- 1 SB39
- 2 146775-1
- 3 By Senator Ward
- 4 RFD: Judiciary
- 5 First Read: 05-FEB-13
- 6 PFD: 01/09/2013

146775-1:n:01/09/2013:JMH/th LRS2012-5845

2.2

8 SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, the Uniform Commercial Code-Secured Transactions, appears as Chapter 9A of Title 7 of the Code of Alabama 1975, and provides a comprehensive program for the regulation of security interests in personal property and fixtures.

This bill would amend Alabama's adoption of Article 9 to incorporate changes made to the Uniform Commercial Code. This bill would update Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code to provide greater guidance as to the name of an individual debtor to be provided on a financing statement. For business entities and other registered organizations, the bill would clarify that the proper name for protection purposes is the name filed with the state. For an individual debtor, the proper name would be that which appears on the debtor's driver's license, the debtor's actual name, or the debtor's surname and first personal name may be used on the financing statement. Other

1 amendments would change the information required on 2 the financing statements; provide greater protection for an existing secured party having a 3 security interest in after-acquired property when its debtor relocates to another state or merges 5 6 with another entity; and provide a safe harbor for 7 the transfer of chattel paper in conformance with the Uniform Electronic Transaction Act. 8 9 10 A BILL 11 TO BE ENTITLED 12 AN ACT 13 To amend Sections 7-9A-102, 7-9A-105, 7-9A-307, 14 7-9A-311, 7-9A-316, 7-9A-317, 7-9A-326, 7-9A-406, 7-9A-408, 15 7-9A-502, 7-9A-503, 7-9A-507, 7-9A-515, 7-9A-516, 7-9A-518, 16 17 and 7-9A-607 of, and to add Part 8, comprised of Sections 7-9A-801, 7-9A-802, 7-9A-803, 7-9A-804, 7-9A-805, 7-9A-806, 18 7-9A-807, 7-9A-808, and 7-9A-809 to Chapter 9A of Title 7, of 19 the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the Uniform Commercial 20 21 Code-Secured Transactions, including the effectiveness of a 22 security agreement, and attachment of security interest. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA: 23 Section 1. Sections 7-9A-102, 7-9A-105, 7-9A-307, 24 7-9A-311, 7-9A-316, 7-9A-317, 7-9A-326, 7-9A-406, 7-9A-408, 25 26 7-9A-502, 7-9A-503, 7-9A-507, 7-9A-515, 7-9A-516, 7-9A-518,

and 7-9A-607, Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

3 "\$7-9A-102.

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

- "(a) Article 9A definitions. In this article:
- "(1) "Accession" means goods that are physically united with other goods in such a manner that the identity of the original goods is not lost.

"(2) "Account," except as used in "account for," means a right to payment of a monetary obligation, whether or not earned by performance, (i) for property that has been or is to be sold, leased, licensed, assigned, or otherwise disposed of, (ii) for services rendered or to be rendered, (iii) for a policy of insurance issued or to be issued, (iv) for a secondary obligation incurred or to be incurred, (v) for energy provided or to be provided, (vi) for the use or hire of a vessel under a charter or other contract, (vii) arising out of the use of a credit or charge card or information contained on or for use with the card, or (viii) as winnings in a lottery or other game of chance operated or sponsored by a State, governmental unit of a State, or person licensed or authorized to operate the game by a State or governmental unit of a State. The term includes health-care-insurance receivables. The term does not include (i) rights to payment evidenced by chattel paper or an instrument, (ii) commercial tort claims, (iii) deposit accounts, (iv) investment property, (v) letter-of-credit rights or letters of credit, or (vi) rights to payment for money or funds advanced or sold, other

- than rights arising out of the use of a credit or charge card or information contained on or for use with the card.
- "(3) "Account debtor" means a person obligated on an account, chattel paper, or general intangible. The term does not include persons obligated to pay a negotiable instrument, even if the instrument constitutes part of chattel paper.
- 7 "(4) "Accounting," except as used in "accounting 8 for," means a record:
  - "(A) authenticated by a secured party;

- "(B) indicating the aggregate unpaid secured

  obligations as of a date not more than 35 days earlier or 35

  days later than the date of the record; and
- "(C) identifying the components of the obligations in reasonable detail.
- "(5) "Agricultural lien" means an interest, other than a security interest, in farm products:
- "(A) which secures payment or performance of an obligation for:
- "(i) goods or services furnished in connection with a debtor's farming operation; or
- "(ii) rent on real property leased by a debtor in connection with its farming operation;
- "(B) which is created by statute in favor of a person that:
- "(i) in the ordinary course of its business

  furnished goods or services to a debtor in connection with a

  debtor's farming operation; or

- 1 "(ii) leased real property to a debtor in connection 2 with the debtor's farming operation; and "(C) whose effectiveness does not depend on the 3 4 person's possession of the personal property. "(6) "As-extracted collateral" means: 5 "(A) oil, gas, or other minerals that are subject to 6 7 a security interest that: "(i) is created by a debtor having an interest in 8 the minerals before extraction; and 9 10 "(ii) attaches to the minerals as extracted; or 11 "(B) accounts arising out of the sale at the 12 wellhead or mine of oil, gas, or other minerals in which the debtor had an interest before extraction. 13 "(7) "Authenticate" means: 14 "(A) to sign; or 15 16 "(B) to execute or otherwise adopt a symbol, or 17 encrypt or similarly process a record in whole or in part,
  - "(B) to execute or otherwise adopt a symbol, or encrypt or similarly process a record in whole or in part, with the present intent of the authenticating person to identify the person and adopt or accept a record with present intent to adopt or accept a record, to attach to or logically associate with the record an electronic sound, symbol, or process.

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

"(8) "Bank" means an organization that is engaged in the business of banking. The term includes savings banks, savings and loan associations, credit unions, and trust companies.

"(9) "Cash proceeds" means proceeds that are money, checks, deposit accounts, or the like.

"(10) "Certificate of title" means a certificate of title with respect to which a statute provides for the security interest in question to be indicated on the certificate as a condition or result of the security interest's obtaining priority over the rights of a lien creditor with respect to the collateral. The term includes another record maintained as an alternative to a certificate of title by the governmental unit that issues certificates of title if a statute permits the security interest in question to be indicated on the record as a condition or result of the security interest's obtaining priority over the rights of a lien creditor with respect to the collateral.

"(11) "Chattel paper" means a record or records that evidence both a monetary obligation and a security interest in specific goods, a security interest in specific goods and software used in the goods, a security interest in specific goods and license of software used in the goods, a lease of specific goods and license of specific goods and license of software used in the goods. In this paragraph, "monetary obligation" means a monetary obligation secured by the goods or owed under a lease of the goods and includes a monetary obligation with respect to software used in the goods. The term does not include (i) charters or other contracts involving the use or hire of a vessel or (ii) records that evidence a right to payment arising out of the use of a credit

or charge card or information contained on or for use with the 1 2 card. If a transaction is evidenced by records that include an instrument or series of instruments, the group of records 3 4 taken together constitutes chattel paper. "(12) "Collateral" means the property subject to a 5 security interest or agricultural lien. The term includes: 6 7 "(A) proceeds to which a security interest attaches; "(B) accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles, 8 and promissory notes that have been sold; and 9 10 "(C) goods that are the subject of a consignment. 11 "(13) "Commercial tort claim" means a claim arising 12 in tort with respect to which: 13 "(A) the claimant is an organization; or "(B) the claimant is an individual and the claim: 14 15 "(i) arose in the course of the claimant's business 16 or profession; and 17 "(ii) does not include damages arising out of personal injury to or the death of an individual. 18 19 "(14) "Commodity account" means an account maintained by a commodity intermediary in which a commodity 20 21 contract is carried for a commodity customer. 22 "(15) "Commodity contract" means a commodity futures 23 contract, an option on a commodity futures contract, a

commodity option, or another contract if the contract or

24

25

option is:

1 ("A) traded on or subject to the rules of a board of trade that has been designated as a contract market for such a 2 contract pursuant to federal commodities laws; or 3 "(B) traded on a foreign commodity board of trade, 4 exchange, or market, and is carried on the books of a 5 commodity intermediary for a commodity customer. 6 7 "(16) "Commodity customer" means a person for which a commodity intermediary carries a commodity contract on its 8 9 books. 10 "(17) "Commodity intermediary" means a person that: 11 "(A) is registered as a futures commission merchant 12 under federal commodities law; or 13 "(B) in the ordinary course of its business provides clearance or settlement services for a board of trade that has 14 15 been designated as a contract market pursuant to federal commodities law. 16 "(18) "Communicate" means: 17 "(A) to send a written or other tangible record; 18 "(B) to transmit a record by any means agreed upon 19 20 by the persons sending and receiving the record; or 21 "(C) in the case of transmission of a record to or 22 by a filing office, to transmit a record by any means 23 prescribed by filing-office rule.

Page 8

are delivered in a consignment.

"(19) "Consignee" means a merchant to which goods

24

1	"(20) "Consignment" means a transaction, regardless
2	of its form, in which a person delivers goods to a merchant
3	for the purpose of sale and:
4	"(A) the merchant:
5	"(i) deals in goods of that kind under a name other
6	than the name of the person making delivery;
7	"(ii) is not an auctioneer; and
8	"(iii) is not generally known by its creditors to be
9	substantially engaged in selling the goods of others;
10	"(B) with respect to each delivery, the aggregate
11	value of the goods is \$1,000 or more at the time of delivery;
12	"(C) the goods are not consumer goods immediately
13	before delivery; and
14	"(D) the transaction does not create a security
15	interest that secures an obligation.
16	"(21) "Consignor" means a person that delivers goods
17	to a consignee in a consignment.
18	"(22) "Consumer debtor" means a debtor in a consumer
19	transaction.
20	"(23) "Consumer goods" means goods that are used or
21	bought for use primarily for personal, family, or household
22	purposes.
23	"(24) "Consumer-goods transaction" means a consumer
24	transaction in which:
25	"(A) an individual incurs an obligation primarily
26	for personal, family, or household purposes; and

1 "(B) a security interest in consumer goods secures 2 the obligation. "(25) "Consumer obligor" means an obligor who is an 3 individual and who incurred the obligation as part of a transaction entered into primarily for personal, family, or 5 6 household purposes. "(26) "Consumer transaction" means a transaction in 7 which (i) an individual incurs an obligation primarily for 8 personal, family, or household purposes, (ii) a security 9 10 interest secures the obligation, and (iii) the collateral is held or acquired primarily for personal, family, or household 11 12 purposes. The term includes consumer-goods transactions. "(27) "Continuation statement" means an amendment of 13 14 a financing statement which: 15 "(A) identifies, by its file number, the initial financing statement to which it relates; and 16 17 "(B) indicates that it is a continuation statement for, or that it is filed to continue the effectiveness of, the 18 identified financing statement. 19 "(28) "Debtor" means: 20 21 "(A) a person having an interest, other than a security interest or other lien, in the collateral, whether or 22 23 not the person is an obligor; "(B) a seller of accounts, chattel paper, payment 24

intangibles, or promissory notes; or

"(C) a consignee.

25

1	"(29) "Deposit account" means a demand, time,
2	savings, passbook, or similar account maintained with a bank.
3	The term does not include investment property or accounts
4	evidenced by an instrument.
5	"(30) "Document" means a document of title or a
6	receipt of the type described in Section 7-7-201(b).
7	"(31) "Electronic chattel paper" means chattel paper
8	evidenced by a record or records consisting of information
9	stored in an electronic medium.
10	"(32) "Encumbrance" means a right, other than an
11	ownership interest, in real property. The term includes
12	mortgages and other liens on real property.
13	"(33) "Equipment" means goods other than inventory,
14	farm products, or consumer goods.
15	"(34) "Farm products" means goods, other than
16	standing timber, with respect to which the debtor is engaged
17	in a farming operation and which are:
18	"(A) crops grown, growing, or to be grown,
19	including:
20	"(i) crops produced on trees, vines, and bushes; and
21	"(ii) aquatic goods produced in aquacultural
22	operations;
23	"(B) livestock, born or unborn, including aquatic
24	goods produced in aquacultural operations;
25	"(C) supplies used or produced in a farming
26	operation; or

- 1 "(D) products of crops or livestock in their 2 unmanufactured states. "(35) "Farming operation" means raising, 3 cultivating, propagating, fattening, grazing, or any other farming, livestock, or aquacultural operation. 5 "(36) "File number" means the number assigned to an 6 7 initial financing statement pursuant to Section 7-9A-519(a). "(37) "Filing office" means an office designated in 8 Section 7-9A-501 as the place to file a financing statement. 9 10 "(38) "Filing-office rule" means a rule adopted pursuant to Section 7-9A-526. 11 "(39) "Financing statement" means a record or 12 13 records composed of an initial financing statement and any 14 filed record relating to the initial financing statement. 15 "(40) "Fixture filing" means the filing of a financing statement covering goods that are or are to become 16 17 fixtures and satisfying Section 7-9A-502(a) and (b). The term includes the filing of a financing statement covering goods of 18 a transmitting utility which are or are to become fixtures. 19 "(41) "Fixtures" means goods that have become so 20 21 related to particular real property that an interest in them 22 arises under real property law. 23 "(42) "General intangible" means any personal 24
  - property, including things in action, other than accounts, chattel paper, commercial tort claims, deposit accounts, documents, goods, instruments, investment property,
- 27 letter-of-credit rights, letters of credit, money, and oil,

gas, or other minerals before extraction. The term includes
payment intangibles and software.

3

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

"(43) "Good faith" means honesty in fact in the conduct or transaction concerned.

"(44) "Goods" means all things that are movable when a security interest attaches. The term includes (i) fixtures, (ii) standing timber that is to be cut and removed under a conveyance or contract for sale, to the extent such standing timber and cutting rights with respect thereto are considered as chattels under Section 35-4-363, (iii) the unborn young of animals, (iv) crops grown, growing, or to be grown, even if the crops are produced on trees, vines, or bushes, and (v) manufactured homes. The term also includes a computer program embedded in goods and any supporting information provided in connection with a transaction relating to the program if (i) the program is associated with the goods in such a manner that it customarily is considered part of the goods, or (ii) by becoming the owner of the goods, a person acquires a right to use the program in connection with the goods. The term does not include a computer program embedded in goods that consist solely of the medium in which the program is embedded. The term also does not include accounts, chattel paper, commercial tort claims, deposit accounts, documents, general intangibles, instruments, investment property, letter-of-credit rights, letters of credit, money, or oil, gas, or other minerals before extraction.

"(45) "Governmental unit" means a subdivision,

agency, department, county, parish, municipality, or other

unit of the government of the United States, a state, or a

foreign country. The term includes an organization having a

separate corporate existence if the organization is eligible

to issue debt on which interest is exempt from income taxation

under the laws of the United States.

- "(46) "Health-care-insurance receivable" means an interest in or claim under a policy of insurance which is a right to payment of a monetary obligation for health-care goods or services provided.
  - "(47) "Instrument" means a negotiable instrument or any other writing that evidences a right to the payment of a monetary obligation, is not itself a security agreement or lease, and is of a type that in ordinary course of business is transferred by delivery with any necessary indorsement or assignment. The term does not include (i) investment property, (ii) letters of credit, or (iii) writings that evidence a right to payment arising out of the use of a credit or charge card or information contained on or for use with the card.
  - "(48) "Inventory" means goods, other than farm products, which:
    - "(A) are leased by a person as lessor;
- "(B) are held by a person for sale or lease or to be furnished under a contract of service;
  - "(C) are furnished by a person under a contract of service; or

- 1 "(D) consist of raw materials, work in process, or 2 materials used or consumed in a business. "(49) "Investment property" means a security, 3 whether certificated or uncertificated, security entitlement, securities account, commodity contract, or commodity account. 5 "(50) "Jurisdiction of organization," with respect 6 7 to a registered organization, means the jurisdiction under whose law the organization is organized. 8 "(51) "Letter-of-credit right" means a right to 9 10 payment or performance under a letter of credit, whether or not the beneficiary has demanded or is at the time entitled to 11 12 demand payment or performance. The term does not include the 13 right of a beneficiary to demand payment or performance under a letter of credit. 14 "(52) "Lien creditor" means: 15 "(A) a creditor that has acquired a lien on the 16 17 property involved by attachment, levy, or the like; "(B) an assignee for benefit of creditors from the 18 time of assignment; 19 "(C) a trustee in bankruptcy from the date of the 20 21 filing of the petition; or 22 "(D) a receiver in equity from the time of 23 appointment. "(53) "Manufactured home" means a structure defined 24 as a "manufactured home" in Section 32-8-2. 25
  - "(54) "Manufactured-home transaction" means a secured transaction:

- "(A) that creates a purchase-money security interest in a manufactured home, other than a manufactured home held as inventory; or
- "(B) in which a manufactured home, other than a manufactured home held as inventory, is the primary collateral.

- "(55) "Mortgage" means a consensual interest in real property, including fixtures, which secures payment or performance of an obligation.
  - "(56) "New debtor" means a person that becomes bound as debtor under Section 7-9A-203(d) by a security agreement previously entered into by another person.
  - "(57) "New value" means (i) money, (ii) money's worth in property, services, or new credit, or (iii) release by a transferee of an interest in property previously transferred to the transferee. The term does not include an obligation substituted for another obligation.
  - "(58) "Noncash proceeds" means proceeds other than cash proceeds.
  - "(59) "Obligor" means a person that, with respect to an obligation secured by a security interest in or an agricultural lien on the collateral, (i) owes payment or other performance of the obligation, (ii) has provided property other than the collateral to secure payment or other performance of the obligation, or (iii) is otherwise accountable in whole or in part for payment or other

1 performance of the obligation. The term does not include 2 issuers or nominated persons under a letter of credit. "(60) "Original debtor," except as used in Section 3 7-9A-310(c), means a person that, as debtor, entered into a security agreement to which a new debtor has become bound 5 under Section 7-9A-203(d). 6 7 "(61) "Payment intangible" means a general intangible under which the account debtor's principal 8 obligation is a monetary obligation. 9 10 "(62) "Person related to," with respect to an individual, means: 11 12 "(A) the spouse of the individual; 13 "(B) a brother, brother-in-law, sister, or 14 sister-in-law of the individual; "(C) an ancestor or lineal descendant of the 15 individual or the individual's spouse; or 16 17 "(D) any other relative, by blood or marriage, of the individual or the individual's spouse who shares the same 18 home with the individual. 19 "(63) "Person related to," with respect to an 20 21 organization, means: 22 "(A) a person directly or indirectly controlling, 23 controlled by, or under common control with the organization; 24 "(B) an officer or director of, or a person 25 performing similar functions with respect to, the organization; 26

1 "(C) an officer or director of, or a person 2 performing similar functions with respect to, a person described in subparagraph (A); 3 4 "(D) the spouse of an individual described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C); or 5 "(E) an individual who is related by blood or 6 7 marriage to an individual described in subparagraph (A), (B), (C), or (D) and shares the same home with the individual. 8 "(64) "Proceeds," except as used in Section 9 10 7-9A-609(b), means the following property: 11 "(A) whatever is acquired upon the sale, lease, 12 license, exchange, or other disposition of collateral; "(B) whatever is collected on, or distributed on 13 14 account of, collateral; 15 "(C) rights arising out of collateral; "(D) to the extent of the value of collateral, 16 17 claims arising out of the loss, nonconformity, or interference with the use of, defects or infringement of rights in, or 18 damage to, the collateral; or 19 "(E) to the extent of the value of collateral and to 20 21 the extent payable to the debtor or the secured party, 22 insurance payable by reason of the loss or nonconformity of, 23 defects or infringement of rights in, or damage to, the 24 collateral. "(65) "Promissory note" means an instrument that 25 26 evidences a promise to pay a monetary obligation, does not 27 evidence an order to pay, and does not contain an

1	acknowledgment	by a	bank	that	the	bank	has	received	for
2	deposit a sum o	of mo	ney o	r func	ds.				

"(66) "Proposal" means a record authenticated by a secured party which includes the terms on which the secured party is willing to accept collateral in full or partial satisfaction of the obligation it secures pursuant to Sections 7-9A-620, 7-9A-621, and 7-9A-622.

"(67) Omitted.

"(68) "Public organic record" means a record that is available to the public for inspection and that is:

"(A) a record consisting of the record initially

filed with or issued by a state or the United States to form

or organize an organization and any record filed with or

issued by the state or the United States which amends or

restates the initial record;

"(B) an organic record of a business trust consisting of the record initially filed with a state and any record filed with the state which amends or restates the initial record, if a statute of the state governing business trusts requires that the record be filed with the state; or

"(C) a record consisting of legislation enacted by the legislature of a state or the Congress of the United

States which forms or organizes an organization, any record amending the legislation, and any record filed with or issued by the state or United States which amends or restates the name of the organization.

"For purposes of this definition and the definition of registered organization, a certificate of formation filed with a judge of probate pursuant to Section 10A-1-4.02(a) is filed with the state.

"(68)(69) "Pursuant to commitment," with respect to an advance made or other value given by a secured party, means pursuant to the secured party's obligation, whether or not a subsequent event of default or other event not within the secured party's control has relieved or may relieve the secured party from its obligation.

"(69)(70) "Record," except as used in "for record,"
"of record," "record or legal title," and "record owner,"
means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or
which is stored in an electronic or other medium and is
retrievable in perceivable form.

"(70)(71) "Registered organization" means an organization formed or organized solely under the law of a single State or the United States and as to which the state or the United States must maintain a public record showing the organization to have been organized by the filing of a public organic record with, the issuance of a public organic record by, or the enactment of legislation by the state or the United States. The term incudes a business trust that is formed or organized under the law of a single state if a statute of the state governing business trusts requires that the business trust's organic record be filed with the state.

" $\frac{(71)}{(72)}$ "Secondary obligor" means an obligor to 1 2 the extent that: "(A) the obligor's obligation is secondary; or 3 "(B) the obligor has a right of recourse with respect to an obligation secured by collateral against the 5 debtor, another obligor, or property of either. 6 7 " $\frac{(72)}{(73)}$  (73) "Secured party" means: "(A) a person in whose favor a security interest is 8 created or provided for under a security agreement, whether or 9 10 not any obligation to be secured is outstanding; "(B) a person that holds an agricultural lien; 11 12 "(C) a consignor; "(D) a person to which accounts, chattel paper, 13 14 payment intangibles, or promissory notes have been sold; "(E) a trustee, indenture trustee, agent, collateral 15 agent, or other representative in whose favor a security 16 17 interest or agricultural lien is created or provided for; or "(F) a person that holds a security interest arising 18 under Section 7-2-401, 7-2-505, 7-2-711(3), 7-2A-508(5), 19 7-4-210, or 7-5-118. 20 "<del>(73)</del>(74) "Security agreement" means an agreement 21 22 that creates or provides for a security interest. " $\frac{(74)}{(75)}$ " Send," in connection with a record or 23 24 notification, means: "(A) to deposit in the mail, deliver for 25 26 transmission, or transmit by any other usual means of communication, with postage or cost of transmission provided

- 1 for, addressed to any address reasonable under the 2 circumstances; or "(B) to cause the record or notification to be 3 received within the time that it would have been received if properly sent under subparagraph (A). 5 "(75)(76) "Software" means a computer program and 6 7 any supporting information provided in connection with a transaction relating to the program. The term does not include 8 a computer program that is included in the definition of 9 10 goods. " $\frac{(76)}{(77)}$  "State" means a state of the United 11 12 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United 13 States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession 14 subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. 15 " $\frac{(77)}{(78)}$ "Supporting obligation" means a letter-of-credit right or secondary obligation that supports 16 17 the payment or performance of an account, chattel paper, a document, a general intangible, an instrument, or investment 18 19 property. "(78) (79) "Tangible chattel paper" means chattel 20 21 paper evidenced by a record or records consisting of information that is inscribed on a tangible medium. 22 "<del>(79)</del>(80) "Termination statement" means an amendment 23 24 of a financing statement which:
- "(A) identifies, by its file number, the initial financing statement to which it relates; and

"(B) indicates either that it is a termination 1 2 statement or that the identified financing statement is no longer effective. 3 "<del>(80)</del>(81) "Transmitting utility" means a person primarily engaged in the business of: 5 "(A) operating a railroad, subway, street railway, 6 7 or trolley bus; "(B) transmitting communications electrically, 8 9 electromagnetically, or by light; 10 "(C) transmitting goods by pipeline or sewer; 11 "(D) transmitting or producing or distributing 12 electricity, steam, gas, or water; or 13 "(E) owning, operating, leasing or controlling a "utility" as defined in Section 37-1-30. 14 "(b) Definitions in other articles. "Control" as 15 provided in Section 7-7-106 and the following definitions in 16 17 other articles of this title apply to this article: ""Applicant" Section 7-5-102. 18 19 ""Beneficiary" Section 7-5-102. ""Broker" Section 7-8-102. 20 ""Certificated security" Section 7-8-102. 21 ""Check" Section 7-3-104. 22 23 ""Clearing corporation" Section 7-8-102. ""Contract for sale" Section 7-2-106. 24 ""Customer" Section 7-4-104. 25 ""Entitlement holder" Section 7-8-102. 26 27 ""Financial asset" Section 7-8-102.

""Holder in due course" Section 7-3-302. 1 2 ""Issuer" (with respect to a letter of credit or 3 letter-of-credit right) Section 7-5-102. 4 ""Issuer" (with respect to a security) Section 5 7-8-201. 6 ""Issuer" (with respect to documents of title) 7 Section 7-7-102. ""Lease" Section 7-2A-103. 8 ""Lease agreement" Section 7-2A-103. 9 10 ""Lease contract" Section 7-2A-103. 11 ""Leasehold interest" Section 7-2A-103. 12 ""Lessee" Section 7-2A-103. ""Lessee in ordinary course of business" Section 13 7-2A-103. 14 ""Lessor" Section 7-2A-103. 15 ""Lessor's residual interest" Section 7-2A-103. 16 17 ""Letter of credit" Section 7-5-102. 18 ""Merchant" Section 7-2-104. 19 ""Negotiable instrument" Section 7-3-104. 20 ""Nominated person" Section 7-5-102. ""Note" Section 7-3-104. 21 22 ""Proceeds of a letter of credit" Section 7-5-114. ""Prove" Section 7-3-103. 23 ""Sale" Section 7-2-106. 24 ""Securities account" Section 7-8-501. 25 ""Securities intermediary" Section 7-8-102. 26 27 ""Security" Section 7-8-102.

Τ	""Security certificate" Section 7-8-102.
2	""Security entitlement" Section 7-8-102.
3	""Uncertificated security" Section 7-8-102.
4	"(c) Article 1 definitions and principles. Article 1
5	contains general definitions and principles of construction
6	and interpretation applicable throughout this article.
7	"§7-9A-105.
8	"(a) General rule: control of electronic chattel
9	paper. A secured party has control of electronic chattel paper
10	if a system employed for evidencing the transfer of interests
11	in the chattel paper reliably establishes the secure party as
12	the person to which the chattel paper was assigned.
13	"(b) Specific facts giving control. A system
14	satisfies subsection (a) and a secured party has control of
15	electronic chattel paper if the record or records comprising
16	the chattel paper are created, stored, and assigned in such a
17	manner that:
18	"(1) a single authoritative copy of the record or
19	records exists which is unique, identifiable and, except as
20	otherwise provided in paragraphs $(4)$ , $(5)$ , and $(6)$ ,
21	unalterable;
22	"(2) the authoritative copy identifies the secured
23	party as the assignee of the record or records;
24	"(3) the authoritative copy is communicated to and
25	maintained by the secured party or its designated custodian;

- "(4) copies or revisions amendments that add or

  change an identified assignee of the authoritative copy can be

  made only with the participation consent of the secured party;
  - "(5) each copy of the authoritative copy and any copy of a copy is readily identifiable as a copy that is not the authoritative copy; and
  - "(6) any revision amendment of the authoritative copy is readily identifiable as an authorized or unauthorized revision.

10 "\$7-9A-307.

- "(a) "Place of business." In this section, "place of business" means a place where a debtor conducts its affairs.
- "(b) Debtor's location: General rules. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the following rules determine a debtor's location:
- "(1) A debtor who is an individual is located at the individual's principal residence.
  - "(2) A debtor that is an organization and has only one place of business is located at its place of business.
  - "(3) A debtor that is an organization and has more than one place of business is located at its chief executive office.
  - "(c) Limitation of applicability of subsection (b).

    Subsection (b) applies only if a debtor's residence, place of business, or chief executive office, as applicable, is located in a jurisdiction whose law generally requires information concerning the existence of a nonpossessory security interest

to be made generally available in a filing, recording, or registration system as a condition or result of the security interest's obtaining priority over the rights of a lien creditor with respect to the collateral. If subsection (b) does not apply, the debtor is located in the District of

Columbia.

- "(d) Continuation of location: Cessation of existence, etc. A person that ceases to exist, have a residence, or have a place of business continues to be located in the jurisdiction specified by subsections (b) and (c).
- "(e) Location of registered organization organized under State law. A registered organization that is organized under the law of a State is located in that State.
- "(f) Location of registered organization organized under federal law; bank branches and agencies. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (i), a registered organization that is organized under the law of the United States and a branch or agency of a bank that is not organized under the law of the United States or a State are located:
- "(1) in the State that the law of the United States designates, if the law designates a State of location;
- "(2) in the State that the registered organization, branch, or agency designates, if the law of the United States authorizes the registered organization, branch, or agency to designate its State of location, including by designating its main office, home office, or other comparable office; or

- "(3) in the District of Columbia, if neither
  paragraph (1) nor paragraph (2) applies.
- "(g) Continuation of location: Change in status of registered organization. A registered organization continues to be located in the jurisdiction specified by subsection (e) or (f) notwithstanding:
- "(1) the suspension, revocation, forfeiture, or lapse of the registered organization's status as such in its jurisdiction of organization; or
- "(2) the dissolution, winding up, or cancellation of the existence of the registered organization.

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

- "(h) Location of United States. The United States is located in the District of Columbia.
  - "(i) Location of foreign bank branch or agency if licensed in only one State. A branch or agency of a bank that is not organized under the law of the United States or a State is located in the State in which the branch or agency is licensed, if all branches and agencies of the bank are licensed in only one State.
  - "(j) Location of foreign air carrier. A foreign air carrier under the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended, is located at the designated office of the agent upon which service of process may be made on behalf of the carrier.
- "(k) Section applies only to this part. This section applies only for purposes of this part.
  - "(1) Information as to debtor's location. Within 10 days after receipt of the secured party's authenticated

request, the debtor shall provide to the secured party the information reasonably necessary to enable the secured party to determine the debtor's location under this section.

"\$7-9A-311.

- "(a) Security interest subject to other law. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d), the filing of a financing statement is not necessary or effective to perfect a security interest in property subject to:
- "(1) a statute, regulation, or treaty of the United States whose requirements for a security interest's obtaining priority over the rights of a lien creditor with respect to the property preempt Section 7-9A-310(a);
- "(2) a certificate-of-title statute covering
  automobiles, trailers, manufactured homes, boats, farm
  tractors, or the like, which provides for a security interest
  to be indicated on the certificate as a condition or result of
  perfection, and any non-Uniform Commercial Code central filing
  statute Chapter 8 or Chapter 20 of Title 32 or another statute
  of this state which provides for a security interest to be
  indicated on a certificate of title as a condition or result
  of the security interest's obtaining priority over the rights
  of a lien creditor with respect to the collateral, or any
  central filing system created by another statute of this state
  governing perfection of a security interest in collateral that
  is subject to this article; or
- "(3) a certificate-of-title statute of another jurisdiction which provides for a security interest to be

indicated on the  $\underline{a}$  certificate as a condition or result of the security interest's obtaining priority over the rights of a lien creditor with respect to the property.

- "(b) Compliance with other law. Compliance with the requirements of a statute, regulation, or treaty described in subsection (a) for obtaining priority over the rights of a lien creditor is equivalent to the filing of a financing statement under this article. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d) and Sections 7-9A-313 and 7-9A-316(d) and (e) for goods covered by a certificate of title, a security interest in property subject to a statute, regulation, or treaty described in subsection (a) may be perfected only by compliance with those requirements, and a security interest so perfected remains perfected notwithstanding a change in the use or transfer of possession of the collateral.
- "(c) Duration and renewal of perfection. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d) and Section 7-9A-316(d) and (e), duration and renewal of perfection of a security interest perfected by compliance with the requirements prescribed by a statute, regulation, or treaty described in subsection (a) are governed by the statute, regulation, or treaty. In other respects, the security interest is subject to this article.
- "(d) Inapplicability to certain inventory. During any period in which collateral subject to a statute specified in subsection (a)(2) is inventory held for sale or lease by a person or leased by that person as lessor and that person is

in the business of selling goods of that kind, this section does not apply to a security interest in that collateral created by that person.

"\$7-9A-316.

- "(a) General rule: Effect on perfection of change in governing law. A security interest perfected pursuant to the law of the jurisdiction designated in Section 7-9A-301(1) or 7-9A-305(c) remains perfected until the earliest of:
- "(1) the time perfection would have ceased under the law of that jurisdiction;
  - "(2) the expiration of four months after a change of the debtor's location to another jurisdiction; or
  - "(3) the expiration of one year after a transfer of collateral to a person that thereby becomes a debtor and is located in another jurisdiction.
  - "(b) Security interest perfected or unperfected under law of new jurisdiction. If a security interest described in subsection (a) becomes perfected under the law of the other jurisdiction before the earliest time or event described in that subsection, it remains perfected thereafter. If the security interest does not become perfected under the law of the other jurisdiction before the earliest time or event, it becomes unperfected and is deemed never to have been perfected as against a purchaser of the collateral for value.
  - "(c) Possessory security interest in collateral moved to new jurisdiction. A possessory security interest in collateral, other than goods covered by a certificate of title

and as-extracted collateral consisting of goods, remains
continuously perfected if:

- "(1) the collateral is located in one jurisdiction and subject to a security interest perfected under the law of that jurisdiction;
  - "(2) thereafter the collateral is brought into another jurisdiction; and
  - "(3) upon entry into the other jurisdiction, the security interest is perfected under the law of the other jurisdiction.
    - "(d) Goods covered by certificate of title from this State. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (e), a security interest in goods covered by a certificate of title which is perfected by any method under the law of another jurisdiction when the goods become covered by a certificate of title from this State remains perfected until the security interest would have become unperfected under the law of the other jurisdiction had the goods not become so covered.
    - "(e) When subsection (d) security interest becomes unperfected against purchasers. A security interest described in subsection (d) becomes unperfected as against a purchaser of the goods for value and is deemed never to have been perfected as against a purchaser of the goods for value if the applicable requirements for perfection under Section 7-9A-311(b) or 7-9A-313 are not satisfied before the earlier of:

"(1) the time the security interest would have
become unperfected under the law of the other jurisdiction had
the goods not become covered by a certificate of title from
this State; or

- "(2) the expiration of four months after the goods had become so covered.
- "(f) Change in jurisdiction of bank, issuer, nominated person, securities intermediary, or commodity intermediary. A security interest in deposit accounts, letter-of-credit rights, or investment property which is perfected under the law of the bank's jurisdiction, the issuer's jurisdiction, a nominated person's jurisdiction, the securities intermediary's jurisdiction, or the commodity intermediary's jurisdiction, as applicable, remains perfected until the earlier of:
- "(1) the time the security interest would have become unperfected under the law of that jurisdiction; or
- "(2) the expiration of four months after a change of the applicable jurisdiction to another jurisdiction.
- "(g) Subsection (f) security interest perfected or unperfected under law of new jurisdiction. If a security interest described in subsection (f) becomes perfected under the law of the other jurisdiction before the earlier of the time or the end of the period described in that subsection, it remains perfected thereafter. If the security interest does not become perfected under the law of the other jurisdiction before the earlier of that time or the end of that period, it

becomes unperfected and is deemed never to have been perfected
as against a purchaser of the collateral for value.

2.2

"(h) Effect on filed financing statement of change in governing law. The following rules apply to collateral to which a security interest attaches within four months after the debtor changes its location to another jurisdiction:

"(1) A financing statement filed before the change pursuant to the law of the jurisdiction designated in Section 7-9A-301(1) or 7-9A-305(c) is effective to perfect a security interest in the collateral if the financing statement would have been effective to perfect a security interest in the collateral if the debtor had not changed its location.

"(2) If a security interest that is perfected by a financing statement that is effective under paragraph (1) becomes perfected under the law of the other jurisdiction before the earlier of the time the financing statement would have become ineffective under the law of the jurisdiction designated in Section 7-9A-301(1) or 7-9A-305(c) or the expiration of the four-month period, it remains perfected thereafter. If the security interest does not become perfected under the law of the other jurisdiction before the earlier time or event, it becomes unperfected and is deemed never to have been perfected as against a purchaser of the collateral for value.

"(i) Effect of change in governing law on financing statement filed against original debtor. If a financing statement naming an original debtor is filed pursuant to the

1	$\underline{\text{law of the jurisdiction designated in Section 7-9A-301(1) or}$
2	7-9A-305(c) and the new debtor is located in another
3	jurisdiction, the following rules apply:

"(1) The financing statement is effective to perfect a security interest in collateral acquired by the new debtor before, and within four months after, the new debtor becomes bound under Section 7-9A-203(d), if the financing statement would have been effective to perfect a security interest in the collateral if the collateral had been acquired by the original debtor.

"(2) A security interest that is perfected by the financing statement and which becomes perfected under the law of the other jurisdiction before the earlier of the expiration of the four-month period or the time the financing statement would have become ineffective under the law of the jurisdiction designated in Section 7-9A-301(1) or 7-9A-305(c) remains perfected thereafter. A security interest that is perfected by the financing statement but which does not become perfected under the law of the other jurisdiction before the earlier time or event becomes unperfected and is deemed never to have been perfected as against a purchaser of the collateral for value.

"\$7-9A-317.

"(a) Conflicting security interests and rights of lien creditors. A security interest or agricultural lien is subordinate to the rights of:

- 1 "(1) a person entitled to priority under Section
- 2 7-9A-322; and
- "(2) except as otherwise provided in subsection (e),
- 4 a person that becomes a lien creditor before the earlier of
- 5 the time:
- 6 "(A) the security interest or agricultural lien is
- 7 perfected; or
- 8 "(B) one of the conditions specified in Section
- 9 7-9A-203(b)(3) is met and a financing statement covering the
- 10 collateral is filed.
- "(b) Buyers that receive delivery. Except as
- otherwise provided in subsection (e), a buyer, other than a
- secured party, of tangible chattel paper, tangible documents,
- qoods, instruments, or a certificated security <del>certificate</del>
- takes free of a security interest or agricultural lien if the
- 16 buyer gives value and receives delivery of the collateral
- 17 without knowledge of the security interest or agricultural
- 18 lien and before it is perfected.
- "(c) Lessees that receive delivery. Except as
- otherwise provided in subsection (e), a lessee of goods takes
- 21 free of a security interest or agricultural lien if the lessee
- 22 gives value and receives delivery of the collateral without
- 23 knowledge of the security interest or agricultural lien and
- 24 before it is perfected.
- "(d) Licensees and buyers of certain collateral. A
- licensee of a general intangible or a buyer, other than a
- 27 secured party, of accounts, electronic chattel paper, general

intangibles, or investment property collateral other than

tangible chattel paper, tangible documents, goods,

instruments, or a certificated security takes free of a

security interest if the licensee or buyer gives value without

knowledge of the security interest and before it is perfected.

"(e) Purchase-money security interest. Except as otherwise provided in Sections 7-9A-320 and 7-9A-321, if a person files a financing statement with respect to a purchase-money security interest before or within 20 days after the debtor receives delivery of the collateral, the security interest takes priority over the rights of a buyer, lessee, or lien creditor which arise between the time the security interest attaches and the time of filing.

"\$7-9A-326.

"(a) Subordination of security interest created by new debtor. Subject to subsection (b), a security interest that is created by a new debtor which is in collateral in which the new debtor has or acquires rights and is perfected by a filed financing statement that is effective solely under Section 7-9A-508 in collateral in which a new debtor has or acquires rights would be ineffective to perfect the security interest but for the application of Section 7-9A-508 or of Sections 7-9A-508 and 7-9A-316(i)(1) is subordinate to a security interest in the same collateral which is perfected other than by such a filed financing statement that is effective solely under Section 7-9A-508.

"(b) Priority under other provisions; multiple original debtors. The other provisions of this part determine the priority among conflicting security interests in the same collateral perfected by filed financing statements that are effective solely under Section 7-9A-508 described in subsection (a). However, if the security agreements to which a new debtor became bound as debtor were not entered into by the same original debtor, the conflicting security interests rank according to priority in time of the new debtor's having become bound.

"§7-9A-406.

- "(a) Discharge of account debtor; effect of notification. Subject to subsections (b) through (i), an account debtor on an account, chattel paper, or a payment intangible may discharge its obligation by paying the assignor until, but not after, the account debtor receives a notification, authenticated by the assignor or the assignee, that the amount due or to become due has been assigned and that payment is to be made to the assignee. After receipt of the notification, the account debtor may discharge its obligation by paying the assignee and may not discharge the obligation by paying the assignor.
- "(b) When notification ineffective. Subject to subsection (h), notification is ineffective under subsection (a):
- "(1) if it does not reasonably identify the rights assigned;

1 "(2) to the extent that an agreement between an 2 account debtor and a seller of a payment intangible limits the account debtor's duty to pay a person other than the seller 3 and the limitation is effective under law other than this article; or

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

- "(3) at the option of an account debtor, if the notification notifies the account debtor to make less than the full amount of any installment or other periodic payment to the assignee, even if:
- "(A) only a portion of the account, chattel paper, or payment intangible has been assigned to that assignee;
- "(B) a portion has been assigned to another assignee; or
- "(C) the account debtor knows that the assignment to that assignee is limited.
  - "(c) Proof of assignment. Subject to subsection (h), if requested by the account debtor, an assignee shall seasonably furnish reasonable proof that the assignment has been made. Unless the assignee complies, the account debtor may discharge its obligation by paying the assignor, even if the account debtor has received a notification under subsection (a).
  - "(d) Term restricting assignment generally ineffective. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (e) and Sections 7-2A-303 and 7-9A-407, and subject to subsection (h), a term in an agreement between an account debtor and an

assignor or in a promissory note is ineffective to the extent that it:

- "(1) prohibits, restricts, or requires the consent of the account debtor or person obligated on the promissory note to the assignment or transfer of, or the creation, attachment, perfection, or enforcement of a security interest in, the account, chattel paper, payment intangible, or promissory note; or
  - "(2) provides that the assignment or transfer or the creation, attachment, perfection, or enforcement of the security interest may give rise to a default, breach, right of recoupment, claim, defense, termination, right of termination, or remedy under the account, chattel paper, payment intangible, or promissory note.
  - "(e) Inapplicability of subsection (d) to certain sales. Subsection (d) does not apply to the sale of a payment intangible or promissory note, other than a sale pursuant to a disposition under Section 7-9A-610 or an acceptance of collateral under Section 7-9A-620.
  - "(f) Legal restrictions on assignment generally ineffective. Except as otherwise provided in Sections 7-2A-303 and 7-9A-407 and subject to subsections (h) and (i), a rule of law, statute, or regulation that prohibits, restricts, or requires the consent of a government, governmental body or official, or account debtor to the assignment or transfer of, or creation of a security interest in, an account or chattel

paper is ineffective to the extent that the rule of law, statute, or regulation:

- "(1) prohibits, restricts, or requires the consent of the government, governmental body or official, or account debtor to the assignment or transfer of, or the creation, attachment, perfection, or enforcement of a security interest in the account or chattel paper; or
  - "(2) provides that the assignment or transfer or the creation, attachment, perfection, or enforcement of the security interest may give rise to a default, breach, right of recoupment, claim, defense, termination, right of termination, or remedy under the account or chattel paper.
  - "(g) Subsection (b)(3) not waivable. Subject to subsection (h), an account debtor may not waive or vary its option under subsection (b)(3).
  - "(h) Rule for individual under other law. This section is subject to law other than this article which establishes a different rule for an account debtor who is an individual and who incurred the obligation primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.
  - "(i) Inapplicability to health-care-insurance receivable. This section does not apply to an assignment of a health-care-insurance receivable.
  - "(j) Section prevails over inconsistent law. This section prevails over any inconsistent provision of an existing or future statute, rule, or regulation of this State unless the provision is contained in a statute of this State,

refers expressly to this section, and states that the provision prevails over this section.

3 "\$7-9A-408.

- "(a) Term restricting assignment generally ineffective. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), a term in a promissory note or in an agreement between an account debtor and a debtor which relates to a health-care-insurance receivable or a general intangible, including a contract, permit, license, or franchise, and which term prohibits, restricts, or requires the consent of the person obligated on the promissory note or the account debtor to, the assignment or transfer of, or creation, attachment, or perfection of a security interest in, the promissory note, health-care-insurance receivable, or general intangible, is ineffective to the extent that the term:
- "(1) would impair the creation, attachment, or perfection of a security interest; or
- "(2) provides that the assignment or transfer or the creation, attachment, or perfection of the security interest may give rise to a default, breach, right of recoupment, claim, defense, termination, right of termination, or remedy under the promissory note, health-care-insurance receivable, or general intangible.
- "(b) Applicability of subsection (a) to sales of certain rights to payment. Subsection (a) applies to a security interest in a payment intangible or promissory note only if the security interest arises out of a sale of the

payment intangible or promissory note, other than a sale

pursuant to a disposition under Section 7-9A-610 or an

acceptance of collateral under Section 7-9A-620.

- "(c) Legal restrictions on assignment generally ineffective. A rule of law, statute, or regulation that prohibits, restricts, or requires the consent of a government, governmental body or official, person obligated on a promissory note, or account debtor to the assignment or transfer of, or creation of a security interest in, a promissory note, health-care-insurance receivable, or general intangible, including a contract, permit, license, or franchise between an account debtor and a debtor, is ineffective to the extent that the rule of law, statute, or regulation:
  - "(1) would impair the creation, attachment, or perfection of a security interest; or
  - "(2) provides that the assignment or transfer or the creation, attachment, or perfection of the security interest may give rise to a default, breach, right of recoupment, claim, defense, termination, right of termination, or remedy under the promissory note, health-care-insurance receivable, or general intangible.
  - "(d) Limitation on ineffectiveness under subsections

    (a) and (c). To the extent that a term in a promissory note or

    in an agreement between an account debtor and a debtor which

    relates to a health-care-insurance receivable or general

    intangible or a rule of law, statute, or regulation described

in subsection (c) would be effective under law other than this article but is ineffective under subsection (a) or (c), the creation, attachment, or perfection of a security interest in the promissory note, health-care-insurance receivable, or general intangible:

- "(1) is not enforceable against the person obligated on the promissory note or the account debtor;
- "(2) does not impose a duty or obligation on the person obligated on the promissory note or the account debtor;
- "(3) does not require the person obligated on the promissory note or the account debtor to recognize the security interest, pay or render performance to the secured party, or accept payment or performance from the secured party;
- "(4) does not entitle the secured party to use or assign the debtor's rights under the promissory note, health-care-insurance receivable, or general intangible, including any related information or materials furnished to the debtor in the transaction giving rise to the promissory note, health-care-insurance receivable, or general intangible;
- "(5) does not entitle the secured party to use, assign, possess, or have access to any trade secrets or confidential information of the person obligated on the promissory note or the account debtor; and
- "(6) does not entitle the secured party to enforce the security interest in the promissory note, health-care-insurance receivable, or general intangible.

"(e) Section prevails over inconsistent law. This 1 2 section prevails over any inconsistent provision of an existing or future statute, rule, or regulation of this State 3 unless the provision is contained in a statute of this State, refers expressly to this section, and states that the 5 provision prevails over this section. 6 7 "\$7-9A-502. "(a) Sufficiency of financing statement. Subject to 8 subsection (b), a financing statement is sufficient only if 9 10 it: 11 "(1) provides the name of the debtor; 12 "(2) provides the name of the secured party or a 13 representative of the secured party; and "(3) indicates the collateral covered by the 14 15 financing statement. "(b) Real-property-related financing statements. 16 17 Except as otherwise provided in Section 7-9A-501(b), to be sufficient, a financing statement that covers as-extracted 18 collateral or timber to be cut, or which is filed as a fixture 19 filing and covers goods that are or are to become fixtures, 20 21 must satisfy subsection (a) and also: 22 "(1) indicate that it covers this type of 23 collateral; 24 "(2) indicate that it is to be filed in the real 25 property records; "(3) provide a description of the real property to 26

which the collateral is related sufficient to give

- 1 constructive notice of a mortgage under the law of this State 2 if the description were contained in a record of the mortgage of the real property; and 3 "(4) if the debtor does not have an interest of record in the real property, provide the name of a record 5 6 owner. 7 "(c) Record of mortgage as financing statement. A record of a mortgage is effective, from the date of recording, 8 9 as a financing statement filed as a fixture filing or as a financing statement covering as-extracted collateral or timber 10 11 to be cut only if: 12 "(1) the record indicates the goods or accounts that 13 it covers; 14 "(2) the goods are or are to become fixtures related 15 to the real property described in the record or the collateral is related to the real property described in the record and is 16 17 as-extracted collateral or timber to be cut; "(3) the record satisfies the requirements for a 18 financing statement in this section, but: other than an 19 *indication* 20 21 "(A) the record need not indicate that it is to be 22 filed in the real property records; and 23 "(B) the record sufficiently provides the name of a 24 debtor who is an individual if it provides the individual name 25 of the debtor or the surname and first personal name of the
  - 7-9A-503(a)(4) applies; and

27

debtor, even if the debtor is an individual to whom Section

1	"(4) the record is recorded.
2	"(d) Filing before security agreement or attachment.
3	A financing statement may be filed before a security agreement
4	is made or a security interest otherwise attaches.
5	"\$7-9A-503.
6	"(a) Sufficiency of debtor's name. A financing
7	statement sufficiently provides the name of the debtor:
8	"(1) except as otherwise provided in paragraph (3),
9	if the debtor is a registered organization or the collateral
10	is held in a trust that is a registered organization, only if
11	the financing statement provides the name of the debtor
12	indicated that is stated to be the registered organization's
13	<pre>name on the public organic record of most recently filed with</pre>
14	or issued or enacted by the debtor's registered organization's
15	jurisdiction of organization which shows the debtor to have
16	been organized purports to state, amend, or restate the
17	<pre>registered organization's name;</pre>
18	"(2) subject to subsection (f), if the debtor is a
19	decedent's estate collateral is being administered by the
20	personal representative of a decedent, only if the financing
21	statement provides, as the name of the debtor, the name of the
22	decedent and, in a separate part of the financing statement,
23	indicates that the <del>debtor is an estate</del> <u>collateral is being</u>
24	administered by a personal representative;
25	"(3) if the <del>debtor is a trust or a trustee acting</del>
26	with respect to property held in trust, only if the financing

1	statement <u>collateral is held in a trust that is not a</u>
2	registered organization, only if the financing statement:
3	"(A) provides the name specified for the trust in
4	its organic documents or, if no name is specified, provides
5	the name of the settlor and additional information sufficient
6	to distinguish the debtor from other trusts having one or more
7	of the same settlors; and
8	"(B) indicates, in the debtor's name or otherwise,
9	that the debtor is a trust or is a trustee acting with respect
10	to property held in trust; and
11	"(A) provides, as the name of the debtor:
12	"(i) if the organic record of the trust specifies a
13	name for the trust, the name so specified; or
14	"(ii) if the organic record of the trust does not
15	specify a name for the trust, the name of the settlor or
16	testator; and
17	"(B) in a separate part of the financing statement:
18	"(i) if the name is provided in accordance with
19	subparagraph (A)(i), indicates that the collateral is held in
20	<u>a trust; or</u>
21	"(ii) if the name is provided in accordance with
22	subparagraph (A)(ii), provides additional information
23	sufficient to distinguish the trust from other trusts having
24	one or more of the same settlors or the same testator and
25	indicates that the collateral is held in a trust, unless the
26	additional information so indicates;

1	"(4) subject to subsection (q), if the debtor is an
2	individual to whom this state has issued a driver's license or
3	nondriver identification card that has not expired, only if it
4	provides the name of the individual which is indicated on the
5	driver's license or nondriver identification card;
6	"(5) if the debtor is an individual to whom
7	paragraph (4) does not apply, only if it provides the
8	individual name of the debtor or the surname and first
9	personal name of the debtor; and
10	" <del>(4)</del> (6) in other cases:
11	"(A) if the debtor has a name, only if it provides
12	the individual or organizational name of the debtor; and
13	"(B) if the debtor does not have a name, only if it
14	provides the names of the partners, members, associates, or
15	other persons comprising the debtor.
16	"(b) Additional debtor-related information. A
17	financing statement that provides the name of the debtor in
18	accordance with subsection (a) is not rendered ineffective by
19	the absence of:
20	(1) a trade name or other name of the debtor; or
21	"(2) unless required under subsection (a)(4)(B),
22	names of partners, members, associates, or other persons
23	comprising the debtor.
24	"(c) Debtor's trade name insufficient. A financing
25	statement that provides only the debtor's trade name does not
26	sufficiently provide the name of the debtor.

- "(d) Representative capacity. Failure to indicate
  the representative capacity of a secured party or
  representative of a secured party does not affect the
  sufficiency of a financing statement.
  - "(e) Multiple debtors and secured parties. A financing statement may provide the name of more than one debtor and the name of more than one secured party.

"\$7-9A-507.

- "(a) Disposition. A filed financing statement remains effective with respect to collateral that is sold, exchanged, leased, licensed, or otherwise disposed of and in which a security interest or agricultural lien continues, even if the secured party knows of or consents to the disposition.
- "(b) Information becoming seriously misleading.

  Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) and Section
  7-9A-508, a financing statement is not rendered ineffective
  if, after the financing statement is filed, the information
  provided in the financing statement becomes seriously
  misleading under Section 7-9A-506.
- "(c) Change in debtor's name. If a debtor so changes its the name that a filed financing statement provides for a debtor becomes insufficient as the name of the debtor under Section 7-9A-503(a) so that the financing statement becomes seriously misleading under Section 7-9A-506:
- "(1) the financing statement is effective to perfect a security interest in collateral acquired by the debtor

before, or within four months after, the change filed financing statement becomes seriously misleading; and

"(2) the financing statement is not effective to perfect a security interest in collateral acquired by the debtor more than four months after the change filed financing statement becomes seriously misleading, unless an amendment to the financing statement which renders the financing statement not seriously misleading is filed within four months after the change that event.

"\$7-9A-515.

- "(a) Five-year effectiveness. Except as otherwise provided in subsections (b), (e), (f), (g), and (h), a filed financing statement is effective for a period of five years after the date of filing.
- "(b) Manufactured-home transaction. Except as otherwise provided in subsections (e), (f), and (g), an initial financing statement filed in connection with a manufactured-home transaction is effective for a period of 30 years after the date of filing if it indicates that it is filed in connection with a manufactured-home transaction.
- "(c) Lapse and continuation of financing statement. The effectiveness of a filed financing statement lapses on the expiration of the period of its effectiveness unless before the lapse a continuation statement is filed pursuant to subsection (d). Upon lapse, a financing statement ceases to be effective and any security interest or agricultural lien that was perfected by the financing statement becomes unperfected,

unless the security interest is perfected otherwise. If the security interest or agricultural lien becomes unperfected upon lapse, it is deemed never to have been perfected as against a purchaser of the collateral for value.

- "(d) When continuation statement may be filed. A continuation statement may be filed only within six months before the expiration of the five-year period specified in subsection (a) or the 30-year period specified in subsection (b), whichever is applicable.
- "(e) Effect of filing continuation statement. Except as otherwise provided in Section 7-9A-510, upon timely filing of a continuation statement, the effectiveness of the initial financing statement continues for a period of five years commencing on the day on which the financing statement would have become ineffective in the absence of the filing. Upon the expiration of the five-year period, the financing statement lapses in the same manner as provided in subsection (c), unless, before the lapse, another continuation statement is filed pursuant to subsection (d). Succeeding continuation statements may be filed in the same manner to continue the effectiveness of the initial financing statement.
- "(f) Transmitting utility financing statement. If a debtor is a transmitting utility and a filed <u>initial</u> financing statement so indicates, the financing statement is effective until a termination statement is filed.
- "(g) Record of mortgage as financing statement. A record of a mortgage that is effective as a financing

statement filed as a fixture filing under Section 7-9A-502(c)
remains effective as a financing statement filed as a fixture
filing until the mortgage is released or satisfied of record
or its effectiveness otherwise terminates as to the real
property.

"(h) Obligations made pursuant to the provisions of the Alabama Small Loan Act. If the secured obligation is made pursuant to the provisions of the Alabama Small Loan Act, the effectiveness of a filed financing statement lapses upon the earlier of repayment of the loan in full or the expiration of five years after the date of filing.

"\$7-9A-516.

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

- "(a) What constitutes filing. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), communication of a record to a filing office and tender of the filing fee or acceptance of the record by the filing office constitutes filing.
- "(b) Refusal to accept record; filing does not occur. Filing does not occur with respect to a record that a filing office refuses to accept because:
- "(1) the record is not communicated by a method or medium of communication authorized by the filing office;
- "(2) an amount equal to or greater than the applicable filing fee is not tendered;
- "(3) the filing office is unable to index the record because:
- "(A) in the case of an initial financing statement, the record does not provide a name for the debtor;

Τ	"(B) In the case of an amendment or <del>correction</del>
2	<pre>information statement, the record:</pre>
3	"(i) does not identify the initial financing
4	statement as required by Section 7-9A-512 or 7-9A-518, as
5	applicable; or
6	"(ii) identifies an initial financing statement
7	whose effectiveness has lapsed under Section 7-9A-515;
8	"(C) in the case of an initial financing statement
9	that provides the name of a debtor identified as an individual
10	or an amendment that provides a name of a debtor identified as
11	an individual which was not previously provided in the
12	financing statement to which the record relates, the record
13	does not identify the debtor's last name surname; or
14	"(D) in the case of a record filed or recorded in
15	the filing office described in Section $7-9A-501(a)(1)$ , the
16	record does not provide a sufficient description of the real
17	property to which it relates;
18	"(4) in the case of an initial financing statement
19	or an amendment that adds a secured party of record, the
20	record does not provide a name and mailing address for the
21	secured party of record;
22	"(5) in the case of an initial financing statement
23	or an amendment that provides a name of a debtor which was not
24	previously provided in the financing statement to which the
25	amendment relates, the record does not:

"(A) provide a mailing address for the debtor;

Τ	"(B) Indicate whether the <u>name provided as the name</u>
2	of the debtor is the name of an individual or an organization;
3	<del>or</del>
4	"(C) if the financing statement indicates that the
5	debtor is an organization, provide:
6	"(i) a type of organization for the debtor; or
7	"(ii) a jurisdiction of organization for the debtor.
8	"(6) in the case of an assignment reflected in an
9	initial financing statement under Section 7-9A-514(a) or an
10	amendment filed under Section 7-9A-514(b), the record does not
11	provide a name and mailing address for the assignee; or
12	"(7) in the case of a continuation statement, the
13	record is not filed within the six-month period prescribed by
14	Section 7-9A-515(d).
15	"(c) Rules applicable to subsection (b). For
16	purposes of subsection (b):
17	"(1) a record does not provide information if the
18	filing office is unable to read or decipher the information;
19	and
20	"(2) a record that does not indicate that it is an
21	amendment or identify an initial financing statement to which
22	it relates, as required by Section 7-9A-512, 7-9A-514, or
23	7-9A-518, is an initial financing statement.
24	"(d) Refusal to accept record; record effective as
25	filed record. A record that is communicated to the filing
26	office with tender of the filing fee, but which the filing
27	office refuses to accept for a reason other than one set forth

in subsection (b), is effective as a filed record except as
against a purchaser of the collateral which gives value in
reasonable reliance upon the absence of the record from the
files.

"\$7-9A-518.

- "(a) Correction statement. A person may file in the filing office a correction an information statement with respect to a record indexed there under the person's name if the person believes that the record is inaccurate or was wrongfully filed.
- "(b) <u>Sufficiency Contents</u> of <del>correction</del> statement <u>under subsection (a)</u>. A correction <u>An information</u> statement under subsection (a) must:
- "(1) identify the record to which it relates by the file number assigned to the initial financing statement to which the record relates;
- "(2) indicate that it is a correction an information statement; and
- "(3) provide the basis for the person's belief that the record is inaccurate and indicate the manner in which the person believes the record should be amended to cure any inaccuracy or provide the basis for the person's belief that the record was wrongfully filed.
- "(c) Statement by secured party of record. A person may file in the filing office an information statement with respect to a record filed there if the person is a secured party of record with respect to the financing statement to

1	which the record relates and believes that the person that
2	filed the record was not entitled to do so under Section
3	<u>7-9A-509(d).</u>
4	"(d) Contents of statement under subsection (c). An
5	<pre>information statement under subsection (c) must:</pre>
6	"(1) identify the record to which it relates by the
7	file number assigned to the initial financing statement to
8	which the record relates;
9	"(2) indicate that it is an information statement;
10	<u>and</u>
11	"(3) provide the basis for the person's belief that
12	the person that filed the record was not entitled to do so
13	under Section 7-9A-509(d).
14	" <del>(c)</del> (e) Record not affected by <del>correction</del>
15	<u>information</u> statement. The filing of a correction statement
16	does not affect the effectiveness of an initial financing
17	statement or other filed record.
18	"§7-9A-607.
19	"(a) Collection and enforcement generally. If so
20	agreed, and in any event after default, a secured party:
21	"(1) may notify an account debtor or other person
22	obligated on collateral to make payment or otherwise render
23	performance to or for the benefit of the secured party;
24	"(2) may take any proceeds to which the secured
25	party is entitled under Section 7-9A-315;
26	"(3) may enforce the obligations of an account
27	debtor or other person obligated on collateral and exercise

the rights of the debtor with respect to the obligation of the account debtor or other person obligated on collateral to make payment or otherwise render performance to the debtor, and with respect to any property that secures the obligations of the account debtor or other person obligated on the collateral;

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

- "(4) if it holds a security interest in a deposit account perfected by control under Section 7-9A-104(a)(1), may apply the balance of the deposit account to the obligation secured by the deposit account; and
- "(5) if it holds a security interest in a deposit account perfected by control under Section 7-9A-104(a)(2) or (3), may instruct the bank to pay the balance of the deposit account to or for the benefit of the secured party.
- "(b) Nonjudicial enforcement of mortgage. If necessary to enable a secured party to exercise under subsection (a)(3) the right of a debtor to enforce a mortgage nonjudicially, the secured party may record in the office in which a record of the mortgage is recorded:
- "(1) a copy of the security agreement that creates or provides for a security interest in the obligation secured by the mortgage; and
- "(2) the secured party's sworn affidavit in recordable form stating that:
- "(A) a default has occurred with respect to the obligation secured by the mortgage; and

- "(B) the secured party is entitled to enforce the mortgage nonjudicially.
- "(c) Commercially reasonable collection and
  enforcement. A secured party shall proceed in a commercially
  reasonable manner if the secured party:
  - "(1) undertakes to collect from or enforce an obligation of an account debtor or other person obligated on collateral; and
- 9 "(2) is entitled to charge back uncollected 10 collateral or otherwise to full or limited recourse against 11 the debtor or a secondary obligor.
- "(d) Expenses of collection and enforcement. A

  secured party may deduct from the collections made pursuant to

  subsection (c) reasonable expenses of collection and

  enforcement, including reasonable attorney's fees and legal

  expenses incurred by the secured party.
  - "(e) Duties to secured party not affected. This section does not determine whether an account debtor, bank, or other person obligated on collateral owes a duty to a secured party."
- 21 Section 2. Sections 7-9A-801, 7-9A-802, 7-9A-803, 7-9A-804, 7-9A-805, 7-9A-806, 7-9A-807, 7-9A-808, and
- 7-9A-809, are added to the Code of Alabama 1975, to read as
- 24 follows:

7

8

17

18

19

- 25 §7-9A-801. Effective date.
- This act takes effect on July 1, 2013.

- 1 (a) Pre-effective date transactions or liens. Except
  2 as otherwise provided in this part, this act applies to a
  3 transaction or lien within its scope, even if the transaction
  4 or lien was entered into or created before July 1, 2013.
  - (b) Pre-effective date proceedings. This act does not affect an action, case, or proceeding commenced before this act takes effect.
- 8 §7-9A-803. Security interest perfected before July 9 1, 2013.

- (a) Continuing perfection: perfection requirements satisfied. A security interest that is a perfected security interest immediately before July 1, 2013, is a perfect security interest under Article 9A as amended by this act if, when this act takes effect, the applicable requirements for attachment and perfection under Article 9A as amended by this act are satisfied without further action.
- (b) Continuing perfection: perfection requirements not satisfied. Except as otherwise provided in Section 7-9A-805, if, immediately before July 1, 2013, a security interest is a perfected security interest, but the applicable requirements for perfection under Article 9A as amended by this act are not satisfied before July 1, 2013, the security interest remains perfected thereafter only if the applicable requirements for perfection under Article 9A as amended by this act are satisfied before July 1, 2014.
- §7-9A-804. Security interest unperfected before effective date.

A security interest that is an unperfected security interest immediately before July 1, 2013, becomes a perfected security interest:

- (1) without further action, on July 1, 2013, if the applicable requirements for perfection under Article 9A as amended by this act are satisfied before or at that time; or
- (2) when the applicable requirements for perfection are satisfied if the requirements are satisfied after that time.

§7-9A-805. Effectiveness of action taken before effective date.

- (a) Pre-effective date filing effective. The filing of a financing statement before July 1, 2013, is effective to perfect a security interest to the extent the filing would satisfy the applicable requirements for perfection under Article 9A as amended by this act.
- (b) When pre-effective date filing becomes ineffective. This act does not render ineffective a financing statement that, before July 1, 2013, is filed and satisfies the applicable requirements for perfection under the law of the jurisdiction governing perfection as provided in Article 9A as it existed before amendment. However, except as otherwise provided in subsections (c) and (d) and Section 7-9A-806, the financing statement ceases to be effective:
- (1) if the financing statement is filed in this state, at the time the financing statement would have ceased to be effective had this act not taken effect; or

- 1 (2) if the financing statement is filed in another 2 jurisdiction, at the earlier of:
  - (A) the time the financing statement would have ceased to be effective under the law of that jurisdiction; or
    - (B) June 30, 2018.

- (c) Continuation statement. The filing of a continuation statement on or after July 1, 2013, does not continue the effectiveness of the financing statement filed before July 1, 2013. However, upon the timely filing of a continuation statement on or after July 1, 2013, and in accordance with the law of the jurisdiction governing perfection as provided in Article 9A as amended by this act, the effectiveness of a financing statement filed in the same office in that jurisdiction before July 1, 2013, continues for the period provided by the law of that jurisdiction.
- (d) Application of subsection (b)(2)(B) to transmitting utility financing statement. Subsection (b)(2)(B) applies to a financing statement that, before July 1, 2013, is filed against a transmitting utility and satisfies the applicable requirements for perfection under the law of the jurisdiction governing perfection as provided in Article 9A as it existed before the amendment by the act adding this part, only to the extent that Article 9A as amended by the act adding this part provides that the law of a jurisdiction other than the jurisdiction in which the financing statement is filed governs perfection of a security interest in collateral covered by the financing statement.

1 (e) Application of Part 5. A financing statement 2 that includes a financing statement filed before July 1, 2013, and a continuation statement filed on or after July 1, 2013, 3 is effective only to the extent that it satisfies the requirements of Part 5 as amended by this act for an initial 5 6 financing statement. A financing statement that indicates that 7 the debtor is a decedent's estate indicates that the collateral is being administered by a personal representative 8 within the meaning of Section 7-9A-503(a)(2) as amended by 9 10 this act. A financing statement that indicates that the debtor is a trust or is a trustee acting with respect to property 11 12 held in trust indicates that the collateral is held in a trust 13 within the meaning of Section 7-9A-503(a)(3) as amended by 14 this act.

§7-9A-806. When initial financing statement suffices to continue effectiveness of financing statement.

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

- (a) Initial financing statement in lieu of continuation statement. The filing of an initial financing statement in the office specified in Section 7-9A-501 continues the effectiveness of a financing statement filed before July 1, 2013, if:
- (1) the filing of an initial financing statement in that office would be effective to perfect a security interest under Article 9A as amended by this act;
- (2) the pre-effective date financing statement was filed in an office in another state; and

- 1 (3) the initial financing statement satisfies 2 subsection (c).
- 3 (b) Period of continued effectiveness. The filing of
  4 an initial financing statement under subsection (a) continues
  5 the effectiveness of the pre-effective date financing
  6 statement:
- 7 (1) if the initial financing statement is filed 8 before July 1, 2013, for the period provided in unamended 9 Section 7-9A-515 with respect to an initial financing 10 statement; and

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

- (2) if the initial financing statement is filed after July 1, 2013, for the period provided in Section 7-9A-515, as amended by this act, with respect to an initial financing statement.
- (c) Requirements for initial financing statement under subsection (a). To be effective for purposes of subsection (a), an initial financing statement must:
- (1) satisfy the requirements of Part 5 as amended by this act for an initial financing statement;
- (2) identify the pre-effective date financing statement by indicating the office in which the financing statement was filed and providing the dates of filing and file numbers, if any, of the financing statement and of the most recent continuation statement filed with respect to the financing statement; and
- (3) indicate that the pre-effective date financing statement remains effective.

1 §7-9A-807. Amendment of pre-effective date financing 2 statement.

- (a) Pre-effective date financing statement. In this section, pre-effective date financing statement means a financing statement filed before July 1, 2013.
  - (b) Applicable law. After July 1, 2013, a person may add or delete collateral covered by, continue or terminate the effectiveness of, or otherwise amend the information provided in, a pre-effective date financing statement only in accordance with the law of the jurisdiction governing perfection as provided in Article 9A as amended by this act. However, the effectiveness of a pre-effective date financing statement also may be terminated in accordance with the law of the jurisdiction in which the financing statement is filed.
  - (c) Method of amending: general rule. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d), if the law of this state governs perfection of security interest, the information in a pre-effective date financing statement may be amended after this act takes effect only if:
  - (1) the pre-effective date financing statement and an amendment are filed in the office specified in Section 7-9A-501:
  - (2) an amendment is filed in the office specified in Section 7-9A-501 concurrently with, or after the filing in that office of, an initial financing statement that satisfies Section 7-9A-806(c); or

1 (3) an initial financing statement that provides the 2 information as amended and satisfies Section 7-9A-806(c) is 3 filed in the office specified in Section 7-9A-501.

- (d) Method of amending: continuation. If the law of this state governs perfection of a security interest, the effectiveness of a pre-effective date financing statement may be continued only under Section 7-9A-805(c) and (e) or Section 7-9A-806.
- (e) Method of amending: additional termination rule. Whether or not the law of this state governs perfection of a security interest, the effectiveness of a pre-effective date financing statement filed in this state may be terminated after this act takes effect by filing a termination statement in the office in which the pre-effective date financing statement is filed, unless an initial financing statement that satisfies Section 7-9A-806(c) has been filed in the office specified by the law of the jurisdiction governing perfection as provided in Article 9A as amended by this act as the office in which to file a financing statement.

§7-9A-808. Person entitled to file initial financing statement or continuation statement.

A person may file an initial financing statement or a continuation statement under this part if:

- (1) the secured party of record authorizes the filing; and
  - (2) the filing is necessary under this part:

1	(A) to continue the effectiveness of a financing
2	statement filed before this act takes effect; or
3	(B) to perfect or continue the perfection of a
4	security interest.
5	§7-9A-809. Priority.
6	This act determines the priority of conflicting
7	claims to collateral. However, if the relative priorities of
8	the claims were established before July 1, 2013, Article 9A as
9	it existed before amendment determines priority.
10	Section 3. This act shall become effective on July
11	1, 2013.