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AT A GLANCE

- Ten 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 adopted nine uniform acts in the past two years and has over 85 currently in statute.

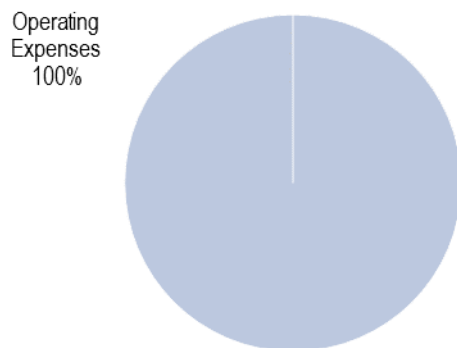
PURPOSE

Ten 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, and support the rule of law and federalism.

- Uniform acts enable states to carry out their responsibilities, preserving the role of state law in our federal system.
- The Uniform Commercial Code and numerous other business acts benefit Minnesota businesses and consumers.
- Uniform acts provide the legal framework to support **stable families and communities**.
- Uniform acts support the rule of law.
- The ULC **supports efficient and accountable government services**.

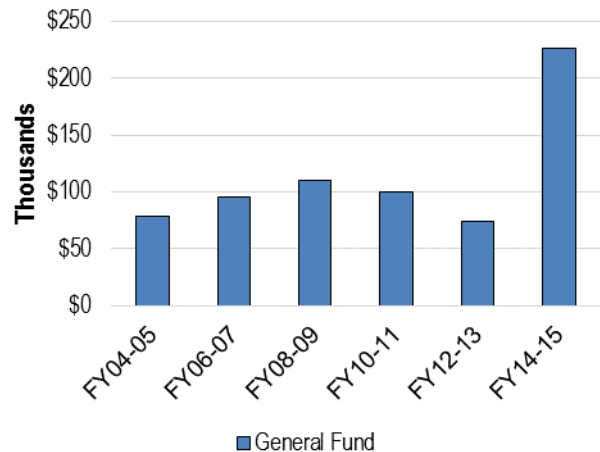
BUDGET

**Spending by Category
FY 15 Actual**



Source: BPAS

Historical Spending



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

The total FY 2015 budget of \$81,000 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

All commissioners fulfill their 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. Three Minnesota Commissioners have served as President of the ULC: Harriet Lansing, Robert Stein, and Michael Sullivan. Others

have served on the Executive, Scope and Program and Legislative Committees and now both serve on and chair drafting committees.

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.

Commissioners are lawyers who bring their collective expertise to drafting committees and to the annual meeting, providing thousands of hours of volunteer service to the state. Some commissioners provide more than 200 hours of voluntary service each year.

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 1892-2014. Over 146 uniform acts have been adopted since 1892. Over 85 are currently in effect.	N/A	146	Before 2015
Result	Minnesota Commissioners secured adoption of the following Uniform Acts in 2015 and 2016: 1. Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act. 2. Faithful Presidential Electors Act. 3. Fraudulent Transfers Act, amendments and name change. 4. Interstate Enforcement of Support Act, federal conformity. 5. Trust Code, Minnesota. 6. Voidable Transactions Act, amendments. 7. Interstate Depositions and Discovery Act, <i>Minnesota Rules of Civil Procedure 45.06</i> , adopted by Supreme Court Rule. 8. Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act. 9. Revised Uniform Limited Liability Company Act.	N/A	9	2015-2016
Result	In addition to the nine acts, Minnesota Commissioners obtained the introduction of: Correction or Clarification of Defamation	N/A	1	2015-2016

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

Expenditures By Fund

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecasted Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY18	FY19
1000 - General	145	81	77	104	93	93	93	93
Total	145	81	77	104	93	93	93	93
<i>Biennial Change</i>				(45)		5		5
<i>Biennial % Change</i>				(20)		3		3
<i>Governor's Change from Base</i>								0
<i>Governor's % Change from Base</i>								0

Expenditures by Program

Program: Uniform Laws Cmsn	145	81	77	104	93	93	93	93
Total	145	81	77	104	93	93	93	93

Expenditures by Category

Operating Expenses	145	81	77	104	93	93	93	93
Total	145	81	77	104	93	93	93	93

1000 - General

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY18	FY19
Balance Forward In	0	2	0	11	0	0	0	0
Direct Appropriation	147	84	88	93	93	93	93	93
Cancellations	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Expenditures	145	81	77	104	93	93	93	93
Balance Forward Out	2	0	11	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Biennial Change in Expenditures</i>				(45)		5		5
<i>Biennial % Change in Expenditures</i>				(20)		3		3
<i>Gov's Exp Change from Base</i>								0
<i>Gov's Exp % Change from Base</i>								0