

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2013 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Judiciary

CS/SB 530 — Dispute Resolution

by Judiciary Committee and Senator Thrasher

The bill creates the Revised Florida Arbitration Code based on a 2000 revision of the Uniform Arbitration Act, as approved by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. The original act, the Florida Arbitration Code (FAC) was passed in 1957 and subsequently revised in 1967. Since 1967, the FAC has gone mostly unchanged. The bill addresses concepts that were not addressed in the original act, such as the ability of arbitrators to issue provisional remedies, challenges based on notice, consolidation of separate arbitration proceedings, required conflict disclosures by arbitrators, immunity of arbitrators, and other substantive issues. The bill lays out a detailed framework for arbitration conducted under Florida law and repeals sections of the existing FAC, the substantive concepts of which are subsumed by the revised act.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2013.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 118-0