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Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Judiciary Committee Representative Caruso offered the following:

Amendment

Remove lines 346-2344 and insert:

733.707(3), after the <u>settlor's grantor's</u> death, the assets are considered received as of the date of <u>the settlor's</u> death. If there is a change in fiduciaries, a majority of the continuing fiduciaries may elect to adjust the carrying values to reflect the fair market value of the assets at the beginning of their administration. If such election is made, it must be reflected on the first accounting filed after the election. For assets acquired during the administration of the estate or trust, the carrying value is equal to the acquisition costs of the asset. Carrying value of assets should not be arbitrarily "written up" or "written down." In some circumstances, including, but not

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limited to,	those	described	in ss	. 738.410	and	738.602 ,	carrying
value may be	e adjus	sted with p	oroper	disclosu	re to	reflect	changes
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- (5) "Court" means a circuit court of this state.
- (6) "Current income beneficiary" means a beneficiary to which a fiduciary may or must distribute net income, regardless of whether the fiduciary also distributes principal to the beneficiary.
- (7) "Distribution" means a payment or transfer by a fiduciary to a beneficiary in the beneficiary's capacity as a beneficiary, without consideration other than the beneficiary's right to receive the payment or transfer under the terms of the trust as defined in this section, will, life estate, or term interest. "Distribute," "distributed," and "distributee" have corresponding meanings.
- (8) "Estate" means a decedent's estate, including the property of the decedent as the estate is originally constituted and the property of the estate as it exists at any time during administration.
- (9)(4) "Fiduciary" includes means a trustee, a trust director as defined in s. 736.0103, or a personal representative, and a person acting under a delegation from a fiduciary or a trustee. The term also includes a person that holds property for a successor beneficiary whose interest may be affected by an allocation of receipts and expenditures between

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- (10) (5) "Income" means money or other property that a fiduciary receives as current return from a principal asset. The term includes a part portion of receipts from a sale, exchange, or liquidation of a principal asset, to the extent provided in ss. 738.401-738.416 ss. 738.401-738.403 and s. 738.503.
- (6) "Income beneficiary" means a person to whom net income of a trust is or may be payable.
- <u>(11) (7)</u> "Income interest" means the right of <u>a current</u> an income beneficiary to receive all or part of net income, whether the terms of the trust require the net income to be distributed or authorize the net income to be distributed in the <u>fiduciary's</u> trustee's discretion. The term includes the right of a current beneficiary to use property held by a fiduciary.
 - (12) "Independent person" means a person who is not:
 - (a) For a trust:
 - 1. A qualified beneficiary as defined in s. 736.0103;
 - 2. A settlor of the trust;
- 3. An individual whose legal obligation to support a beneficiary may be satisfied by a distribution from the trust; or

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6 /	4. Any trustee whom an interested distributee has the
68	power to remove and replace with a related or subordinate party.
69	(b) For an estate, a beneficiary;
70	(c) A spouse, a parent, a brother, a sister, or an issue
71	of an individual described in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b);
72	(d) A corporation, a partnership, a limited liability
73	company, or another entity in which persons described in
74	paragraphs (a), (b), and (c), in the aggregate, have voting
75	control; or
76	(e) An employee of a person described in paragraph (a),
77	paragraph (b), paragraph (c), or paragraph (d).
78	(13) "Internal Revenue Code" means the Internal Revenue
79	Code of 1986, as amended.
80	(14) (8) "Mandatory income interest" means the right of <u>a</u>
81	current an income beneficiary to receive net income that the
82	terms of the trust require the fiduciary to distribute.
83	(15) (9) "Net income" means the total allocations receipts
8 4	allocated to income during an accounting period to income under
85	the terms of a trust and this chapter minus the disbursements
86	made from income during the period, other than distributions,
87	allocated to income under the terms of the trust and this
88	chapter. To the extent that the trust is a unitrust under ss.
89	738.301-738.310, the term means the unitrust amount determined
90	under ss. 738.301-738.310. The term includes the amount of an
91	adjustment from principal to income under s. 738.203. The term

does not include the amount of an adjustment plus or minus transfers under this chapter to or from income to principal under s. 738.203 during the period.

- (16) (10) "Person" means an individual, <u>a business or a nonprofit entity</u>, corporation, business trust, <u>an</u> estate, <u>a</u> trust, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint venture, <u>a</u> public corporation, or any other legal or commercial entity or a government or governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality, or other legal entity.
- (17) "Personal representative" means an executor, an administrator, a successor personal representative, a special administrator, or a person that performs substantially the same function with respect to an estate under the law governing the person's status.
- (18) (11) "Principal" means property held in trust for distribution to, production of income for, or use by a current or successor a remainder beneficiary when the trust terminates.
- (19) "Record" means information inscribed on a tangible medium or stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.
- (20) "Settlor" means a person, including a testator, who creates or contributes property to a trust. If more than one person creates or contributes property to a trust, the term includes each person, to the extent of the trust property attributable to that person's contribution, except to the extent

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T T /	that another person has the power to revoke or withdraw that
118	portion.
119	(21) "Special tax benefit" means:
120	(a) Exclusion of a transfer to a trust from gifts
121	described in s. 2503(b) of the Internal Revenue Code because of
122	the qualification of an income interest in the trust as a
123	present interest in property;
124	(b) Status as a qualified subchapter S trust described in
125	s. 1361(d)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code at a time the trust
126	holds stock of an S corporation described in s. 1361(a)(1) of
127	the Internal Revenue Code;
128	(c) An estate or gift tax marital deduction for a transfer
129	to a trust under s. 2056 or s. 2523 of the Internal Revenue Code
130	which depends or depended in whole or in part on the right of
131	the settlor's spouse to receive the net income of the trust;
132	(d) Exemption in whole or in part of a trust from the
133	federal generation-skipping transfer tax imposed by s. 2601 of
134	the Internal Revenue Code because the trust was irrevocable on
135	September 25, 1985, if there is any possibility that:
136	1. A taxable distribution as defined in s. 2612(b) of the
137	Internal Revenue Code could be made from the trust; or
138	2. A taxable termination as defined in s. 2612(a) of the
139	Internal Revenue Code could occur with respect to the trust; or
140	(e) An inclusion ratio as defined in s. 2642(a) of the

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Internal Revenue Code of the trust which is less than one, if

142	there is any possibility that:
143	1. A taxable distribution as defined in s. 2612(b) of the
144	Internal Revenue Code could be made from the trust; or
145	2. A taxable termination as defined in s. 2612(a) of the
146	Internal Revenue Code could occur with respect to the trust.
147	(22) "Successive interest" means the interest of a
148	successor beneficiary.
149	(23) (12) "Successor Remainder beneficiary" means a person
150	entitled to receive income or principal or to use property when
151	an income interest or other current interest ends.
152	(24) (13) "Terms of a trust" means:
153	(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), the
154	manifestation of the settlor's intent regarding a trust's
155	<pre>provisions as:</pre>
156	1. Expressed in the will or trust instrument; or
157	2. Established by other evidence that would be admissible
158	in a judicial proceeding.
159	(b) The trust's provisions as established, determined, or
160	amended by:
161	1. A trustee or trust director in accordance with the
162	applicable law;
163	2. A court order; or
164	3. A nonjudicial settlement agreement under s. 736.0111.
165	(c) For an estate, a will; or
166	(d) For a life estate or term interest, the corresponding

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manifestation of the rights of the beneficiaries to the extent provided in s. 738.508 the manifestation of the intent of a grantor or decedent with respect to the trust, expressed in a manner that admits of its proof in a judicial proceeding, whether by written or spoken words or by conduct.

- (25) "Trust" includes an express trust, whether private or charitable, with additions to the trust, wherever and however created; and a trust created or determined by a judgment or decree under which the trust is to be administered in the manner of an express trust. The term does not include a constructive trust; a resulting trust; a conservatorship; a custodial arrangement under the Florida Uniform Transfers to Minors Act; a business trust providing for certificates to be issued to beneficiaries; a common trust fund; a land trust under s. 689.071; a trust created by the form of the account or by the deposit agreement at a financial institution; a voting trust; a security arrangement; a liquidation trust; a trust for the primary purpose of paying debts, dividends, interest, salaries, wages, profits, pensions, retirement benefits, or employee benefits of any kind; or an arrangement under which a person is a nominee, an escrowee, or an agent for another.
- (26) (14) "Trustee" means a person, other than a personal representative, that owns or holds property for the benefit of a beneficiary. The term includes an original, additional, or successor trustee, regardless of whether they are or not

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192	appointed or confirmed by a court.
193	(27) "Will" means any testamentary instrument recognized
194	under applicable law which makes a legally effective disposition
195	of an individual's property, effective at the individual's
196	death. The term includes a codicil or other amendment to a
197	testamentary instrument.
198	Section 3. Section 738.103, Florida Statutes, is amended
199	to read:
200	(Substantial rewording of section. See
201	s. 738.103, F.S., for present text.)
202	738.103 Scope.—Except as otherwise provided in the terms
203	of a trust or this chapter, this chapter applies to all of the
204	<pre>following:</pre>
205	(1) A trust or an estate.
206	(2) A life estate or other term interest in which the
207	interest of one or more persons will be succeeded by the
208	interest of one or more other persons to the extent provided in
209	s. 738.508.
210	Section 4. Section 738.104, Florida Statutes, is amended
211	to read:
212	(Substantial rewording of section. See
213	s. 738.104, F.S., for present text.)
214	738.104 Governing law.—Except as otherwise provided in the
215	terms of a trust or this chapter, this chapter applies when this
216	state is the principal place of administration of a trust or

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217	estate or the situs of property that is not held in a trust or
218	estate and is subject to a life estate or other term interest
219	described in s. 738.103(2). By accepting the trusteeship of a
220	trust having its principal place of administration in this state
221	or by moving the principal place of administration of a trust to
222	this state, the trustee submits to the application of this
223	chapter to any matter within the scope of this chapter involving
224	the trust.
225	Section 5. Section 738.1041, Florida Statutes, is
226	repealed.
227	Section 6. Section 738.105, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
228	Section 7. Section 738.201, Florida Statutes, is amended
229	to read:
230	(Substantial rewording of section. See
231	s. 738.201, F.S., for present text.)
232	738.201 Fiduciary duties; general principles.—
233	(1) In making an allocation or determination or exercising
234	discretion under this chapter, a fiduciary shall do all of the
235	following:
236	(a) Act in good faith, based on what is a fair and
237	reasonable fee to all beneficiaries;
238	(b) Administer a trust or estate impartially, except to
239	the extent that the terms of the trust manifest an intent that
240	the fiduciary favors one or more beneficiaries;
241	(c) Administer the trust or estate in accordance with the

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242	terms	of	the	trust,	even	if	there	is	а	different	provision	in
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- (d) Administer the trust or estate in accordance with this chapter, except to the extent that the terms of the trust provide otherwise or authorize the fiduciary to determine otherwise.
- (2) A fiduciary's allocation, determination, or exercise of discretion under this chapter is presumed to be fair and reasonable to all beneficiaries. A fiduciary may exercise a discretionary power of administration given to the fiduciary by the terms of the trust, and an exercise of the power that produces a result different from a result required or permitted by this chapter does not create an inference that the fiduciary abused the fiduciary's discretion.
 - (3) A fiduciary shall:
- (a) Add a receipt to principal, to the extent that the terms of the trust and this chapter do not allocate the receipt between income and principal;
- (b) Charge a disbursement to principal, to the extent that the terms of the trust and this chapter do not allocate the disbursement between income and principal; and
- (c) Within 65 days after the fiscal year ends, add any undistributed income to principal, unless otherwise provided by the terms of the trust.
- (4) A fiduciary may exercise the power to adjust under s.

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267	738.203(1), convert an income trust to a unitrust under ss.
268	738.301-738.310, change the percentage or method used to
269	calculate a unitrust amount under ss. 738.301-738.310, or
270	convert a unitrust to an income trust under ss. 738.301-738.310
271	if the fiduciary determines the exercise of the power will
272	assist the fiduciary to administer the trust or estate
273	impartially.
274	(5) The fiduciary must consider the following factors in
275	making the determination in subsection (4), including:
276	(a) The terms of the trust.
277	(b) The nature, distribution standards, and expected
278	duration of the trust.
279	(c) The effect of the allocation rules, including specific
280	adjustments between income and principal, under ss. 738.301-
281	<u>738.416.</u>
282	(d) The desirability of liquidity and regularity of
283	<u>income.</u>
284	(e) The desirability of the preservation and appreciation
285	of principal.
286	(f) The extent to which an asset is used or may be used by
287	a beneficiary.
288	(g) The increase or decrease in the value of principal
289	assets, reasonably determined by the fiduciary.
290	(h) Whether and to what extent the terms of the trust give
291	the fiduciary power to accumulate income or invade principal or

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292	prohibit the fiduciary from accumulating income or invading
293	principal.
294	(i) The extent to which the fiduciary has accumulated
295	income or invaded principal in preceding accounting periods.
296	(j) The effect of current and reasonably expected economic
297	conditions.
298	(k) The reasonably expected tax consequences of the
299	exercise of the power.
300	(1) The identities and circumstances of the beneficiaries.
301	(6) Except as provided in ss. 738.301-738.310, this
302	chapter pertains to the administration of a trust and is
303	applicable to any trust that is administered in this state or
304	under its law. This chapter also applies to any estate that is
305	administered in this state unless the provision is limited in
306	application to a trustee, rather than a fiduciary.
307	Section 8. Section 738.202, Florida Statutes, is amended
308	to read:
309	(Substantial rewording of section. See
310	s. 738.202, F.S., for present text.)
311	738.202 Judicial review of exercise of discretionary
312	power; request for instruction
313	(1) As used in this section, the term "fiduciary decision"
314	means any of the following:
315	(a) A fiduciary's allocation between income and principal
316	or other determination regarding income and principal required

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or authorized by the terms of the trust or this chapter.

- discretionary power regarding income and principal granted by the terms of the trust or this chapter, including the power to adjust under s. 738.203, convert an income trust to a unitrust under ss. 738.301-738.310, change the percentage or method used to calculate a unitrust amount under ss. 738.301-738.310, convert a unitrust to an income trust under ss. 738.301-738.310, or the method used to make property productive of income under s. 738.413.
- (c) The fiduciary's implementation of a decision described in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b).
- (2) The court may not order a fiduciary to change a fiduciary decision unless the court determines that the fiduciary decision was an abuse of the fiduciary's discretion. A court may not determine that a fiduciary abused its discretion merely because the court would have exercised the discretion in a different manner or would not have exercised the discretion.
- an abuse of the fiduciary's discretion, the court may order a remedy authorized by law, including those prescribed under ss. 736.1001 and 736.1002. Following such a determination by the court, the remedy is to place the beneficiaries in the positions the beneficiaries would have occupied if the fiduciary had not abused its discretion, as follows:

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<u>(a)</u>	The	court	may	orde	er the	fic	duciary	to	exe	erci	ise	or
refrain f	rom	exercis	sing	the	power	to	adjust	und	er	s.	738	3.203;

- (b) The court may order the fiduciary to exercise or refrain from exercising the power to convert an income trust to a unitrust under ss. 738.301-738.310, change the percentage or method used to calculate a unitrust amount under ss. 738.301-738.310, or convert a unitrust to an income trust under ss. 738.301-738.310;
- (c) The court may compel the fiduciary to take any of the actions listed under s. 738.413;
- (d) To the extent that the abuse of discretion has resulted in no distribution to a beneficiary or a distribution that is too small, the court shall require the fiduciary to distribute from the trust to the beneficiary an amount the court determines will restore the beneficiary, in whole or in part, to his or her appropriate position;
- (e) To the extent that the abuse of discretion has resulted in a distribution to a beneficiary that is too large, the court shall restore the beneficiaries, the trust, or both, in whole or in part, to their appropriate positions by requiring the fiduciary to withhold an amount from one or more future distributions to the beneficiary who received the distribution that was too large or requiring that beneficiary to return some or all of the distribution to the trust; or
- (f) To the extent that the court is unable, after applying

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paragraphs (a)-(e), to restore the beneficiaries or the trust,
or both, to the positions they would have occupied if the
fiduciary had not abused its discretion, the court may require
the fiduciary to pay an appropriate amount from its own funds to
one or more of the beneficiaries or the trust or both.

- (4) On petition by the fiduciary for instruction, the court may determine whether a proposed fiduciary decision will result in an abuse of the fiduciary's discretion. If the petition describes the proposed decision, contains sufficient information to inform the beneficiary of the reasons for making the proposed decision and the facts on which the fiduciary relies, and explains how the beneficiary will be affected by the proposed decision, a beneficiary who opposes the proposed decision has the burden to establish that it will result in an abuse of the fiduciary's discretion.
- (5) If an action is instituted alleging an abuse of discretion in the exercise or nonexercise of the fiduciary's discretion under this chapter and the court determines no abuse of discretion has occurred, the fiduciary's costs and attorney fees incurred in defending the action shall be paid from the trust assets.
- 388 Section 9. Section 738.203, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
 - 738.203 Fiduciary's power to adjust.—
 - (1) Except as otherwise provided in the terms of a trust

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or this section, a fiduciary, in a record without court
approval, may adjust between income and principal if the
fiduciary determines that the exercise of the power to adjust
will assist the fiduciary in administering the trust or estate
impartially.

- (2) This section does not create a duty to exercise or consider the power to adjust under subsection (1) or to inform a beneficiary about the applicability of this section.
- (3) A fiduciary that in good faith exercises or fails to exercise the power to adjust under subsection (1) is not liable to a person affected by the exercise or failure to exercise.
- (4) In deciding whether and to what extent to exercise the power to adjust under subsection (1), a fiduciary shall consider all factors the fiduciary considers relevant, including relevant factors in s. 738.201(5) and the application of ss. 738.401(9), 738.408, and 738.413.
- (5) A fiduciary may not exercise the power under subsection (1) to make an adjustment or under s. 738.408 to make a determination that an allocation is insubstantial if:
- (a) The adjustment or determination would reduce the amount payable to a current income beneficiary from a trust that qualifies for a special tax benefit, except to the extent that the adjustment is made to provide for a reasonable apportionment of the total return of the trust between the current income beneficiary and successor beneficiaries;

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(b) The adjustment or determination would change the
amount payable to a beneficiary, as a fixed annuity or a fixed
fraction of the value of the trust assets, under the terms of
the trust;
(c) The adjustment or determination would reduce an amount
that is permanently set aside for a charitable purpose under the
terms of the trust unless both income and principal are set
aside for the charitable purpose;
(d) Possessing or exercising the power would cause a
person to be treated as the owner of all or part of the trust
for federal income tax purposes and the person would not be
treated as the owner if the fiduciary did not possess the power
to adjust;
(e) Possessing or exercising the power would cause all or
part of the value of the trust assets to be included in the
gross estate of an individual for federal real estate tax
purposes and the assets would not be included in the gross
estate of the individual if the fiduciary did not possess the
<pre>power to adjust;</pre>
(f) Possessing or exercising the power would cause an
individual to be treated as making a gift for federal gift tax
purposes;
(g) The fiduciary is not an independent person;

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paid to the settlor, and possessing or exercising the power

(h) The trust is irrevocable and provides for income to be

442	would cause the adjusted principal or income to be considered an
443	available resource or available income under a public-benefit
444	program; or
445	(i) The trust is a unitrust under ss. 738.301-738.310.
446	(6) If paragraph (5)(d), paragraph (5)(e), paragraph
447	(5)(f), or paragraph (5)(g) applies to a fiduciary:
448	(a) A cofiduciary to which paragraphs (5)(d)-(g) do not
449	apply may exercise the power to adjust, unless the exercise of
450	the power by the remaining cofiduciary or cofiduciaries is not
451	permitted by the terms of the trust or law other than this
452	chapter; or
453	(b) If there is no cofiduciary to which paragraphs (5) (d) -
454	(g) do not apply, the fiduciary may appoint a cofiduciary to
455	which paragraphs $(5)(d)-(g)$ do not apply which may be a special
456	fiduciary with limited powers, and the appointed cofiduciary may
457	exercise the power to adjust under subsection (1), unless the
458	appointment of a cofiduciary or the exercise of the power by a
459	cofiduciary is not permitted by the terms of the trust or law
460	other than this chapter.
461	(7) A fiduciary may release or delegate to a cofiduciary
462	the power to adjust under subsection (1) if the fiduciary
463	determines that the fiduciary's possession or exercise of the
464	<pre>power will or may:</pre>
465	(a) Cause a result described in paragraph (5)(a),

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paragraph (5)(b), paragraph (5)(c), paragraph (5)(d), paragraph

467	(5)(e), paragraph (5)(f), or paragraph (5)(h); or
468	(b) Deprive the trust of a tax benefit or impose a tax
469	burden not described in paragraph (5)(a), paragraph (5)(b),
470	paragraph (5)(c), paragraph (5)(d), paragraph (5)(e), or
471	paragraph (5)(f).
472	(8) A fiduciary's release or delegation to a cofiduciary
473	under subsection (7) of the power to adjust under subsection
474	<u>(1):</u>
475	(a) Must be in a record;
476	(b) Applies to the entire power, unless the release or
477	delegation provides a limitation, which may be a limitation to
478	the power to adjust:
479	1. From income to principal;
480	2. From principal to income;
481	3. For specified property; or
482	4. In specified circumstances.
483	(c) For a delegation, may be modified by a redelegation
484	under this subsection by the cofiduciary to which the delegation
485	is made; and
486	(d) Subject to paragraph (c), is permanent, unless the
487	release or delegation provides a specified period, including a
488	period measured by the life of an individual or the lives of
489	more than one individual.
490	(9) Terms of a trust that deny or limit the power to

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491 <u>adjust between income and principal do not affect the</u>

492	application of this section, unless the terms of the trust
493	expressly deny or limit the power to adjust under subsection
494	<u>(1).</u>
495	(10) The exercise of the power to adjust under subsection
496	(1) in any accounting period may apply to the current period,
497	the immediately preceding period, and one or more subsequent
498	periods.
499	(11) A description of the exercise of the power to adjust
500	under subsection (1) must be:
501	(a) Included in a report, if any, sent to beneficiaries
502	under s. 736.0813; or
503	(b) Communicated at least annually to the qualified
504	beneficiaries as defined in s. 736.0103 other than the Attorney
505	<pre>General.</pre>
506	(12) With respect to a trust in existence on January 1,
507	<u>2003:</u>
508	(a) A fiduciary may not have the power to adjust under
509	this section until the statement required in subsection (13) is
510	provided and either no objection is made or any objection which
511	is made has been terminated.
512	1. An objection is made if, within 60 days after the date
513	of the statement required in subsection (13), a super majority

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of the eligible beneficiaries deliver to the fiduciary a written

objection to the application of this section to such trust. An

objection shall be deemed to be delivered to the fiduciary on

the date the objection is mailed to the mailing address listed in the notice provided in subsection (13).

- 2. An objection is terminated upon the earlier of the receipt of consent from a super majority of eligible beneficiaries of the class that made the objection, or the resolution of the objection under paragraph (c).
- (b) An objection or consent under this section may be executed by a legal representative or natural guardian of a beneficiary without the filing of any proceeding or approval of any court.
- (c) If an objection is delivered to the fiduciary, then the fiduciary may petition the circuit court for an order quashing the objection and vesting in such fiduciary the power to adjust under this section. The burden will be on the objecting beneficiaries to prove that the power to adjust would be inequitable, illegal, or otherwise in contravention of the settlor's intent. The court may award costs and attorney fees relating to the fiduciary's petition in the same manner as in chancery actions. When costs and attorney fees are to be paid out of the trust, the court may, in its discretion, direct from which part of the trust they shall be paid.
- (d) If no timely objection is made or if the fiduciary is vested with the power to adjust by court order, the fiduciary may thereafter exercise the power to adjust without providing notice of its intent to do so unless, in vesting the fiduciary

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with the power to adjust, the court determines that unusual circumstances require otherwise.

- (e)1. If a fiduciary makes a good faith effort to comply with the notice provisions of subsection (13), but fails to deliver notice to one or more beneficiaries entitled to such notice, neither the validity of the notice required under this subsection nor the fiduciary's power to adjust under this section shall be affected until the fiduciary has actual notice that one or more beneficiaries entitled to notice were not notified. Until the fiduciary has actual notice of the notice deficiency, the fiduciary shall have all of the powers and protections granted a fiduciary with the power to adjust under this chapter.
- 2. When the fiduciary has actual notice that one or more beneficiaries entitled to notice under subsection (13) were not notified, the fiduciary's power to adjust under this section shall cease until all beneficiaries who are entitled to such notice, including those who were previously provided with such notice, are notified and given the opportunity to object as provided for under this subsection.
- (f) The objection of a super majority of eligible beneficiaries under this subsection shall be valid for a period of 1 year after the date of the notice set forth in subsection (13). Upon expiration of the objection, the fiduciary may thereafter give a new notice under subsection (13).

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(g) This section is not intended to create or imply a duty
of the fiduciary of a trust existing on January 1, 2003, to seek
a power to adjust under this subsection or to give the notice
described in subsection (13) if the fiduciary does not desire to
have a power to adjust under this section, and no inference of
impropriety shall be made as the result of a fiduciary not
seeking a power to adjust under this subsection.

- (13) (a) A fiduciary of a trust in existence on January 1, 2003, that is not prohibited under subsection (5) from exercising the power to adjust shall, any time before initially exercising the power, provide to all eligible beneficiaries a statement containing the following:
- 1. The name, telephone number, street address, and mailing address of the fiduciary and of any person who may be contacted for further information;
- 2. A statement that unless a super majority of the eligible beneficiaries objects to the application of this section to the trust within 60 days after the date the statement pursuant to this subsection was served, this section shall apply to the trust; and
- 3. A statement that, if this section applies to the trust, the fiduciary will have the power to adjust between income and principal and that such a power may have an effect on the distributions to such beneficiary from the trust.
- (b) The statement may contain information regarding a 269099 h1093-line346.docx

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592	fiducia	ry's ob	ligation	with	respect	to	the	power	to	adjust
593	between	income	and pri	ncipal	under	this	sec	ction.		

- manner provided in the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure relating to service of pleadings subsequent to the initial pleading. The statement may be served on a legal representative or natural guardian of a beneficiary without the filing of any proceeding or approval of any court.
 - (14) For purposes of subsections (12) and (13), the term:
 - 1. "Eligible beneficiaries" means:
- <u>a.</u> If at the time the determination is made there are one or more beneficiaries described in s. 736.0103(19)(c), the beneficiaries described in s. 736.0103(19)(a) and (c); or
- b. If there is no beneficiary described in s. 736.0103(19)(c), the beneficiaries described in s. 736.0103(19)(a) and (b).
 - 2. "Super majority of the eligible beneficiaries" means:
- a. If at the time the determination is made there are one or more beneficiaries described in s. 736.0103(19)(c), at least two-thirds in interest of the beneficiaries described in s. 736.0103(19)(a) or two-thirds in interest of the beneficiaries described in s. 736.0103(19)(c), if the interests of the beneficiaries are reasonably ascertainable; otherwise, it means two-thirds in number of either such class; or
 - b. If there is no beneficiary described in s.

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617	736.0103(19)(c), at least two-thirds in interest of the
618	beneficiaries described in s. 736.0103(19)(a) or two-thirds in
619	interest of the beneficiaries described in s. 736.0103(19)(b),
620	if the interests of the beneficiaries are reasonably
621	ascertainable, otherwise, two-thirds in number of either such
622	class.
623	(15) A trust exists on January 1, 2003, if it is not
624	revocable on January 1, 2003. A trust is revocable if revocable
625	by the settlor alone or in conjunction with any other person. A
626	trust is not revocable for purposes of this section if revocable
627	by the settlor only with the consent of all persons having a
628	beneficial interest in the property.
629	Section 10. Section 738.301, Florida Statutes, is amended
630	to read:
631	(Substantial rewording of section. See
632	s. 738.301, F.S., for present text).
633	738.301 Definitions.—For purposes of this section and ss.
634	738.302-738.310:
635	(1) "Applicable value" means the amount of the net fair
636	market value of a trust taken into account under s. 738.307.
637	(2) "Express unitrust" means a trust for which, under the
638	terms of the trust without regard to this section and ss.
639	738.302-738.310, net income must be calculated as a unitrust
640	amount.
641	(3) "Income trust" means a trust, created by an inter

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rate.

vivos or testamentary instrument, that directs or permits the
trustee to distribute the net income of the trust to one or more
persons, in fixed proportions or in amounts or proportions
determined by the trustee and regardless of whether the trust
directs or permits the trustee to distribute the principal of
the trust to one or more such persons.
(4) "Net fair market value of a trust" means the fair
market value of the assets of the trust, less the reasonably
known noncontingent liabilities of the trust.
(5) "Unitrust" means a trust for which net income is a
unitrust amount. The term includes an express unitrust.
(6) "Unitrust amount" means an amount computed by
multiplying a determined value of a trust by a determined
percentage. For a unitrust administered under a unitrust policy,

(7) "Unitrust policy" means a policy described in ss. 738.301-738.310 and adopted under s. 738.303.

the term means the applicable value multiplied by the unitrust

- (8) "Unitrust rate" means the rate used to compute the unitrust amount for a unitrust administered under a unitrust policy.
- Section 11. Section 738.302, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - (Substantial rewording of section. See
- 666 <u>s. 738.302, F.S., for present text.)</u>

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667	738.302 Applications; duties and remedies.—
668	(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2), ss.
669	738.301-738.310 apply to all of the following:
670	(a) An income trust, unless the terms of the trust
671	expressly prohibit the use of ss. 738.301-738.310 by a specific
672	reference to this paragraph or corresponding provision of prior
673	law, or an explicit expression of intent that net income not be
674	calculated as a unitrust amount.
675	(b) An express unitrust, except to the extent that the
676	terms of the trust explicitly:
677	1. Prohibit the use of ss. 738.301-738.310 by a specific
678	reference to this paragraph or corresponding provision of prior
679	<pre>law;</pre>
680	2. Prohibit conversion to an income trust; or
681	3. Limit changes to the method of calculating the unitrust
682	amount.
683	(c) A unitrust that had been converted from an income
684	trust.
685	(2) The provisions of ss. 738.301-738.310 do not apply to
686	a trust described in s. 170(f)(2)(B), s. 642(c)(5), s. 664(d),
687	s. 2702(a)(3)(A)(ii) or (iii), or s. 2702(b) of the Internal
688	Revenue Code.
689	(3) An income trust to which ss. 738.301-738.310 apply
690	under paragraph (1)(a) may be converted to a unitrust under ss.
691	738.301-738.310 regardless of the terms of the trust concerning

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692	distributions. Conversion to a unitrust under ss. 738.301-
693	738.310 does not affect other terms of the trust concerning
694	distributions of income or principal.
695	(4) Sections 738.301-738.310 apply to an estate only to
696	the extent that a trust is a beneficiary of the estate. To the
697	extent of the trust's interest in the estate, the estate may be
698	administered as a unitrust, the administration of the estate as
699	a unitrust may be discontinued, or the percentage or method used
700	to calculate the unitrust amount may be changed, in the same
701	manner as for a trust under those sections.
702	(5) The provisions of ss. 738.301-738.310 do not create a
703	duty to take or consider action under ss. 738.301-738.310 or to
704	inform a beneficiary about the applicability of ss. 738.301-
705	<u>738.310.</u>
706	(6) A fiduciary that in good faith takes or fails to take
707	an action under ss. 738.301-738.310 is not liable to a person
708	affected by the action or inaction.
709	Section 12. Section 738.303, Florida Statutes, is amended
710	to read:
711	(Substantial rewording of section. See
712	s. 738.303, F.S., for present text.)
713	738.303 Authority of fiduciary.—
714	(1) By complying with subsections (2) and (6), and without
715	court approval, a fiduciary may do any of the following:

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(a) Convert an income trust to a unitrust if the fiduciary

717	adopts	in	а	record	а	unitrust	policy	for	the	trust	which
718	provide	es:									

- 1. That in administering the trust, the net income of the trust will be a unitrust amount rather than net income determined without regard to ss. 738.301-738.310; and
- 2. The percentage and method used to calculate the unitrust amount.
- (b) Change the percentage or method used to calculate a unitrust amount for a unitrust if the fiduciary adopts in a record a unitrust policy or an amendment or replacement of a unitrust policy providing charges in the percentage or method used to calculate the unitrust amount.
- (c) Convert a unitrust to an income trust if the fiduciary adopts in a record a determination that, in administering the trust, the net income of the trust will be net income determined without regard to ss. 738.301-738.310 rather than a unitrust amount.
- (2) A fiduciary may take an action under subsection (1) if all of the following apply:
- (a) The fiduciary determines that the action will assist the fiduciary to administer a trust impartially.
- (b) The fiduciary sends a notice in a record to the qualified beneficiaries determined under ss. 736.0103 and 736.0110 in the manner required by s. 738.304, describing and proposing to take the action.

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742	(c) The fiduciary sends a copy of the notice under
743	paragraph (b) to each settlor of the trust which is:
744	1. If an individual, living; or
745	2. If not an individual, in existence.
746	(d) At least one member of each class of the qualified
747	beneficiaries determined under ss. 736.0103 and 736.0110, other
748	than the Attorney General, receiving the notice under paragraph
749	<u>(b) is:</u>
750	1. If an individual, legally competent;
751	2. If not an individual, in existence; or
752	3. Represented in the manner provided in s. 738.304(2).
753	(e) The fiduciary does not receive, by the date specified
754	in the notice under s. 738.304(4)(e), an objection in a record
755	to the action proposed under paragraph (b) from a person to
756	which the notice under paragraph (b) is sent.
757	(3) If a fiduciary receives, not later than the date
758	stated in the notice under s. $738.304(4)(e)$, an objection in a
759	record described in s. 738.304(4)(d) to a proposed action, the
760	fiduciary or a beneficiary may request the court to have the
761	action taken as proposed, taken with modifications, or
762	prevented. A person described in s. 738.304(1) may oppose the
763	proposed action in the proceeding under this subsection
764	regardless of whether the person:
765	(a) Consented under s. 738.304(3); or

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(b) Objected under s. 738.304(4)(d).

to read:

(4) If, after sending a notice under paragraph (2)(b),	<u> </u>
fiduciary decides not to take the action proposed in the notic	ce,
the fiduciary must notify in a record each person described in	า
s. 738.304(1) of the decision not to take the action and the	_
reasons for the decision.	

- (5) If a beneficiary requests in a record that a fiduciary take an action described in subsection (1) and the fiduciary declines to act or does not act within 60 days after receiving the request, the beneficiary may request the court to direct the fiduciary to take the action requested.
- (6) In deciding whether and how to take an action authorized in subsection (1), or whether and how to respond to a request by a beneficiary under subsection (5), a fiduciary must consider all factors relevant to the trust and beneficiaries, including the relevant factors listed in s. 738.201(5).
- (7) A fiduciary may release or delegate the power to convert an income trust to a unitrust under paragraph (1)(a), change the percentage or method used to calculate a unitrust amount under paragraph (1)(b), or convert a unitrust to an income trust under paragraph (1)(c), for a reason described in s. 738.203(7) and in the manner described in s. 738.203(8).

 Section 13. Section 738.304, Florida Statutes, is created

738.304 Notice.

(1) A notice required by s. 738.303(2)(b) must be sent in

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792	a manner authorized under s. 736.0109 to all of the following:
793	(a) The qualified beneficiaries determined under s.
794	736.0103, other than the Attorney General.
795	(b) Each person that is granted a power over the trust by
796	the terms of the trust, to the extent that the power is
797	exercisable when the person is not then serving as a trustee:
798	1. Including all of the following:
799	a. Power over the investment, management, or distribution
800	of trust property or other matters of trust administration.
801	b. Power to appoint or remove a trustee or person
802	described in this paragraph.
803	2. Excluding all of the following:
804	a. Power of appointment.
805	b. Power of a beneficiary over the trust, to the extent
806	that the exercise or nonexercise of the power affects the
807	beneficial interest of the beneficiary or another beneficiary
808	represented by the beneficiary under ss. 736.0301-736.0306 with
809	respect to the exercise or nonexercise of the power.
810	c. Power over the trust if the terms of the trust provide
811	that the power is held in a nonfiduciary capacity and the power
812	must be held in a nonfiduciary capacity to achieve a tax
813	objective under the Internal Revenue Code.
814	(c) Each person that is granted a power by the terms of
815	the trust to appoint or remove a trustee or person described in

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paragraph (b) to the extent the power is exercisable when the

817	person that exercises the power is not then serving as a trustee
818	or person described in paragraph (b).
819	(2) The representation provisions of ss. 736.0301-736.0306
820	apply to notice under this section.
821	(3) A person may consent in a record at any time to action
822	proposed under s. 738.303(2)(b). A notice required by s.
823	738.303(2)(b) need not be sent to a person that consents under
824	this subsection.
825	(4) A notice required under s. 738.303(2)(b) must include
826	all of the following:
827	(a) The action proposed under s. 738.303(2)(b).
828	(b) For a conversion of an income trust to a unitrust, a
829	copy of the unitrust policy adopted under s. 738.303(1)(a).
830	(c) For a change in the percentage or method used to
831	calculate the unitrust amount, a copy of the unitrust policy or
832	amendment or replacement of the unitrust policy adopted under s.
833	738.303(1)(b).
834	(d) A statement that the person to which the notice is
835	sent may object to the proposed action by stating in a record
836	the basis for the objection and sending or delivering the record
837	to the fiduciary.
838	(e) The date by which an objection under paragraph (d)
839	must be received by the fiduciary, which must be at least 30
840	days after the date the notice is sent.

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(f) The date on which the action is proposed to be taken

842	and the date on which the action is proposed to take effect.
843	(g) The name and contact information of the fiduciary.
844	(h) The name and contact information of a person that may
845	be contacted for additional information.
846	Section 14. Section 738.305, Florida Statutes, is created
847	to read:
848	738.305 Unitrust policy.—
849	(1) In administering a unitrust under ss. 738.301-738.310,
850	a fiduciary shall follow a unitrust policy adopted under s.
851	738.303(1)(a) or (b) or amended or replaced under s.
852	738.303(1)(b).
853	(2) A unitrust policy must provide all of the following:
854	(a) The unitrust rate or method for determining the
855	unitrust rate under s. 738.306.
856	(b) The method for determining the applicable value under
857	s. 738.307.
858	(c) The rules described in ss. 738.306-738.310 which apply
859	in the administration of the unitrust, whether the rules are:
860	1. Mandatory as provided in ss. 738.307(1) and (3),
861	738.308(1), and 738.310; or
862	2. Optional as provided in ss. 738.306, 738.307(2), and
863	738.308(2), to the extent that the fiduciary elects to adopt
864	those rules.
865	(3) A unitrust policy may do any of the following:
866	(a) Provide methods and standards for:

867	1. Determining the timing of the distributions;
868	2. Making distributions in cash or in kind or partly in
869	cash and partly in kind; or
870	3. Correcting an underpayment or overpayment to a
871	beneficiary based on the unitrust amount if there is an error in
872	calculating the unitrust amount.
873	(b) Specify sources and the order of sources, including
874	categories of income for federal income tax purposes, from which
875	distributions of a unitrust amount are paid.
876	(c) Provide other standards and rules that the fiduciary
877	determines serve the interests of the beneficiaries.
878	Section 15. Section 738.306, Florida Statutes, is created
879	to read:
880	738.306 Unitrust rate.—
881	(1) A unitrust rate must be at least 3 percent and not
882	more than 5 percent. Within those limits, the unitrust rate may
883	be:
884	(a) A fixed unitrust rate; or
885	(b)1. A unitrust rate that is determined for each period
886	using:
887	a. A market index or other published data; or
888	b. A mathematical blend of market indices or other
889	published data over a stated number of preceding periods.
890	2. If the rate calculated under this paragraph would be
891	less than 3, the rate is 3; and if the rate calculated would be

892	more	than	5,	the	rate	is	5.

- (2) Within the limits of subsection (1), a unitrust policy may provide for any of the following:
- (a) A limit on how much the unitrust rate determined under paragraph (1)(b) may increase over the unitrust rate for the preceding period or a mathematical blend of unitrust rates over a stated number of preceding periods.
- (b) A limit on how much the unitrust rate determined under paragraph (1)(b) may decrease below the unitrust rate for the preceding period or a mathematical blend of unitrust rates over a stated number of preceding periods.
- (c) A mathematical blend of any of the unitrust rates determined under paragraph (1) (b) and paragraphs (a) and (b).
- (3) If the fiduciary is not an independent person, the percentage used to calculate the unitrust amount is the rate determined under s. 7520(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code in effect for the month the conversion under this section becomes effective and for each January thereafter; however, if the rate determined under s. 7520(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code exceeds 5 percent, the unitrust rate is 5 percent, and if the rate determined under s. 7520(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code is less than 3 percent, the unitrust rate is 3 percent.
- Section 16. Section 738.307, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

738.307 Applicable value.

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917	(1) A unitrust policy must provide the method for
918	determining the fair market value of an asset for the purpose of
919	determining the unitrust amount, including all of the following:
920	(a) The frequency of valuing the asset, which need not
921	require a valuation in every period.
922	(b) The date for valuing the asset in each period in which
923	the asset is valued.
924	(2) Except as otherwise provided in s. 738.309, a unitrust
925	policy may provide methods for determining the amount of the net
926	fair market value of the trust to take into account in
927	determining the applicable value, including any of the
928	following:
929	(a) Obtaining an appraisal of an asset for which fair
930	market value is not readily available.
931	(b) Excluding specific assets or groups or types of assets
932	in addition to those described in subsection (3).
933	(c) Making other exceptions or modifications of the
934	treatment of specific assets or groups or types of assets.
935	(d) Including identification and treatment of cash or
936	property held for distribution.
937	(e) Using an average of fair market values over a stated
938	number of preceding periods, not to exceed 3 calendar years.
939	(f) Determining the reasonable known liabilities of the
940	trust, including treatment of liabilities to conform with the

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treatment of assets under paragraphs (a) -(e).

942	(3) The following property may not be included in
943	determining the value of the trust:
944	(a) Any residential property or any tangible personal
945	property that, as of the first business day of the current
946	valuation year, one or more current beneficiaries of the trust
947	have or have had the right to occupy or have or have had the
948	right to possess or control, other than in his or her capacity
949	as trustee of the trust. Instead, the right of occupancy or the
950	right to possession and control is the unitrust amount with
951	respect to such property; however, the unitrust amount must be
952	adjusted to take into account partial distributions from or
953	receipt into the trust of such property during the valuation
954	<pre>year;</pre>
955	(b) Any asset specifically given to a beneficiary and the
956	return on investment on such property, which return on
957	investment must be distributable to the beneficiary; and
958	(c) Any asset while held in an estate.
959	Section 17. Section 738.308, Florida Statutes, is created
960	to read:
961	738.308 Period.—
962	(1) A unitrust policy must provide the period used under
963	ss. 738.306 and 738.307. The period must be the calendar year.
964	(2) A unitrust policy may provide standards for:
965	(a) Using fewer preceding periods under s. 738.306(1)(b)1.
966	or (2)(a) or (b) if:

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967	1. The trust was not in existence in a preceding period;
968	<u>or</u>
969	2. Market indices or other published data are not
970	available for a preceding period;
971	(b) Using fewer preceding periods under 738.307(2)(e) if:
972	1. The trust was not in existence in a preceding period;
973	<u>or</u>
974	2. Fair market values are not available for a preceding
975	period; and
976	(c) Prorating a unitrust amount on a daily basis for a
977	part of a period in which the trust or the administration of the
978	trust as a unitrust or the interest of any beneficiary commences
979	or terminates.
980	Section 18. Section 738.309, Florida Statutes, is created
981	to read:
982	738.309 Express unitrust.—
983	(1) This section applies to a trust that, by its governing
984	instrument, requires or allows income or net income to be
985	calculated as a unitrust amount.
986	(2) The trustee of an express unitrust may determine the
987	unitrust amount by reference to the net fair market value of the
988	unitrust's assets in 1 or more years.
989	(3) Distribution of a unitrust amount is considered a
990	distribution of all of the net income of an express unitrust and

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991 <u>is considered to be an income interest.</u>

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- distribution based on a unitrust rate in excess of 5 percent per year of the net fair market value of the unitrust assets is considered a distribution of all of the income of the unitrust and a distribution of principal of the unitrust to the extent that the distribution exceeds 5 percent per year.
- (6) An express unitrust may provide a mechanism for changing the unitrust rate, similar to the mechanism provided under s. 738.306, based upon the factors noted in that section, and may provide for a conversion from a unitrust to an income trust or a reconversion of an income trust to a unitrust under s. 738.303.
- (7) If an express unitrust does not specifically or by reference to s. 738.306 prohibit a power to change the unitrust rate or to convert to an income trust under s. 738.303, the trustee must have such power.
- (8) The governing instrument of an express unitrust may grant the trustee discretion to adopt a consistent practice of treating capital gains as part of the unitrust amount to the extent that the unitrust amount exceeds the income determined as if the trust were not an express unitrust, or the governing instrument may specify the ordering of classes of income.
- (9) Unless the terms of the express unitrust specifically

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1017	provide otherwise as provided in subsection (8), the
1018	distribution of a unitrust amount is considered a distribution
1019	made from the following sources, which are listed in order of
1020	priority:
1021	(a) Net accounting income determined under this chapter as
1022	if the trust were not a unitrust;
1023	(b) Ordinary income not allocable to net accounting
1024	income;
1025	(c) Net realized short-term capital gains;
1026	(d) Net realized long-term capital gains; and
1027	(e) The principal of the trust.
1028	(10) The governing instrument of an express unitrust may
1029	provide that the trustee may exclude assets used by the
1030	unitrust's beneficiary, including, but not limited to, a
1031	residence property or tangible personal property, from the net
1032	fair market value of the unitrust's assets for the purposes of
1033	computing the unitrust amount. The use of these assets may be
1034	considered equivalent to income or to the unitrust amount.
1035	Section 19. Section 738.310, Florida Statutes, is created
1036	to read:
1037	738.310 Other rules.—Following the conversion of an income
1038	trust to a unitrust, the trustee shall consider the unitrust
1039	amount as paid from the following sources, which are listed in
1040	order of priority:
1041	(1) Net accounting income determined under this chapter as

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1042	II the trust were not a unitrust;
1043	(2) Ordinary income not allocable to net accounting
1044	<pre>income;</pre>
1045	(3) Net realized short-term capital gains;
1046	(4) Net realized long-term capital gains; and
1047	(5) The principal of the trust.
1048	Section 20. Section 738.401, Florida Statutes, is amended
1049	to read:
1050	738.401 Character of receipts from entity
1051	(1) For purposes of this section, the term:
1052	(a) "Capital distribution" means an entity distribution of
1053	money which is a:
1054	1. Return of capital; or
1055	2. Distribution in total or partial liquidation of the
1056	entity.
1057	<u>(b)</u> "Entity" <u>:</u>
1058	1. Means a corporation, partnership, limited liability
1059	company, regulated investment company, real estate investment
1060	trust, common trust fund, or any other organization $\underline{\text{or}}$
1061	arrangement in which a fiduciary owns or holds has an interest,
1062	regardless of whether the entity is a taxpayer for federal
1063	income tax purposes; and
1064	<pre>2. Does not include:</pre>
1065	a. A trust or estate to which s. 738.402 applies;
1066	b. A business or other activity to which s. 738.403

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1067	applies which is not conducted by an entity described in
1068	subparagraph 1.;
1069	c. An asset-backed security; or
1070	d. An instrument or arrangement to which s. 738.416
1071	applies other than a trust or estate to which s. 738.402
1072	applies, a business or activity to which s. 738.403 applies, or
1073	an asset-backed security to which s. 738.608 applies.
1074	(c) "Entity distribution" means a payment or transfer by
1075	an entity to a person in the person's capacity as an owner or
1076	holder of an interest in the entity.
1077	(d) "Lookback period" means the accounting period and the
1078	preceding two accounting periods or, if less, the number of
1079	accounting periods, or portion of accounting periods, that the
1080	interest in the entity has been held by the fiduciary.
1081	(2) In this section, an attribute or action of an entity
1082	includes an attribute or action of any other entity in which the
1083	initial entity owns or holds an interest, including an interest
1084	owned or held indirectly through another entity.
1085	(3) Except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (4)(b),
1086	$\underline{\text{(c), and (d)}}$ this section, a fiduciary shall allocate to income:
1087	(a) Money received in an entity distribution; and
1088	(b) Tangible personal property of nominal value received
1089	from the money received from an entity.

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(4)(3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, A

fiduciary shall allocate the following receipts from an entity

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- (a) Property <u>received in an entity distribution which is</u> not:
 - 1. other than Money; or
 - 2. Tangible personal property of nominal value.
- (b) Money received in <u>an entity</u> one distribution or a series of related distributions in <u>an</u> exchange for part or all of <u>the fiduciary's</u> a trust's or estate's interest in the entity to the extent that the entity distribution reduces the fiduciary's interest in the entity relative to the interest of other persons that own or hold interests in the entity.
- (c) Money received in <u>an entity distribution that is a capital distribution</u>, to the extent not allocated to income total or partial liquidation of the entity.
- (d) Money received <u>in an entity distribution</u> from an entity that is a regulated investment company or a real estate investment trust if the money received represents short-term or long-term capital gain realized within the entity.
- (e) Money received from an entity listed on a public stock exchange during any year of the trust or estate which exceeds 10 percent of the fair market value of the trust's or estate's interest in the entity on the first day of that year. The amount to be allocated to principal must be reduced to the extent that the cumulative distributions from the entity to the trust or estate allocated to income do not exceed a cumulative annual

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return of 3 percent of the fair market value of the interest in
the entity at the beginning of each year or portion of a year
for the number of years or portion of years in the period that
the interest in the entity has been held by the trust or estate.
If a trustee has exercised a power to adjust under s. 738.104
during any period the interest in the entity has been held by
the trust, the trustee, in determining the total income
distributions from that entity, must take into account the
extent to which the exercise of that power resulted in income to
the trust from that entity for that period. If the income of the
trust for any period has been computed under s. 738.1041, the
trustee, in determining the total income distributions from that
entity for that period, must take into account the portion of
the unitrust amount paid as a result of the ownership of the
trust's interest in the entity for that period.

- (5)(4) If a fiduciary elects, or continues an election made by its predecessor, to reinvest dividends in shares of stock of a distributing corporation or fund, whether evidenced by new certificates or entries on the books of the distributing entity, the new shares retain their character as income.
- (6) (5) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (10) and (11), money received in an entity distribution is a capital distribution Money is received in partial liquidation:
- (a) To the extent $\underline{\text{that}}$ the entity, at or near the time of $\underline{\text{the entity a}}$ distribution, indicates that such money is a

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capital distribution in partial liquidation; or

(b) To the extent that the total amount of money and property received by the fiduciary in the entity in a distribution or a series of related entity distributions is or will be greater than from an entity that is not listed on a public stock exchange exceeds 20 percent of the fiduciary's trust's or estate's pro rata share of the entity's gross assets, as shown by the entity's year-end financial statements immediately preceding the initial receipt.

This subsection does not apply to an entity to which subsection (7) applies.

<u>received in an entity distribution allocated to principal must</u>
be reduced to the extent that the cumulative distributions from
the entity to the fiduciary Money may not be taken into account
in determining any excess under paragraph (5) (b), to the extent
that the cumulative distributions from the entity to the trust
or the estate allocated to income do not exceed the greater of:

(a) A cumulative annual return of 3 percent of the entity's carrying value computed at the beginning of each accounting period, or portion of an accounting period, during the lookback period for the number of years or portion of years that the entity was held by the fiduciary. If a fiduciary trustee has exercised a power to adjust under s. 738.203 during

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the lookback period, the fiduciary s. 738.104 during any period
the interest in the entity has been held by the trust, the
trustee, in determining the total income distributions from that
entity, must take into account the extent to which $\underline{\text{the}}$ exercise
of the power resulted in income to the $\underline{\text{fiduciary}}$ $\underline{\text{trust}}$ from that
entity for that period. If the income of a $\underline{\text{fiduciary during the}}$
<pre>lookback trust for any period has been computed under ss.</pre>
738.301-738.310, the fiduciary pursuant to s. 738.1041, the
trustee, in determining the total income distributions from the
entity for that period, must take into account the portion of
the unitrust amount paid as a result of the ownership of the
trust's interest in the entity for that period; or

- (b) In If the case of an entity is treated as a partnership, subchapter S corporation, or a disregarded entity under pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the amount of income tax attributable to the fiduciary's trust's or estate's ownership share of the entity, based on its pro rata share of the taxable income of the entity that distributes the money, during the lookback period for the number of years or portion of years that the interest in the entity was held by the fiduciary, calculated as if all of the that tax was incurred by the fiduciary.
- (8) If a fiduciary receives additional information about the application of this section to an entity distribution before the fiduciary has paid part of the entity distribution to a

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beneficia	ry, the f	iduciar	y may	y conside	er t	the	<u>additional</u>		
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change a c	decision	to make	the	payment	to	the	beneficiary	<u>•</u>	

- (9) If a fiduciary receives additional information about the application of this section to an entity distribution after the fiduciary has paid part of the entity distribution to a beneficiary, the fiduciary is not required to change or recover the payment to the beneficiary but may consider that information in determining whether to exercise its other powers, including but not limited to the power to adjust under s. 738.203.
- (10) (7) The following applies to money or property received by a private trustee as a distribution from an investment entity described in this subsection:
- (a) The trustee shall first treat as income of the trust all of the money or property received from the investment entity in the current accounting period year which would be considered income under this chapter if the trustee had directly held the trust's pro rata share of the assets of the investment entity. For this purpose, all distributions received in the current accounting period year must be aggregated.
- (b) The trustee shall next treat as income of the trust any additional money or property received in the current accounting period year which would have been considered income in the prior 2 accounting periods years under paragraph (a) if additional money or property had been received from the

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investment entity in any of those prior 2 accounting periods
$\frac{1}{2}$ The amount to be treated as income $\frac{1}{2}$ must $\frac{1}{2}$ be reduced
by any distributions of money or property made by the investment
entity to the trust during the current and $\underline{\text{the}}$ prior 2
accounting periods years which were treated as income under this
paragraph.

- (c) The remainder of the distribution, if any, is treated as principal.
 - (d) As used in this subsection, the term:
- 1. "Investment entity" means an entity, other than a business activity conducted by the trustee described in s. 738.403 or an entity that is listed on a public stock exchange, which is treated as a partnership, subchapter S corporation, or disregarded entity <u>under pursuant to</u> the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and which normally derives 50 percent or more of its annual cumulative net income from interest, dividends, annuities, royalties, rental activity, or other passive investments, including income from the sale or exchange of such passive investments.
- 2. "Private trustee" means a trustee who is a natural person, but is not an independent person as set forth in s.

 738.102 only if the trustee is unable to use the power to adjust between income and principal with respect to receipts from entities described in this subsection pursuant to s. 738.104. A bank, trust company, or other commercial trustee is not

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considered a private trustee.

(11) A fiduciary shall allocate to principal any money and property the fiduciary receives in a distribution or series of related distributions from a public entity which are greater than 10 percent of the fair market value of the fiduciary's interest in the public entity on the first day of the accounting period. The amount to be allocated to principal must be reduced to the extent that the cumulative distributions from the entity to the fiduciary allocated to income do not exceed a cumulative annual return of 3 percent of the fair market value of the interest in the entity at the beginning of each accounting period, or portion of an accounting period, during the lookback period. If a fiduciary has exercised a power to adjust under s. 738.203 during the lookback period, the fiduciary, in determining the total income distributions from that entity, must take into account the extent to which the exercise of that power resulted in income to the fiduciary from that entity for that period. If the income of the fiduciary during the lookback period has been computed under ss. 738.301-738.310, the fiduciary, in determining the total income distribution from that entity for that period, must take into account the portion of the unitrust amount paid as a result of the ownership of the trust's interest in the entity for that period. As used in this subsection, the term "public entity" means an entity listed on a public stock exchange.

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1267	(12) (8) This section must shall be applied before ss.
1268	$\frac{738.506 \text{ and } 738.507}{6}$ ss. $\frac{738.705}{6}$ and does not modify
1269	or change any of the provisions of those sections.
1270	Section 21. Section 738.402, Florida Statutes, is amended
1271	to read:
1272	738.402 Distribution from trust or estate.—A fiduciary
1273	shall allocate to income an amount received as a distribution of
1274	income, including a unitrust distribution under ss. 738.301-
1275	738.310, from a trust or an estate in which the fiduciary trust
1276	has an interest $\underline{\prime}$ other than $\underline{}$ an interest $\underline{}$ purchased $\underline{}$ in a trust
1277	that is an investment entity, and shall interest and allocate to
1278	principal an amount received as a distribution of principal from
1279	the such a trust or estate. If a fiduciary purchases, or
1280	receives from a settlor, an interest in a trust that is an
1281	investment entity, or a decedent or donor transfers an interest
1282	in such a trust to a fiduciary, s. 738.401, s. 738.415, or s.
1283	738.416 or s. 738.608 applies to a receipt from the trust.
1284	Section 22. Section 738.403, Florida Statutes, is amended
1285	to read:
1286	738.403 Business and other <u>activity</u> activities conducted
1287	by fiduciary.—
1288	(1) This section applies to If a fiduciary who conducts a
1289	business or other activity conducted by a fiduciary if the

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interest of all the beneficiaries to account separately for the

1290 <u>fiduciary</u> determines that it is in the best <u>interests of</u>

1292	business or ${\color{red} { ext{other}}}$ activity instead of:
1293	(a) Accounting for the business or other activity as part
1294	of the <u>fiduciary's</u> trust's or estate's general accounting
1295	records; or
1296	(b) Conducting the business or other activity through an
1297	entity described in s. 738.401(1)(b)., the
1298	(2) A fiduciary may account separately under this section
1299	$rac{ exttt{maintain separate accounting records}}{ exttt{tors}}$ for the transactions of $\underline{ ext{a}}$
1300	the business or another other activity, regardless of whether $\frac{1}{2}$
1301	not the assets of the such business or other activity are
1302	segregated from other trust or estate assets <u>held by the</u>
1303	fiduciary.
1304	(3) (2) A fiduciary who accounts separately <u>under this</u>
1305	${ m \underline{section}}$ for a business or other activity:
1306	<u>(a)</u> May determine:
1307	$\underline{1.}$ The extent to which the net cash receipts of the
1308	business or $\underline{\text{other}}$ activity must be retained for:
1309	a. Working capital;
1310	b. The acquisition or replacement of fixed assets; and
1311	c. Other reasonably foreseeable needs of the business or
1312	other activity; and working capital, the acquisition or
1313	replacement of fixed assets, and other reasonably foreseeable
1314	needs of the business or activity, and
1315	2. The extent to which the remaining net cash receipts are
1316	accounted for as principal or income in the fiduciary's trust's

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1317	or estate's general accounting records for the trust.								
1318	(b) May make a determination under paragraph (a)								
1319	separately and differently from the fiduciary's decisions								
1320	concerning distributions of income or principal; and								
1321	(c) Shall account for the net amount received from the								
1322	sale of an asset of If a fiduciary sells assets of the business								
1323	or other activity, other than \underline{a} sale in the ordinary course of								
1324	the business or other activity, the fiduciary must account for								
1325	the net amount received as principal in the fiduciary's trust's								
1326	or estate's general accounting records for the trust, to the								
1327	extent the fiduciary determines that the \underline{net} amount received is								
1328	no longer required in the conduct of the business or other								
1329	activity.								
1330	(4) (3) Activities for which a fiduciary may <u>account</u>								
1331	separately under this section maintain separate accounting								
1332	records include:								
1333	(a) Retail, manufacturing, service, and other traditional								
1334	business activities.								
1335	(b) Farming.								
1336	(c) Raising and selling livestock and other animals.								
1337	(d) Managing Management of rental properties.								
1338	(e) Extracting Extraction of minerals and other natural								
1339	resources.								
1340	(f) Growing and cutting timber operations.								
1341	(g) An activity Activities to which s. 738.414 , s.								

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1342	738.415, or s. 738.416 s. 738.607 applies.
1343	(h) Any other business conducted by the fiduciary.
1344	Section 23. Section 738.404, Florida Statutes, is created
1345	to read:
1346	738.404 Principal receipts.—A fiduciary shall allocate to
1347	<pre>principal:</pre>
1348	(1) To the extent not allocated to income under this
1349	chapter, an asset received from any of the following:
1350	(a) An individual during the individual's lifetime.
1351	(b) An estate.
1352	(c) A trust on termination of an income interest.
1353	(d) A payor under a contract naming the fiduciary as
1354	beneficiary.
1355	(2) Except as otherwise provided in ss. 738.401-738.416,
1356	money or other property received from the sale, exchange,
1357	liquidation, or change in the form of a principal asset.
1358	(3) An amount recovered from a third party to reimburse
1359	the fiduciary because of a disbursement described in s.
1360	738.502(1) or for another reason to the extent not based on the
1361	loss of income.
1362	(4) Proceeds of property taken by eminent domain except
1363	that proceeds awarded for loss of income in an accounting period
1364	are income if a current income beneficiary had a mandatory
1365	income interest during the period.
1366	(5) Net income received in an accounting period during

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136/	which there is no beneficiary to which a fiduciary may or must
1368	distribute income.
1369	(6) Other receipts as provided in ss. 738.408-738.416.
1370	Section 24. Section 738.405, Florida Statutes, is created
1371	to read:
1372	738.405 Rental property.—To the extent that a fiduciary
1373	does not account for the management of rental property as a
1374	business under s. 738.403, the fiduciary shall allocate to
1375	income an amount received as rent of real or personal property,
1376	including an amount received for cancellation or renewal of a
1377	lease. An amount received as a refundable deposit, including a
1378	security deposit or a deposit that is to be applied as rent for
1379	<pre>future periods:</pre>
1380	(1) Must be added to principal and held subject to the
1381	terms of the lease, except as otherwise provided by law other
1382	than this chapter; and
1383	(2) Is not allocated to income or available for
1384	distribution to a beneficiary until the fiduciary's contractual
1385	obligations have been satisfied with respect to that amount.
1386	Section 25. Section 738.406, Florida Statutes, is created
1387	to read:
1388	738.406 Receipt on obligation to be paid in money.—
1389	(1) This section does not apply to an obligation to which
1390	s. 738.409, s. 738.410, s. 738.411, s. 738.412, s. 738.414, s.
1391	738.415, or s. 738.416 applies.

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including	an amount	received	as consid	eration	for prepayi	ng
principal.						

- (3) A fiduciary shall allocate to principal an amount received from the sale, redemption, or other disposition of an obligation to pay money to the fiduciary.
- (4) A fiduciary shall allocate to income the increment in value of a bond or other obligation for the payment of money bearing no stated interest but payable or redeemable, at maturity or another future time, in an amount that exceeds the amount in consideration of which it was issued. If the increment in value accrues and becomes payable pursuant to a fixed schedule of appreciation, it may be distributed to the beneficiary who was the income beneficiary at the time of increment from the first principal cash available or, if none is available, when the increment is realized by sale, redemption, or other disposition. If unrealized increment is distributed as income but out of principal, the principal must be reimbursed for the increment when realized. If, in the reasonable judgment of the fiduciary, exercised in good faith, the ultimate payment of the bond principal is in doubt, the fiduciary may withhold the payment of incremental interest to the income beneficiary.

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Section 26. Section 738.407, Florida Statutes, is created

1417	to read:
1418	738.407 Insurance policy or contract.—
1419	(1) This section does not apply to a contract to which s.
1420	738.409 applies.
1421	(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3), a
1422	fiduciary shall allocate to principal the proceeds of a life
1423	insurance policy or other contract received by the fiduciary as
1424	beneficiary, including a contract that insures against damage
1425	to, destruction of, or loss of title to an asset. The fiduciary
1426	shall allocate dividends on an insurance policy to income to the
1427	extent that premiums on the policy are paid from income and to
1428	principal to the extent premiums on the policy are paid from
1429	<pre>principal.</pre>
1430	(3) A fiduciary shall allocate to income proceeds of a
1431	contract that insures the fiduciary against loss of:
1432	(a) Occupancy or other use by a current income
1433	beneficiary;
1434	(b) Income; or
1435	(c) Subject to s. 738.403, profits from a business.
1436	Section 27. Section 738.408, Florida Statutes, is created
1437	to read:
1438	738.408 Insubstantial allocation not required
1439	(1) If a fiduciary determines that an allocation between
1440	income and principal required by s. 738.409, s. 738.410, s.
1441	738.411, s. 738.412, or s. 738.415 is insubstantial, the

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1442	fiduciary may allocate the entire amount to principal, unless s.
1443	738.203(5) applies to the allocation.
1444	(2) A fiduciary may presume an allocation is insubstantial
1445	under subsection (1) if:
1446	(a) The amount of the allocation would increase or
1447	decrease net income in an accounting period, as determined
1448	before the allocation, by less than 10 percent; and
1449	(b) The asset producing the receipt to be allocated has a
1450	carrying value less than 10 percent of the total carrying value
1451	of the assets owned or held by the fiduciary at the beginning of
1452	the accounting period.
1453	(3) The power to make a determination under subsection (1)
1454	<pre>may be:</pre>
1455	(a) Exercised by a cofiduciary in the manner described in
1456	s. 738.203(6); or
1457	(b) Released or delegated for a reason described in s.
1458	738.203(7) and in the manner described in s. 738.203(8).
1459	Section 28. Section 738.409, Florida Statutes, is created
1460	to read:
1461	738.409 Deferred compensation, annuity, or similar
1462	payment.—
1463	(1) As used in this section, the term:
1464	(a) "Internal income of the separate fund" means the
1465	amount determined under subsection (2).
1466	(b) "Marital trust" means a trust:

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1467	1. Of which the settlor's surviving spouse is the only
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1470	2. That qualifies for a marital deduction with respect to
1471	the settlor's estate under the Internal Revenue Code or
1472	comparable law of any state because:
1473	a. An election to qualify for a marital deduction under s

- a. An election to qualify for a marital deduction under s. 2056(b)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code has been made;
- b. The trust qualified for a marital deduction under s.2056(b)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code; or
 - c. The trust otherwise qualifies for a marital deduction.
- (c) "Nonseparate fund" means an annuity, a deferred compensation plan, a pension plan, or other fund for which the value of the participant's or account owner's right to receive benefits can be determined only by the occurrence of a date or event as defined in the instrument governing the fund.
- (d) "Payment" means an amount a fiduciary may receive over a fixed number of years or during the life of one or more individuals because of services rendered or property transferred to the payor in exchange for future amounts the fiduciary may receive. The term includes an amount received in money or property from the payor's general assets or from a separate fund created by the payor.
- (e) "Percent calculated" means a percent equal to the rate determined under s. 7520 of the Internal Revenue Code in effect

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for the month preceding the beginning of the accounting period;
however, if the percent calculated exceeds 5 percent, it must be
reduced to 5 percent, and if the percent calculated is less than
3 percent, it must be increased to 3 percent. Notwithstanding
the preceding sentence, a fiduciary who is an independent person
as defined in s. 738.102 may set the percent calculated at a
percentage no less than 3 percent and no greater than 5 percent.

- (f) "Separate fund" includes a private or commercial annuity, an individual retirement account, and a pension, profit-sharing, stock-bonus, stock ownership plan, or other deferred compensation fund holding assets exclusively for the benefit of a participant or account owner.
- (2) For each accounting period, the following rules apply to a separate fund:
- (a) The fiduciary may determine the internal income of the separate fund as if the separate fund were a trust subject to this chapter.
- (b) Alternatively, the fiduciary may deem the internal income of the separate fund to equal the percent calculated of the value of the separate fund according to the most recent statement of value preceding the beginning of the accounting period. The fiduciary is not liable for good faith reliance upon any valuation supplied by the person or persons in possession of the fund. If the fiduciary makes or terminates an election under this paragraph, the fiduciary must make such disclosure in a

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1517	trust	disclosure	document	that	satisfies	the	requirements	of	s.
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- (c) If the fiduciary cannot determine the value of the separate fund under paragraph (b), the value of the separate fund is deemed to equal the present value of the expected future payments as determined under s. 7520 of the Internal Revenue Code for the month preceding the beginning of the accounting period for which the computation is made.
- (d) The fiduciary may elect the method of determining the income of the fund pursuant to this subsection and may change the method of determining income of the fund for any future accounting period.
- (3) A fiduciary shall allocate a payment received from a separate fund during an accounting period to income, to the extent of the internal income of the separate fund during the period, and allocate the balance to principal.
 - (4) The fiduciary of a marital trust shall:
- income beneficiary of the trust requests the fiduciary to withdraw, not greater than the amount by which the internal income of the separate fund during the accounting period exceeds the amount the fiduciary otherwise receives from the separate fund during the period.
- (b) Transfer from principal to income the amount the current income beneficiary requests the fiduciary to transfer,

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1542	but not greater than the amount by which the internal income of
1543	the separate fund during the period exceeds the amount the
1544	fiduciary receives from the separate fund during the period
1545	after the application of paragraph (a).
1546	(c) Distribute to the current income beneficiary as
1547	income:
1548	1. The amount of the internal income of the separate fund
1549	received or withdrawn during the period; and
1550	2. The amount transferred from principal to income under
1551	paragraph (b).
1552	(5) For a trust, other than a marital trust, of which one
1553	or more current income beneficiaries are entitled to a
1554	distribution of all the current net income, the fiduciary shall
1555	transfer from principal to income the amount by which the
1556	internal income of the separate fund during the accounting
1557	period exceeds the amount the fiduciary receives from the
1558	separate fund during the period.
1559	(6) The fiduciary of a nonseparate fund shall calculate
1560	internal income of the fund as the percent calculated of the
1561	present value of the right to receive the remaining payments as
1562	determined under s. 7520(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code for
1563	the month preceding the beginning of the accounting period.
1564	(7) If a fiduciary owns a separate fund or a nonseparate

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internal income, allocate payments, and account for unwithdrawn

1565 <u>fund before January 1, 2025, the fiduciary may determine</u>

internal income as provided in this section or in the manner used by the fiduciary before January 1, 2025. Such fiduciary is not required to consider subsection (5). If the fiduciary acquires a separate fund or a nonseparate fund on or after January 1, 2025, the fiduciary must calculate internal income, allocate payments, and account for unwithdrawn internal income as provided in this section.

Section 29. Section 738.603, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 738.410, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

738.410 738.603 Liquidating asset.-

- "liquidating asset" means an asset whose value the value of which will diminish or terminate because the asset is expected to produce receipts for a period of limited time duration. The term includes a leasehold, patent, copyright, royalty right, and right to receive payments during a period of for more than 1 year under an arrangement that does not provide for the payment of interest on the unpaid balance. The term does not include a payment subject to s. 738.602, resources subject to s. 738.604, timber subject to s. 738.605, an activity subject to s. 738.607, an asset subject to s. 738.608, or any asset for which the fiduciary establishes a reserve for depreciation under s. 738.703.
- (2) This section does not apply to a receipt that is 269099 h1093-line346.docx

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1592	subject	to	s.	738.40	1,	s.	738.409), :	s.	738.411,	s.	738.412,	s.
1593	738.414,	s.	73	38.415,	s.	73	38.416,	or	s.	738.503			

- (3) A fiduciary shall allocate to income a receipt produced by a liquidating asset to the extent that the receipt does not exceed 5 percent of the receipts from the carrying value of the asset at the beginning of the accounting period and allocate a liquidating asset and the balance to principal the balance of the receipt.
- (4) The amount Amounts allocated to principal shall reduce the carrying value of the liquidating asset, but not below zero. Amounts received in excess of the remaining carrying value must be allocated to principal.

Section 30. Section 738.604, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 738.411, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

 $\underline{738.411}$ $\underline{738.604}$ Minerals, water, and other natural resources.—

- (1) To the extent that If a fiduciary does not account for a receipt accounts for receipts from an interest in minerals, water, or other natural resources as a business under s. 738.403 pursuant to this section, the fiduciary shall allocate the receipt such receipts as follows:
 - (a) To income, to the extent received:
- 1615 <u>1. If received</u> As nominal delay rental or nominal annual rent on a lease;

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2.	As a	factor	for i	nter	est o	or the	equival	ent	of	interest
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- 3. On account of an interest in renewable water; a receipt shall be allocated to income.
- (b) <u>To principal</u>, if received from a production payment, a receipt shall be allocated to income if and to the extent that subparagraph (a)2. does not apply; or the agreement creating the production payment provides a factor for interest or its equivalent. The balance shall be allocated to principal.
- (c) Between income and principal equitably, to the extent received:
 - 1. On account of an interest in nonrenewable water;
- 2. If an amount received As a royalty, shut-in-well payment, take-or-pay payment, or bonus; or, or delay rental is more than nominal, 90 percent shall be allocated to principal and the balance to income.
- 3.(d) If an amount is received From a working interest or any other interest not provided for in paragraph (a) or_{τ} paragraph (b) or subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. τ or paragraph (c), 90 percent of the net amount received shall be allocated to principal and the balance to income.
- (2) An amount received on account of an interest in water that is renewable shall be allocated to income. If the water is not renewable, 90 percent of the amount shall be allocated to principal and the balance to income.

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(3) This <u>section</u> chapter applies to an interest owned or
held by a fiduciary regardless of whether or not a settlor
decedent or donor was extracting minerals, water, or other
natural resources before the fiduciary owned or held the
interest became subject to the trust or estate.

- (3) An allocation of a receipt under paragraph (1)(c) is presumed to be equitable if the amount allocated to principal is equal to the amount allowed by the Internal Revenue Code as a deduction for depletion of the interest.
- (4) If a <u>fiduciary trust or estate</u> owns <u>or holds</u> an interest in minerals, water, or other natural resources <u>before</u> <u>January 1, 2025</u> on <u>January 1, 2003</u>, the fiduciary may allocate receipts from the interest as provided in this <u>section chapter</u> or in the manner used by the fiduciary before <u>January 1, 2025</u> <u>January 1, 2003</u>. If the <u>fiduciary trust or estate</u> acquires an interest in minerals, water, or other natural resources <u>on or</u> after <u>January 1, 2025</u> <u>January 1, 2003</u>, the fiduciary <u>must shall</u> allocate receipts from the interest as provided in this <u>section chapter</u>.

Section 31. Section 738.605, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 738.412, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

738.412 738.605 Timber.-

(1) To the extent that If a fiduciary does not account accounts for receipts from the sale of timber and related

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products <u>as a business under s. 738.403</u> pursuant to this section, the fiduciary shall allocate <u>the</u> such net receipts as follows:

- (a) To income, to the extent that the amount of timber cut removed from the land does not exceed the rate of growth of the timber during the accounting periods in which a beneficiary has a mandatory income interest;
- (b) To principal, to the extent that the amount of timber cut removed from the land exceeds the rate of growth of the timber or the net receipts are from the sale of standing timber;
- (c) To or Between income and principal if the net receipts are from the lease of <u>land used for growing and cutting timber</u> timberland or from a contract to cut timber from land owned by a trust or estate by determining the amount of timber <u>cut removed</u> from the land under the lease or contract and applying the rules in paragraphs (a) and (b); or
- (d) To principal, to the extent that advance payments, bonuses, and other payments are not allocated under pursuant to paragraph (a), paragraph (b), or paragraph (c).
- (2) In determining net receipts to be allocated <u>under</u> pursuant to subsection (1), a fiduciary shall deduct and transfer to principal a reasonable amount for depletion.
- (3) This <u>section</u> chapter applies <u>to land owned or held by a fiduciary regardless of</u> whether or not a <u>settlor</u> decedent or denor was <u>cutting</u> harvesting timber from the <u>land</u> property

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before the <u>fiduciary owned or held the</u> property became subject to the trust or estate.

interest in <u>land used for growing and cutting timber before</u>

January 1, 2025 timberland on January 1, 2003, the fiduciary may allocate net receipts from the sale of timber and related products as provided in this <u>section chapter</u> or in the manner used by the fiduciary before <u>January 1, 2025 January 1, 2003</u>. If the <u>fiduciary trust or estate</u> acquires an interest in <u>land used</u> for growing and cutting timber on or after January 1, 2025 timberland after January 1, 2003, the fiduciary <u>must shall</u> allocate net receipts from the sale of timber and related products as provided in this <u>section chapter</u>.

Section 32. Section 738.606, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 738.413, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

 $\underline{738.413}$ $\underline{738.606}$ Marital deduction property not productive of income.—

estate tax marital deduction was under the Internal Revenue Code or comparable law of any state is allowed, for all or if part of a trust received property satisfying, or if assets are transferred to a trust that satisfies the requirements of s. 732.2025(2)(a) and (c), and such property has assets have been used in whole or in part to satisfy an election by a surviving

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spouse under s. 732.2125, and the settlor's spouse holds a
mandatory income interest in the trust, the spouse may require
the trustee, to the extent that the trust assets otherwise do
consist of property that, in the aggregate, does not provide the
spouse with sufficient income from or use of the trust assets \underline{to}
qualify for the deduction, or to satisfy an election by a
surviving spouse under s. 732.2125, to make the property
productive of income within a reasonable time. The trustee may:

- (a) Convert property to property productive of income
 within a reasonable time;
 - (b) Exercise the power to adjust under s. 738.203;
- (c) Exercise the power to convert to or from a unitrust under s. 738.303; or
- (d) Exercise the fiduciary's authority under the terms of the trust to otherwise provide the surviving spouse with sufficient income from the trust assets, or the use of the trust assets, to qualify for the marital deduction, or to satisfy an election by a surviving spouse under s. 732.2125.
- (2) The trustee may decide which action or combination of actions listed in subsection (1) to take.
- (3) Subsection (1) shall apply, and if amounts the trustee transfers from principal to income under s. 738.104 and distributes to the spouse from principal pursuant to the terms of the trust are insufficient to provide the spouse with the beneficial enjoyment required to obtain the marital deduction,

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even though, in the case of an elective share trust <u>under s.</u>

732.2025(2), a marital deduction is not made or is only
partially made, the spouse may require the trustee of such

marital trust or elective share trust to make property

productive of income, convert property within a reasonable time,
or exercise the power conferred by ss. 738.104 and 738.1041.

- (4) The terms of a trust as defined in s. 738.102 may not supersede this section unless such terms explicitly reference this section. The trustee may decide which action or combination of actions to take.
- (2) In cases not governed by subsection (1), proceeds from the sale or other disposition of an asset are principal without regard to the amount of income the asset produces during any accounting period.

Section 33. Section 738.607, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 738.414, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

738.414 738.607 Derivatives or and options.—

"derivative" means a contract, an or financial instrument, or other arrangement, or a combination of contracts, and financial instruments, or other arrangements, of which the value, rights, and obligations are, in whole or in part, dependent on or derived from an underlying which gives a trust the right or obligation to participate in some or all changes in the price of

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a tangible or intangible asset <u>, a</u> or group of <u>tangible or</u>
intangible assets, an index, or an occurrence of an event. The
term includes stocks, fixed income securities, and financial
instruments and arrangements based on indices, commodities,
interest rates, weather-related events, and credit-default
events assets, or changes in a rate, an index of prices or
rates, or other market indicator for an asset or a group of
assets.

- (2) To the extent that a fiduciary does not account for a transaction in derivatives as a business under s. 738.403 for transactions in derivatives, the fiduciary shall allocate 10 percent of to principal receipts from the transaction and 10 percent of and disbursements made in connection with the transaction to income and allocate the balance to principal those transactions.
 - (3) Subsection (4) applies if:
 - (a) A fiduciary:
- 1. If a fiduciary Grants an option to buy property from a the trust, regardless of or estate whether or not the trust or estate owns the property when the option is granted: τ
- $\underline{2.}$ Grants an option that permits another person to sell property to the trust; or
- 3. estate, or Acquires an option to buy property for the trust or estate or an option to sell an asset owned by the trust or estate; and

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(b) The fiduciary or other owner of the asset is required
to deliver the asset if the option is exercised, an amount
received for granting the option shall be allocated to
principal. An amount paid to acquire the option shall be paid
from principal.

- (4) If this subsection applies, the fiduciary must allocate 10 percent to income and allocate the balance to principal of the following amounts:
 - (a) An amount received for granting the option;
 - (b) An amount paid to acquire the option; and
- <u>(c)</u> A Gain or loss realized <u>on upon</u> the exercise, exchange, settlement, offset, closing, or expiration of the <u>option</u> of an option, including an option granted to a grantor of the trust or estate for services rendered, shall be allocated to <u>principal</u>.
- Section 34. Section 738.608, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 738.415, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:
 - 738.415 738.608 Asset-backed securities.-
- (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2), a fiduciary shall allocate to income a receipt from or related to an asset-backed security, as defined in s. 738.102, to the extent that the payor identifies the payment as being from For purposes of this section, "asset-backed security" means an asset the value of which is based upon the right given the owner to

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receive distributions from the proceeds of financial assets that provide collateral for the security. The term includes an asset that gives the owner the right to receive from the collateral financial assets only the interest or other current return and allocate to principal the balance of the receipt or only the proceeds other than interest or current return. The term does not include an asset to which s. 738.401 or s. 738.602 applies.

- exchange for part or all of the fiduciary's interest in an asset-backed security, including a liquidation or redemption of the fiduciary's interest in the security trust or estate receives a payment from interest or other current return and from other proceeds of the collateral financial assets, the fiduciary must shall allocate to income 10 percent of receipts from the transaction and 10 percent of disbursements made in connection with the transaction, and allocate to principal the portion of the payment which the payor identifies as being from interest or other current return and allocate the balance of the receipts and disbursements payment to principal.
- (3) If a trust or estate receives one or more payments in exchange for the trust's or estate's entire interest in an asset-backed security during a single accounting period, the fiduciary shall allocate the payments to principal. If a payment is one of a series of payments that will result in the liquidation of the trust's or estate's interest in the security

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over more than a single accounting period, the fiduciary shall
allocate 10 percent of the payment to income and the balance to
principal.
Section 35. Section 738.416, Florida Statutes, is created
to read:
738.416 Other financial instrument or arrangement.—A
fiduciary shall allocate receipts from or related to a financial
instrument or arrangement not otherwise addressed by this
chapter. The allocation must be consistent with ss. 738.414 and
<u>738.415.</u>
Section 36. Section 738.501, Florida Statutes, is amended
to read:
(Substantial rewording of section. See
s. 738.501, F.S., for present text.)
738.501 Disbursement from income.—Subject to s. 738.504,
and except as otherwise provided in s. 738.601(3)(b) or (c), a
fiduciary shall disburse from income:
(1) One-half of:
(a) The regular compensation of the fiduciary and of any
person providing investment advisory, custodial, or other
services to the fiduciary to the extent that income is
sufficient; and
(b) An expense for an accounting, judicial or nonjudicial
proceeding, or other matter that involves both income and

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successive interests to the extent income is sufficient.

1867	(2) The balance of the disbursements described in
1868	subsection (1), to the extent that a fiduciary who is an
1869	independent person determines that making those disbursements
1870	from income would be in the interests of the beneficiaries.
1871	(3) Any other ordinary expense incurred in connection with
1872	administration, management, or preservation of property and
1873	distribution of income, including interest, an ordinary repair,
1874	a regularly recurring tax assessed against principal, and an
1875	expense of an accounting, judicial or nonjudicial proceeding, or
1876	other matter that involves primarily an income interest, to the
1877	extent that income is sufficient.
1878	(4) A premium on insurance covering loss of a principal
1879	asset or income from or use of the asset.
1880	Section 37. Section 738.502, Florida Statutes, is amended
1881	to read:
1882	(Substantial rewording of section. See
1883	s. 738.502, F.S., for present text.)
1884	738.502 Disbursement from principal.—
1885	(1) Subject to s. 738.505, and except as otherwise
1886	provided in s. 738.601(3)(b), a fiduciary shall disburse all of
1887	the following from principal:
1888	(a) The balance of the disbursements described in s.
1889	738.501(1) and (3), after application of s. 738.501(2).
1890	(b) The fiduciary's compensation calculated on principal
1891	as a fee for acceptance, distribution, or termination.

1892	(c) A payment of an expense to prepare for or execute a
1893	sale or other disposition of property.
1894	(d) A payment on the principal of a trust debt.
1895	(e) A payment of an expense of an accounting, judicial or
1896	nonjudicial proceeding, or other matter that involves primarily
1897	principal, including a proceeding to construe the terms of the
1898	trust or protect property.
1899	(f) A payment of a premium for insurance, including title
1900	insurance, not described in s. 738.501(4) of which the fiduciary
1901	is the owner and beneficiary.
1902	(g) A payment of estate, inheritance, and other transfer
1903	taxes, including penalties, apportioned to the trust.
1904	(h) A payment related to environmental matters including:
1905	<pre>1. Reclamation;</pre>
1906	2. Assessing environmental conditions;
1907	3. Remedying and removing environmental contamination;
1908	4. Monitoring remedial activities and the release of
1909	substances;
1910	5. Preventing future releases of substances;
1911	6. Collecting amounts from persons liable or potentially
1912	liable for the costs of the activities described in
1913	subparagraphs 15.;
1914	7. Penalties imposed under environmental laws or
1915	regulations;
1916	8. Other actions to comply with environmental laws or

1917	regulations;
1918	9. Statutory or common law claims by third parties; and
1919	10 Defending claims based on environmental matters.
1920	(i) A payment of a premium for insurance for matters
1921	described in paragraph (h).
1922	(2) If a principal asset is encumbered with an obligation
1923	that requires income from the asset to be paid directly to a
1924	creditor, the fiduciary must transfer from principal to income
1925	an amount equal to the income paid to the creditor in reduction
1926	of the principal balance of the obligation.
1927	Section 38. Section 738.503, Florida Statutes, is amended
1928	to read:
1929	(Substantial rewording of section. See
1930	s. 738.503, F.S., for present text.)
1931	738.503 Transfers from income to principal for
1932	depreciation.—
1933	(1) For purposes of this section, "depreciation" means a
1934	reduction in value due to wear, tear, decay, corrosion, or
1935	gradual obsolescence of a tangible asset having a useful life of
1936	more than 1 year.
1937	(2) A fiduciary may transfer to principal a reasonable
1938	amount of the net cash receipts from a principal asset that is
1939	subject to depreciation but may not transfer any amount for
1940	<pre>depreciation:</pre>
1941	(a) Of the part of real property used or available for use

1942	by a beneficiary as a residence;
1943	(b) Of tangible personal property held or made available
1944	for the personal use or enjoyment of a beneficiary; or
1945	(c) Under this section, to the extent that the fiduciary
1946	accounts:
1947	1. Under s. 738.410 for the asset; or
1948	2. Under s. 738.403 for the business or other activity in
1949	which the asset is used.
1950	(3) An amount transferred to principal under this section
1951	need not be separately held.
1952	Section 39. Section 738.504, Florida Statutes, is amended
1953	to read:
1954	(Substantial rewording of section. See
1955	s. 738.504, F.S., for present text.)
1956	738.504 Reimbursement of income from principal.—
1957	(1) If a fiduciary makes or expects to make an income
1958	disbursement described in subsection (2), the fiduciary may
1959	transfer an appropriate amount from principal to income in one
1960	or more accounting periods to reimburse income.
1961	(2) To the extent that the fiduciary has not been and does
1962	not expect to be reimbursed by a third party, income
1963	disbursements to which subsection (1) applies include:
1964	(a) An amount chargeable to principal but paid from income
1965	because principal is illiquid;
1966	(b) A disbursement made to prepare property for sale,
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- (c) A disbursement described in s. 738.502(1).
- (3) If an asset whose ownership gives rise to an income disbursement becomes subject to a successive interest after an income interest ends, the fiduciary may continue to make transfers under subsection (1).

Section 40. Section 738.704, is transferred, renumbered as section 738.505, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

738.505 738.704 Reimbursement of principal from income Transfers from income to reimburse principal.—

- (1) If a fiduciary makes or expects to make a principal apprincipal disbursement described in subsection (2) this section, the fiduciary may transfer an appropriate amount from income to principal in one or more accounting periods to reimburse principal or to provide a reserve for future principal disbursements.
- (2) Principal disbursements to which subsection (1) applies include the following, but only To the extent that a the fiduciary has not been and does not expect to be reimbursed by a third party, principal disbursements to which subsection (1) applies include:
- (a) An amount chargeable to income but paid from principal because <u>income</u> is not sufficient; the amount is unusually large.
- (b) The cost of an improvement to principal, whether a change to an existing asset or the construction of a new asset,

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improvements, and broker's commissions.										

- (c) A disbursement made to prepare property for rental, including tenant allowances, leasehold improvements, and commissions; Disbursements described in s. 738.702(1)(g).
- (d) A periodic payment on an obligation secured by a principal asset, to the extent the amount transferred from income to principal for depreciation is less than the periodic payment; and
 - (e) A disbursement described in s. 738.502(1).
- (3) If <u>an</u> the asset <u>whose</u> the ownership of which gives rise to <u>a principal disbursement</u> the disbursements becomes subject to a successive income interest after an income interest ends, the <u>a</u> fiduciary may continue to make transfers under

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