affected by any change to the interests of
448	the beneficiary with a disability, the second trusts, in the
449	aggregate, shall grant each other beneficiary of the first trust
450	beneficial interests in the second trusts which are

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451	substantially similar to such other beneficiary's beneficial
452	interests in the first trust.
453	(5) PROHIBITED DISTRIBUTIONS
454	(a) An authorized trustee may not distribute the principal
455	of a trust under this section in a manner that would prevent a
456	contribution to that trust from qualifying for, or that would
457	reduce a federal tax benefit, including a federal tax exclusion
458	or deduction, which was originally claimed or could have been
459	claimed for that contribution, including:
460	1. An exclusion under s. 2503(b) or s. 2503(c) of the
461	Internal Revenue Code;
462	2. A marital deduction under s. 2056, s. 2056A, or s. 2523
463	of the Internal Revenue Code;
464	3. A charitable deduction under s. 170(a), s. 642(c), s.
465	2055(a), or s. 2522(a) of the Internal Revenue Code;
466	4. Direct skip treatment under s. 2642(c) of the Internal
467	Revenue Code; or
468	5. Any other tax benefit for income, gift, estate, or
469	generation-skipping transfer tax purposes under the Internal
470	Revenue Code.
471	(b) If S corporation stock is held in the first trust, an
472	authorized trustee may not distribute all or part of that stock
473	to a second trust that is not a permitted shareholder under s.
474	1361(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code. If the first trust
475	holds stock in an S corporation and is, or but for provisions of

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476	paragraphs (a), (c), and (d) would be, a qualified subchapter S
477	trust within the meaning of s. 1361(d) of the Internal Revenue
478	Code, the second trust instrument may not include or omit a term
479	that prevents it from qualifying as a qualified subchapter S
480	trust.
481	(c) Except as provided in paragraphs (a), (b), and (d), an
482	authorized trustee may distribute the principal of a first trust
483	to a second trust regardless of whether the settlor is treated
484	as the owner of either trust under ss. 671-679 of the Internal
485	Revenue Code; however, if the settlor is not treated as the
486	owner of the first trust, he or she may not be treated as the
487	owner of the second trust unless he or she at all times has the
488	power to cause the second trust to cease being treated as if it
489	were owned by the settlor.
490	(d) If an interest in property which is subject to the
491	minimum distribution rules of s. 401(a)(9) of the Internal
492	Revenue Code is held in trust, an authorized trustee may not
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493	Revenue Code is held in trust, an authorized trustee may not distribute such an interest to a second trust under subsection
493 494	Revenue Code is held in trust, an authorized trustee may not distribute such an interest to a second trust under subsection (2), subsection (3), or subsection (4) if the distribution would
493 494 495	Revenue Code is held in trust, an authorized trustee may not distribute such an interest to a second trust under subsection (2), subsection (3), or subsection (4) if the distribution would shorten the otherwise applicable maximum distribution period.
493 494 495 496	Revenue Code is held in trust, an authorized trustee may not distribute such an interest to a second trust under subsection (2), subsection (3), or subsection (4) if the distribution would shorten the otherwise applicable maximum distribution period. (6) EXERCISE BY WRITING.—The exercise of a power to invade
493 494 495 496 497	Revenue Code is held in trust, an authorized trustee may not distribute such an interest to a second trust under subsection (2), subsection (3), or subsection (4) if the distribution would shorten the otherwise applicable maximum distribution period. (6) EXERCISE BY WRITING.—The exercise of a power to invade principal under subsection (2), subsection (3), or subsection
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501 with the records of the first trust.

502 <u>(7)(3)</u> <u>RESTRICTIONS ON EXERCISE OF POWER.</u>—The exercise of 503 a power to invade principal under subsection <u>(2)</u>, <u>subsection</u> 504 (3), or subsection (4):

505 <u>(a) Is</u> (1) shall be considered the exercise of a power of 506 appointment, <u>excluding</u> other than a power to appoint to the 507 <u>authorized</u> trustee, the <u>authorized</u> trustee's creditors, the 508 <u>authorized</u> trustee's estate, or the creditors of the <u>authorized</u> 509 trustee's estate.

510 (b) Is, and shall be subject to the provisions of s. 511 689.225 covering the time at which the permissible period of the 512 rule against perpetuities begins and the law that determines the 513 permissible period of the rule against perpetuities of the first 514 trust.

515 (c) May apply to a second trust created or administered 516 under the law of any jurisdiction.

(d) May not:

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518 1. Increase the authorized trustee's compensation beyond 519 the compensation specified in the first trust instrument; or 520 2. Relieve the authorized trustee from liability for 521 breach of trust or provide for indemnification of the authorized 522 trustee for any liability or claim to a greater extent than the first trust instrument; however, the exercise of the power may 523 524 divide and reallocate fiduciary powers among fiduciaries and 525 relieve a fiduciary from liability for an act or failure to act

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526	of another fiduciary as otherwise allowed under law or common
527	law.
528	(8) NOTICE
529	(a) (4) The authorized trustee shall provide written
530	notification of the manner in which he or she intends to
531	exercise his or her power to invade principal to notify all
532	qualified beneficiaries of the following parties first trust, in
533	<del>writing,</del> at least 60 days <u>before</u> <del>prior to</del> the effective date of
534	the <u>authorized</u> trustee's exercise of <u>such power</u> <del>the trustee's</del>
535	power to invade principal pursuant to subsection (2), subsection
536	(3), or subsection (4): (1), of the manner in which the trustee
537	intends to exercise the power.
538	1. All qualified beneficiaries of the first trust.
539	2. If paragraph (5)(c) applies, the settlor of the first
540	trust.
541	3. All trustees of the first trust.
542	4. Any person who has the power to remove or replace the
543	authorized trustee of the first trust.
544	(b) The authorized A copy of the proposed instrument
545	exercising the power shall satisfy the trustee's notice
546	obligation to provide notice under this subsection is satisfied
547	when he or she provides copies of the proposed instrument
548	exercising the power, the trust instrument of the first trust,
549	and the proposed trust instrument of the second trust.
550	(c) If all of those required to be notified qualified

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551 beneficiaries waive the notice period by signed written 552 instrument delivered to the <u>authorized</u> trustee, the <u>authorized</u> 553 trustee's power to invade principal shall be exercisable 554 immediately.

555 <u>(d)</u> The <u>authorized</u> trustee's notice under this subsection 556 <u>does</u> <del>shall</del> not limit the right of any beneficiary to object to 557 the exercise of the <u>authorized</u> trustee's power to invade 558 principal except as <u>otherwise</u> provided in other applicable 559 provisions of this code.

560 <u>(9)(5)</u> <u>INAPPLICABILITY OF SPENDTHRIFT CLAUSE OR OTHER</u> 561 <u>PROHIBITION.</u>—The exercise of the power to invade principal under 562 subsection <u>(2)</u>, subsection (3), or subsection <u>(4)</u> <del>(1)</del> is not 563 prohibited by a spendthrift clause or by a provision in the 564 trust instrument that prohibits amendment or revocation of the 565 trust.

566 (10) (6) <u>NO DUTY TO EXERCISE.</u>-Nothing in this section is 567 intended to create or imply a duty to exercise a power to invade 568 principal, and no inference of impropriety <u>may shall</u> be made as 569 a result of <u>an authorized trustee's failure to exercise</u> <del>a</del> 570 <del>trustee not exercising</del> the power to invade principal conferred 571 under subsections (2), (3), and (4) <del>subsection (1)</del>.

572 <u>(11)(7)</u> <u>NO ABRIDGEMENT OF COMMON LAW RIGHTS.—The</u> 573 provisions of This section <u>may shall</u> not be construed to abridge 574 the right of any trustee who has a power of invasion to appoint 575 property in further trust that arises under the terms of the

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576 first trust or under any other section of this code or under 577 another provision of law or under common law.

578 Section 6. Subsection (3) of section 736.08135, Florida 579 Statutes, is amended to read:

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736.08135 Trust accountings.-

(3) <u>Subsections (1) and (2) govern the form and content of</u>
This section applies to all trust accountings rendered for any
accounting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2003, and
<u>all trust accountings rendered on or after July 1, 2018. This</u>
<u>subsection does not affect the beginning period from which a</u>
<u>trustee is required to render a trust accounting</u>.

587 Section 7. Subsection (3) of section 736.1008, Florida 588 Statutes, is amended to read:

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736.1008 Limitations on proceedings against trustees.-

590 When a trustee has not issued a final trust accounting (3) 591 or has not given written notice to the beneficiary of the 592 availability of the trust records for examination and that 593 claims with respect to matters not adequately disclosed may be 594 barred, a claim against the trustee for breach of trust based on 595 a matter not adequately disclosed in a trust disclosure document 596 is barred as provided in chapter 95 and accrues when the 597 beneficiary has actual knowledge of:

(a) The facts upon which the claim is based, if such
actual knowledge is established by clear and convincing
evidence; or

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601	(b) The trustee's repudiation of the trust or adverse
602	possession of trust assets.
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604	Paragraph (a) applies to claims based upon acts or omissions
605	occurring on or after July 1, 2008. <u>A beneficiary's actual</u>
606	knowledge that he or she has not received a trust accounting
607	does not cause a claim to accrue against the trustee for breach
608	of trust based upon the failure to provide a trust accounting
609	required by s. 736.0813 or former s. 737.303 and does not
610	commence the running of any period of limitations or laches for
611	such a claim, and paragraph (a) and chapter 95 do not bar any
612	such claim.
613	Section 8. The changes to ss. 736.08135 and 736.1008,
614	Florida Statutes, made by this act are intended to clarify
615	existing law, are remedial in nature, and apply retroactively to
616	all cases pending or commenced on or after July 1, 2018.
617	Section 9. Except as otherwise provided in this act and
618	except for this section, which shall take effect upon becoming a
619	law, this act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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