

(C) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION MAY, BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MEMBERS, INITIATE LEGAL ACTION IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OR, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION, IN THE FEDERAL DISTRICT WHERE THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION HAS ITS OFFICES, TO ENFORCE COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE COMPACT, ITS DULY PROMULGATED RULES AND BYLAWS, AGAINST ANY COMPACTING STATE IN DEFAULT. IN THE EVENT JUDICIAL ENFORCEMENT IS NECESSARY, THE PREVAILING PARTY SHALL BE AWARDED ALL COSTS OF SUCH LITIGATION INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES.

(D) (1) THE COMPACT DISSOLVES EFFECTIVE UPON THE DATE OF THE WITHDRAWAL OR DEFAULT OF THE COMPACTING STATE, WHICH REDUCES MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMPACT TO ONE COMPACTING STATE.

(2) UPON DISSOLUTION OF THIS COMPACT, THE COMPACT BECOMES NULL AND VOID AND SHALL BE OF NO FURTHER FORCE OR EFFECT, AND THE BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL BE CONCLUDED AND ANY SURPLUS FUNDS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BYLAWS.

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#### ARTICLE XII. SEVERABILITY AND CONSTRUCTION.

(A) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS COMPACT SHALL BE SEVERABLE, AND IF ANY PHRASE, CLAUSE, SENTENCE, OR PROVISION IS DEEMED UNENFORCEABLE, THE REMAINING PROVISIONS OF THE COMPACT SHALL BE ENFORCEABLE.

(B) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS COMPACT SHALL BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED TO EFFECTUATE ITS PURPOSES.

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#### ARTICLE XIII. BINDING EFFECT OF COMPACT AND OTHER LAWS.

(A) (1) NOTHING IN THIS SUBTITLE PREVENTS THE ENFORCEMENT OF ANY OTHER LAW OF A COMPACTING STATE THAT IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THIS COMPACT.