

COURTS SHALL TAKE JUDICIAL NOTICE OF THE COMPACT AND THE RULES. IN ANY JUDICIAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING IN A COMPACTING STATE PERTAINING TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS COMPACT WHICH MAY AFFECT THE POWERS, RESPONSIBILITIES, OR ACTIONS OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION, THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE ALL SERVICE OF PROCESS IN ANY SUCH PROCEEDING, AND SHALL HAVE STANDING TO INTERVENE IN THE PROCEEDING FOR ALL PURPOSES.

(B) (1) THE COMPACTING STATES SHALL REPORT TO THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION ON ALL ISSUES AND ACTIVITIES NECESSARY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMPACT AS WELL AS ISSUES AND ACTIVITIES PERTAINING TO COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE COMPACT AND ITS BYLAWS AND RULES.

(2) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL ATTEMPT, UPON THE REQUEST OF A COMPACTING STATE, TO RESOLVE ANY DISPUTES OR OTHER ISSUES WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO THE COMPACT AND WHICH MAY ARISE AMONG COMPACTING STATES AND BETWEEN COMPACTING AND NONCOMPACTING STATES.

(3) THE COMMISSION SHALL PROMULGATE A RULE PROVIDING FOR BOTH MEDIATION AND BINDING DISPUTE RESOLUTION FOR DISPUTES AMONG THE COMPACTING STATES.

(C) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION, IN THE REASONABLE EXERCISE OF ITS DISCRETION, SHALL ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS AND RULES OF THIS COMPACT USING ANY OR ALL MEANS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE XI OF THIS COMPACT.

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#### ARTICLE VIII. FINANCE.

(A) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL PAY OR PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE REASONABLE EXPENSES OF ITS ESTABLISHMENT, ORGANIZATION, AND ONGOING ACTIVITIES.

(B) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL LEVY ON AND COLLECT AN ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FROM EACH COMPACTING STATE TO COVER THE COST OF THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION AND ITS STAFF WHICH MUST BE IN A TOTAL AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION'S ANNUAL BUDGET AS APPROVED EACH YEAR. THE