

SEC. 10. (Costs). In any proceeding under this Act the court may make such award of costs as may seem equitable and just.

SEC. 11. (Parties). When declaratory relief is sought all persons shall be made parties who have or claim any interest which would be affected by the declaration, and no declaration shall prejudice the rights of persons not parties to the proceeding. In any proceeding which involves the validity of a municipal ordinance or franchise, such municipality shall be made a party, and shall be entitled to be heard, and if the statute, ordinance or franchise is alleged to be unconstitutional, the Attorney-General of the State shall also be served with a copy of the proceeding and be entitled to be heard.

SEC. 12. (Construction). This Act is declared to be remedial; its purpose is to settle and to afford relief from uncertainty and insecurity with respect to rights, status and other legal relations; and is to be liberally construed and administered.

SEC. 13. (Words Construed). The word "person" wherever used in this Act, shall be construed to mean any person, partnership, joint stock company, unincorporated association, or society, or municipal or other corporation of any character whatsoever.

SEC. 14. (Provisions Severable). The several sections and provisions of this Act except sections 1 and 2 are hereby declared independent and severable, and the invalidity, if any, of any part or feature thereof shall not affect or render the remainder of the Act invalid or inoperative.

SEC. 15. (Uniformity of Interpretation). This Act shall be so interpreted and construed as to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law of those States which enact it, and to harmonize, as far as possible, with federal laws and regulations on the subject of declaratory judgments and decrees.

SEC. 16. (Short Title). This Act may be cited as the Uniform Declaratory Judgments Act.

SEC. 17. (Inconsistent Laws Repealed). All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.