

Committee on Judiciary

CS/CS/HB 1173 — Florida Trust Code

by Judiciary Committee; Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee; and Rep. Duggan (CS/SB 806
by Judiciary Committee and Senator Yarborough)

The bill (Chapter 2025-18, L.O.F.) provides that, where the Attorney General has asserted his or her authority to enforce the terms of a charitable trust having its principal place of administration in this state, the Attorney General has the exclusive standing to assert the interests of the general public in the trust. The term “standing” means the legal right to pursue a particular civil action. This has the effect of limiting the common law special interest rule that gives a person having a “special interest” in a charitable trust standing to file an action to enforce the terms of the charitable trust.

These provisions became law upon approval by the Governor on April 29, 2025.
Vote: Senate 32-4; House 107-3