

SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE, OR ANY OF THEIR UNITS, OR AN INDIVIDUAL, RECEIVER, TRUSTEE, GUARDIAN, EXECUTOR, ADMINISTRATOR, FIDUCIARY, OR REPRESENTATIVE OF ANY KIND, OR ANY PARTNERSHIP, FIRM, ASSOCIATION, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE CORPORATION, OR ANY OTHER ENTITY.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived from Art. 31A, §13.

The section is revised to clarify the definition of "person". It is consistent with §3-801(x) and similar to §4-101(j) of the Natural Resources Article.

SEC. 3-402. PURPOSE AND CONSTRUCTION OF SUBTITLE.

THIS SUBTITLE IS REMEDIAL. ITS PURPOSE IS TO SETTLE AND AFFORD RELIEF FROM UNCERTAINTY AND INSECURITY WITH RESPECT TO RIGHTS, STATUS, AND OTHER LEGAL RELATIONS. IT SHALL BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED AND ADMINISTERED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Art. 31A, §12. Provisions of this section are placed at the beginning of the subtitle next to the definition section for the purpose of better organization. The only other changes made are in style.

SEC. 3-403. JURISDICTION.

(A) IN GENERAL.

EXCEPT FOR THE DISTRICT COURT, A COURT OF RECORD WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION MAY DECLARE RIGHTS, STATUS, AND OTHER LEGAL RELATIONS WHETHER OR NOT FURTHER RELIEF IS OR COULD BE CLAIMED. AN ACTION OR PROCEEDING IS NOT OPEN TO OBJECTION ON THE GROUND THAT A DECLARATORY JUDGMENT OR DECREE IS PRAYED FOR.

(B) ENUMERATION NOT EXCLUSIVE.

THE ENUMERATION IN §§ 3-406, 3-407, AND 3-408 DOES NOT LIMIT OR RESTRICT THE EXERCISE OF THE GENERAL POWERS CONFERRED IN SUBSECTION (A) IN ANY PROCEEDING WHERE DECLARATORY RELIEF IS SOUGHT, IN WHICH A JUDGMENT OR DECREE WILL TERMINATE THE CONTROVERSY OR REMOVE AN UNCERTAINTY.

REVISOR'S NOTE: The section presently appears as