

**To:** RDA Steering Committee  
**From:** Dave Reser, LC Representative  
**Subject:** Expanding RDA 6.29.1.3, *Laws Governing More Than One Jurisdiction*

Thanks to ALA for presenting the analysis for further developing the instructions at 6.29.1.3. We agree to extend the instructions for a single law from a single *known* enacting jurisdiction that governs more than one jurisdiction as shown in the first paragraph of the proposal.

We are not convinced that the second paragraph is necessary. It seems highly unlikely that the enacting jurisdiction would be unknown for a modern law, and an instruction already exists to cover “Ancient Laws, Certain Medieval Laws, Customary Laws, Etc.” at 6.29.1.6. We note that a customary law is not enacted unless it becomes statutory, and then it would be covered by existing instructions on single laws. Otherwise, it is covered by 6.29.1.6.

We defer to the Examples Editor regarding the proposed examples.

#### **For Possible Future Action**

In discussing this proposal with our catalogers of legal materials and the managers of our legal collections, concerns were raised about the current instructions for creating authorized access points representing the “jurisdiction governed” rather than the “enacting jurisdiction.” They will approach the appropriate section of the American Association of Law Libraries to consult on possible future changes to RDA.