Southwestern Association of Law Libraries
A
RESOLUTION
to support
Enactment of the Uniform Electronic Legal Materials Act
in the
States of Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries believes that permanent public access to official, authentic legal information is critical to the legal system of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries holds that information published on government websites must be trustworthy and reliable; and

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries promotes the idea that information on government websites must be preserved and permanently accessible and offered to the public without charge whenever possible in an effort to promote access to justice for all individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries has found that most of its member state governments, including the states of Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas have not yet met their responsibility to provide trustworthy, reliable access to online legal information; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act promulgated by the Uniform Law Commission provides a technology-neutral, outcomes-based approach to ensuring that online state legal material deemed official will be preserved and will be permanently available to the public in unaltered form; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that if legal material is published only in electronic form, it must be designated official; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that electronic legal material that has been designated official must be capable of being authenticated, preserved and permanently accessible to the public; and

WHEREAS, members of the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries have advocated for adoption of the Act and have supported similar efforts of its parent organization, the American Association of Law Libraries, be it

RESOLVED, that the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries supports enactment of the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act in the States of Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas as well as in all other states throughout the United States, as an aid to promoting access to justice for all individuals; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries encourages all regional, state and local chaptors of the American Association of Law Libraries throughout Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and other interested associations to adopt this resolution.

Endorsed by vote of the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries Executive Board on the 28th day of March 2019.

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