



Georgia Wills & Trusts

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Legal Developments

Georgia Uniform Power of Attorney Act of 2017

Effective July 1, 2017 Georgia adopted the Georgia Uniform Power of Attorney Act of 2017 (a version of the Uniform Powers of Attorney Act), which created a new Statutory Power of Attorney. Click [here](#) for the final version of HB 221 which includes the new form. Older powers of attorney executed before the effective date are still valid and powers executed after the effective date are valid if properly executed. The new Statutory Form should supplant other powers, however, because of its advantage in enforcement against third parties. Until we create a hybrid that expands on the Statutory form but maintains its enforceability, our proprietary version of the power of attorney is temporarily disabled, and only the Statutory form is available.

Updated Product Features

Georgia Statutory Financial Power of Attorney Revised

The financial power of attorney form was revised to comply with the new statute effective July 1, 2017. *New Questions 1252, 1253, 1256-1274*

The “proprietary” form in the program (Questions 1275-1293) has been temporarily disabled.

New Formatting Convention

For Microsoft Word users, the document produced from Lawgic will contain style separators to distinguish two styles on the same line. This allows the Word Navigator to display the various headings in the document and makes movement within the document and editing much simpler. For more about how to use the Word Navigator, check the Help section in Word.

New Subsection Option for Wills and Trusts Custom Provisions

In response to customer requests, we have added the option to include a new subsection option to the ‘Add Custom Provision’ question at the end of each major section in the Navigator for wills and trust documents. This allows the user to add a 3rd level (a), (b), (c), and so on, under the level 2 headings which will provide greater flexibility when drafting documents and creating templates.

As before, you have the option of adding custom text either with or without a section heading. If you wish to create a template from your client answer file, the custom text will automatically become part of that template.

For more information on creating templates see **Creating Templates for Estate-Planning Products** in the **Using Templates** topic by selecting **HELP** from the Lawgic menu. In addition, you may attend one of our monthly template Webinars. [Click here](#) for more information and registration.

New Questions 154, 181, 202, 220, 231, 243, 263, 269, 387, 461, 496, 562, 671, 726, 896, 922, 1017, 1040, 1059, 1090, 1122, 1131, 1137

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