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AT A GLANCE

- Ten Commissioners, as members of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, (ULC) volunteer their services to draft uniform acts for adoption by the states and promote their adoption in Minnesota.
- Minnesota adopted five uniform acts in the past two years and has over 80 currently in statute.

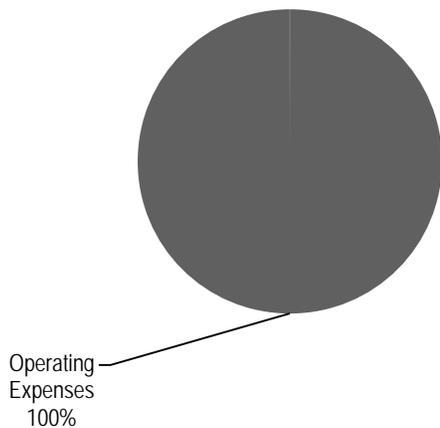
PURPOSE

Ten unpaid Minnesota Uniform Law Commissioners work with Commissioners from other states, the District of Columbia, U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico to prepare uniform acts that address complex and technical issues of commercial and other private law for introduction in their legislatures. Uniform acts establish the legal framework for economic growth, trade, and business development, and support the rule of law and federalism.

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

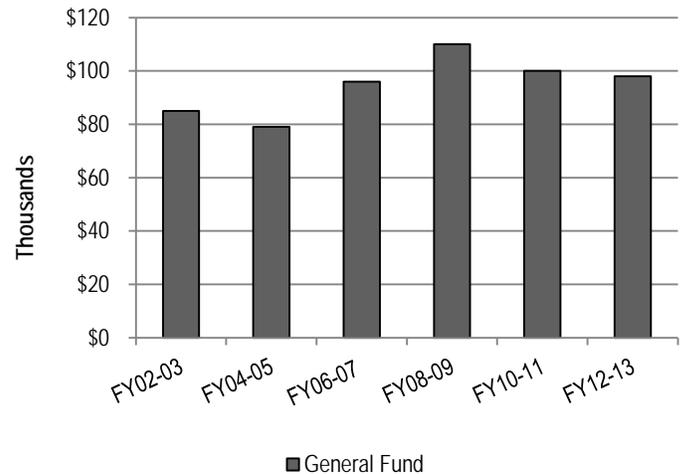
BUDGET

**Spending by Category
FY 13 Actual**



Source: SWIFT

Historical Spending



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

The total FY 2013 budget of \$49,000 was provided by general fund appropriations.

STRATEGIES

All commissioners fulfill their responsibilities by participating in the development, drafting, approval and promulgation of uniform acts. Commissioners do this by (1) serving on drafting committees that prepare acts, (2) participating in the mandatory annual meeting at which proposed acts are debated, amended and approved, (3) promoting adoption by the legislature, and (4) securing support from people and organizations interested in an act such as the Minnesota State Bar Association. Commissioner Harriet Lansing is the current President. Commissioner Robert Stein was President from 2009-11. Others have served on the Executive, Scope and Program and Legislative Committees and others now both serve on and chair drafting committees.

Drafting committees prepare acts for debate and approval at annual meetings. Each drafting committee meets two to three weekends per year usually for two and one-half days. Drafting an act typically takes three years. Before an act is approved and promulgated it is read line-by-line, scrutinized and debated by the entire Uniform Law Conference at two annual meetings.

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

RESULTS

<i>Type of Measure</i>	<i>Name of Measure</i>	<i>Previous</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Result	<i>Acts adopted by the legislature 1892-2012. Over 137 uniform acts have been adopted since 1892. Over 80 are currently in effect.</i>	137	N/A	Before 2013
Result	<i>Acts adopted by the legislature 2013-2014:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. 2. Uniform Electronic Legal Materials Act. 3. Amendments to the Interstate Family Support Act. 4. Amendments of the Uniform Commercial Code Article 4A. 5. Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act. 	N/A	5	2013-2014
Result	<i>Uniform acts introduced in the legislature 2013-2014. The five acts adopted plus:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Uniform Collateral Consequences of Conviction Act. 2. Uniform Faithful Presidential Electors Act. 	N/A	7	2013-2014

Uniform Law Commission statutes at [M.S. 3.251-.253](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=3.251&year=2013&keyword_type=all&keyword=3.251)
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