refer to the units of a political subdivision. Since many of these units issue instruments of payment or public securities, the General Assembly may wish to provide for the use of facsimile signatures by authorized officers of these units.

2-302. CONSTRUCTION OF SUBTITLE.

THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO EFFECTUATE ITS GENERAL PURPOSE TO MAKE UNIFORM THE LAW OF THOSE STATES THAT ENACT IT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as Art. 31, § 17.

The only changes are in style.

Defined term: "State" § 1-101

2-303. USE OF FACSIMILE SIGNATURE.

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(A) AUTHORIZED OFFICERS.

ANY AUTHORIZED OFFICER, AFTER FILING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE THE MANUAL SIGNATURE OF THE AUTHORIZED OFFICER CERTIFIED UNDER OATH, MAY EXECUTE OR CAUSE TO BE EXECUTED WITH A FACSIMILE SIGNATURE INSTEAD OF A MANUAL SIGNATURE:

- (1) ANY PUBLIC SECURITY, IF THE SIGNATURE OF AT LEAST 1 AUTHORIZED OFFICER REQUIRED OR PERMITTED TO BE PLACED ON THE PUBLIC SECURITY IS MANUALLY SUBSCRIBED; AND
 - (2) ANY INSTRUMENT OF PAYMENT.
 - (B) INDIVIDUALS OTHER THAN AUTHORIZED OFFICERS.

IF A PUBLIC SECURITY IS REQUIRED TO BE MANUALLY SIGNED BY A TRUSTEE, ISSUING AGENT, FISCAL AGENT, REGISTRAR, OR OTHER AGENT OR CUSTODIAN, ANY OTHER SIGNATURE REQUIRED OR PERMITTED TO BE PLACED ON THE PUBLIC SECURITY MAY BE A FACSIMILE SIGNATURE.

(C) LEGAL EFFECT.

UPON COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE BY THE AUTHORIZED OFFICER, THE FACSIMILE SIGNATURE OF THE AUTHORIZED OFFICER HAS THE SAME LEGAL EFFECT AS THE MANUAL SIGNATURE OF THE AUTHORIZED OFFICER.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as Art. 31, § 14.

In the introductory language of subsection (a) and in subsection (c) of this section, the references to the signature "of the authorized officer" and to "a manual signature" are substituted for the former references to "his" signature in light of SG § 2-1318(c)(7),