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CHAPTER 3

Proof of Ordinances and Laws

ARTICLE 1

Ordinances

**SECTION 19‑3‑10.** Proof of ordinances of municipalities.

In all the courts held in this State the printed ordinances of the municipalities in the State, whether they be in pamphlet or book form, shall be admitted into evidence in such courts and shall constitute prima facie evidence of the genuineness of the same, provided the clerk of such municipality certifies to the correctness of the same.

HISTORY: 1962 Code Section 26‑51; 1952 Code Section 26‑51; 1942 Code Section 715; 1932 Code Section 715; 1930 (36) 1107.

ARTICLE 3

Uniform Judicial Notice of Foreign Law Act

**SECTION 19‑3‑110.** Short title.

This article may be cited as the “Uniform Judicial Notice of Foreign Law Act.”

HISTORY: 1962 Code Section 26‑61; 1952 Code Section 26‑61; 1948 (45) 1813.

**SECTION 19‑3‑120.** Judicial notice of laws of other United States jurisdictions.

Every court of this State shall take judicial notice of the common law and statutes of every state, territory and other jurisdiction of the United States when such common law or statutes shall have been put in issue by the pleadings.

HISTORY: 1962 Code Section 26‑62; 1952 Code Section 26‑62; 1948 (45) 1813.

**SECTION 19‑3‑130.** Means by which court may inform itself of other United States laws.

The court may inform itself of such laws in such manner as it may deem proper and may call upon counsel to aid it in obtaining such information.

HISTORY: 1962 Code Section 26‑63; 1952 Code Section 26‑63; 1948(45) 1813.

**SECTION 19‑3‑140.** Court shall determine other United States laws.

The determination of such laws shall be made by the court and not by the jury and shall be reviewable.

HISTORY: 1962 Code Section 26‑64; 1952 Code Section 26‑64; 1948 (45) 1813.

**SECTION 19‑3‑150.** Parties also may present evidence of other United States laws; notice.

Any party may also present to the trial court any admissible evidence of such laws but, to enable a party to offer evidence of the law in another jurisdiction or to ask that judicial notice be taken thereof, reasonable notice shall be given to the adverse parties either in the pleadings or otherwise.

HISTORY: 1962 Code Section 26‑65; 1952 Code Section 26‑65; 1948 (45) 1813.

**SECTION 19‑3‑160.** Proof of laws of other jurisdictions.

The law of a jurisdiction other than those referred to in Section 19‑3‑120 shall be an issue for the court but shall not be subject to the foregoing provisions concerning judicial notice.

HISTORY: 1962 Code Section 26‑66; 1952 Code Section 26‑66; 1948 (45) 1813.

**SECTION 19‑3‑170.** No evidence of foreign law shall be received or noticed judicially unless pleaded.

No foreign law shall be received in evidence nor shall any court in this State take judicial notice of any foreign law unless such foreign law shall have been appropriately pleaded in the cause in the manner provided by law.

HISTORY: 1962 Code Section 26‑67; 1952 Code Section 26‑67; 1948 (45) 1813.

**SECTION 19‑3‑180.** Rule of construction.

This article shall be so interpreted and construed as to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law of those states which enact substantially identical legislation.

HISTORY: 1962 Code Section 26‑68; 1952 Code Section 26‑68; 1948 (45) 1813.