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Article 4.Part 1. Definitions	Article 4.Part 1.
SECTION 62-4-101. Definitions.	SECTION 62-4-101.
In this article [Sections 62-4-101 et seq.]: (1) "Local administration" means administration by a personal representative appointed in this State pursuant to appointment proceedings described in Article 3 [Sections 62-3-101 et seq.]. (2) "Local personal representative" includes any personal representative appointed in this State pursuant to appointment proceedings described in Article 3 [Sections 62-3-101 et seq.] and excludes foreign personal representatives who acquire the power of a local personal representative pursuant to Section 62-4-205. (3) "Resident creditor" means a person domiciled in, or doing business in, this State who is, or could be, a claimant against an estate of a nonresident decedent.	In this article [Sections 62-4-101 et seq.]: (1) 'Local administration' means administration by a personal representative appointed in this State pursuant to appointment proceedings described in Article 3 [Sections 62-3-101 et seq.]. (2) 'Local personal representative' includes any personal representative appointed in this State pursuant to appointment proceedings described in Article 3 [Sections 62-3-101 et seq.] and excludes foreign personal representatives who acquire the power of a local personal representative pursuant to Section 62-4-205. (3) 'Resident creditor' means a person domiciled in, or doing business in, this State who is, or could be, a claimant against an estate of a nonresident decedent.
REPORTER'S COMMENTS Section 62-4-101 defines "local administration" and "local personal representative" in order to distinguish "local" matters from that matter covered by Article 4, the "foreign personal representative" and his administrative acts in South Carolina undertaken on the strength of his "foreign administration," without his appointment in South Carolina pursuant to Article 3 of this Code. Section 62-1-201 includes definitions of "foreign personal representative", "personal representative", and "non-resident decedent".	REPORTER'S COMMENTS Section 62-4-101 defines 'local administration' and 'local personal representative' in order to distinguish 'local' matters from that matter covered by Article 4, the 'foreign personal representative' and his administrative acts in South Carolina undertaken on the strength of his 'foreign administration,' without his appointment in South Carolina pursuant to Article 3 of this Code. Section 62-1-201 includes definitions of 'foreign personal representative', 'personal representative', and 'non-resident decedent'.
Article 4.Part 2. Powers of foreign personal representatives SECTION 62-4-201. Payment of debt and delivery of property to domiciliary foreign personal representative without local administration.	Article 4.Part 2. SECTION 62-4-201.

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At any time after the expiration of sixty days from the death of a	At any time after the expiration of sixty days from the death of a
nonresident decedent, any person indebted to the estate of the	nonresident decedent, any person indebted to the estate of the
nonresident decedent or having possession or control of personal	nonresident decedent or having possession or control of personal
property, or of an instrument evidencing a debt, obligation, stock, or	property, or of an instrument evidencing a debt, obligation, stock, or
chose in action belonging to the estate of the nonresident decedent may	chose in action belonging to the estate of the nonresident decedent may
pay the debt, deliver the personal property, or the instrument evidencing	pay the debt, deliver the personal property, or the instrument
the debt, obligation, stock, or chose in action, to the domiciliary foreign	evidencing the debt, obligation, stock, or chose in action, to the
personal representative of the nonresident decedent upon being	domiciliary foreign personal representative of the nonresident decedent
presented with proof of his appointment and an affidavit made by or on	upon being presented with proof of his appointment and an affidavit
behalf of the representative stating:	made by or on behalf of the representative stating:
(1) the date of the death of the nonresident decedent;	(1) the date of the death of the nonresident decedent;
(2) that no local administration, or application or petition therefor, is	(2) that no local administration, or application or petition therefor,
pending in this State;	is pending in this State;
(3) that the domiciliary foreign personal representative is entitled to	(3) that the domiciliary foreign personal representative is entitled to
payment or delivery.	payment or delivery.
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Sections 62-4-201, 62-4-202, and 62-4-203 must be read, together with	Sections 62-4-201, 62-4-202, and 62-4-203 must be read, together with
Section 62-4-206, as providing a means, less cumbersome than those	Section 62-4-206, as providing a means, less cumbersome than those
provided by Sections 62-4-204 and 62-4-205 and by Section 62-4-207,	provided by Sections 62-4-204 and 62-4-205 and by Section 62-4-207,
for the unification and simplification of the administration of multi-state	for the unification and simplification of the administration of
estates in the hands of the domiciliary foreign personal representatives	multi-state estates in the hands of the domiciliary foreign personal
of nonresident decedents. These sections allow the domiciliary foreign	representatives of nonresident decedents. These sections allow the
personal representative to collect estate assets in South Carolina without	domiciliary foreign personal representative to collect estate assets in
requiring local appointment (Section 62-4-201), while protecting	South Carolina without requiring local appointment (Section 62-4-201),
debtors of the estate against double payment (Section 62-4-202) and	while protecting debtors of the estate against double payment (Section
also protecting resident creditors of the estate from nonpayment	62-4-202) and also protecting resident creditors of the estate from
(Section 62-4-203). See Section 62-5-431 for a provision similarly	nonpayment (Section 62-4-203). See Section 62-5-431 for a provision
allowing the collection of the assets of a nonresident protected person	similarly allowing the collection of the assets of a nonresident protected
by his domiciliary foreign conservator.	person by his domiciliary foreign conservator.
Sections 62-4-201 and 62-4-202 preserve the domiciliary foreign	Sections 62-4-201 and 62-4-202 preserve the domiciliary foreign
personal representative's power to collect estate assets in South Carolina	personal representative's power to collect estate assets in South
from debtors willing to make voluntary payment on the strength of his	Carolina from debtors willing to make voluntary payment on the
foreign appointment, and also preserve the corresponding effect, the full	strength of his foreign appointment, and also preserve the

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ancillary, foreign personal representative. Presumably, an ancillary	decedents and allow for payment only to the domiciliary, not to any
personal representative is empowered to collect assets only in the state	ancillary, foreign personal representative. Presumably, an ancillary
of his appointment. The debtor's good faith reliance on the foreign	personal representative is empowered to collect assets only in the state
personal representative's proof of appointment and affidavit,	of his appointment. The debtor's good faith reliance on the foreign
inaccurately showing that the decedent was a nonresident of South	personal representative's proof of appointment and affidavit,
Carolina and that the personal representative was appointed as a	inaccurately showing that the decedent was a nonresident of South
domiciliary personal representative, should protect the debtor under	Carolina and that the personal representative was appointed as a
Section 62-4-202. These sections apply even if local administration is	domiciliary personal representative, should protect the debtor under
actually pending or applied for, as long as the foreign personal	Section 62-4-202. These sections apply even if local administration is
representative supplies the documentation detailed in Section 62-4-201	actually pending or applied for, as long as the foreign personal
and the debtor has no actual notice of the pending local administration.	representative supplies the documentation detailed in Section 62-4-201
Section 62-4-202 requires only good faith of the debtor who receives	and the debtor has no actual notice of the pending local administration.
that documentation; his release then depends solely on his making	Section 62-4-202 requires only good faith of the debtor who receives
payment to the foreign personal representative. See Section 62-4-206.	that documentation; his release then depends solely on his making
These sections apply even though interested persons, including estate	payment to the foreign personal representative. See Section 62-4-206.
creditors, are domiciled in, or doing business in, South Carolina. Such	These sections apply even though interested persons, including estate
creditors are protected under Section 62-4-203.	creditors, are domiciled in, or doing business in, South Carolina. Such
These sections apply to the collection of all debts owed to and tangible	creditors are protected under Section 62-4-203.
and intangible personal property owned by the estate. Section	These sections apply to the collection of all debts owed to and tangible
62-3-201(d) refers to the location of tangible personal property and	and intangible personal property owned by the estate. Section
intangible personal property which may be evidenced by an instrument.	62-3-201(d) refers to the location of tangible personal property and
Transfers of securities are covered by these sections as well as by	intangible personal property which may be evidenced by an instrument.
Sections 35-7-10, et seq. the Uniform Act for Simplification of	Transfers of securities are covered by these sections as well as by
Fiduciary Security Transfers.	Sections 35-7-10, et seq. the Uniform Act for Simplification of
Section 62-4-201 provides for a waiting period of sixty days from the	Fiduciary Security Transfers.
death of the decedent before payment can be made with the expectation	Section 62-4-201 provides for a waiting period of sixty days from the
of an immediate discharge of the debtor. Presumably, having made	death of the decedent before payment can be made with the expectation
payment before the expiration of the period, a debtor will be discharged	of an immediate discharge of the debtor. Presumably, having made
at the expiration of the period if he would have been discharged had he	payment before the expiration of the period, a debtor will be discharged
then paid, but, for example, not if, in the meantime, a local	at the expiration of the period if he would have been discharged had he
administration has come to the attention of the debtor.	then paid, but, for example, not if, in the meantime, a local
See Section 12-16-1150 for estate tax duties and liabilities imposed on	administration has come to the attention of the debtor.
personal representatives.	See Section 12-16-1150 for estate tax duties and liabilities imposed on

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	personal representatives.
SECTION 62-4-202. Payment or delivery discharges.	SECTION 62-4-202.
Payment or delivery made in good faith on the basis of the proof of authority and affidavit releases the debtor or person having possession of the personal property or of the instrument evidencing a debt, obligation, stock, or chose in action to the same extent as if payment or delivery had been made to a local personal representative.	Payment or delivery made in good faith on the basis of the proof of authority and affidavit releases the debtor or person having possession of the personal property or of the instrument evidencing a debt, obligation, stock, or chose in action to the same extent as if payment or delivery had been made to a local personal representative.
REPORTER'S COMMENTS See Comment to Section 62-4-201.	REPORTER'S COMMENTS See Comment to Section 62-4-201.
SECTION 62-4-203. Resident creditor notice.	SECTION 62-4-203.
Payment or delivery under Section 62-4-201 may not be made if a resident creditor of the nonresident decedent has given written notice to the debtor of the nonresident decedent or the person having possession of the personal property or of the instrument evidencing a debt, obligation, stock, or chose in action belonging to the nonresident decedent that the debt should not be paid nor the property delivered to the domiciliary foreign personal representative.	Payment or delivery under Section 62-4-201 may not be made if a resident creditor of the nonresident decedent has given written notice to the debtor of the nonresident decedent or the person having possession of the personal property or of the instrument evidencing a debt, obligation, stock, or chose in action belonging to the nonresident decedent that the debt should not be paid nor the property delivered to the domiciliary foreign personal representative.
REPORTER'S COMMENTS For the context of Section 62-4-203, see comment to Section 62-4-201. Section 62-4-203 provides a means by which a resident creditor of the decedent can attempt to protect himself from nonpayment of his debt, resulting from assets of the estate being removed from South Carolina by a domiciliary foreign personal representative. The creditor simply notifies the debtors of the decedent not to pay their debts under Sections 62-4-201 and 62-4-202. The notice must be in writing, thereby excluding constructive notice. Section 62-4-203 provides for a mechanism protective of resident creditors, while Section 62-4-202 deprives of such protection resident creditors who fail to give notice under Section 62-4-203.	REPORTER'S COMMENTS For the context of Section 62-4-203, see comment to Section 62-4-201. Section 62-4-203 provides a means by which a resident creditor of the decedent can attempt to protect himself from nonpayment of his debt, resulting from assets of the estate being removed from South Carolina by a domiciliary foreign personal representative. The creditor simply notifies the debtors of the decedent not to pay their debts under Sections 62-4-201 and 62-4-202. The notice must be in writing, thereby excluding constructive notice. Section 62-4-203 provides for a mechanism protective of resident creditors, while Section 62-4-202 deprives of such protection resident creditors who fail to give notice under Section 62-4-203.

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SECTION 62-4-204. Proof of authority; bond.	SECTION 62-4-204.
If no local administration or application or petition therefor is pending in this State, a domiciliary foreign personal representative may file with a court in this State in a county in which property belonging to the decedent is located, authenticated copies of his appointment, the will, if any, and of any official bond he has given, which bond shall name the court in this State as co-obligee on such bond.	If no local administration or application or petition therefor is pending in this State, a domiciliary foreign personal representative may file with a court in this State in a county in which property belonging to the decedent is located, authenticated copies of his appointment, <u>and of</u> the will, if any, and of any official bond he has given, which bond shall name the court in this State as co-obligee on such bond . <u>The filing of a</u> <u>bond shall not be required unless the court in its discretion orders it.</u>
REPORTER'S COMMENTS Sections 62-4-204 and 62-4-205 must be read, together with Section 62-4-206, as providing a means, additional to those of Sections 62-4-201 through 62-4-203 and of Section 62-4-207, for the unification and simplification of the administration of multi-state estates, without requiring the local appointment of a personal representative. Predicated on no local administration having been instituted, the domiciliary foreign personal representative, who files with the court the documents required by Section 62-4-204, obtains under Section 62-4-205 all of the powers of a local personal representatives.	REPORTER'S COMMENTS Sections 62-4-204 and 62-4-205 must be read, together with Section 62-4-206, as providing a means, additional to those of Sections 62-4-201 through 62-4-203 and of Section 62-4-207, for the unification and simplification of the administration of multi-state estates, without requiring the local appointment of a personal representative. Predicated on no local administration having been instituted, the domiciliary foreign personal representative, who files with the court the documents required by Section 62-4-204, obtains under Section 62-4-205 all of the powers of a local personal representatives.
SECTION 62-4-205. Powers.	SECTION 62-4-205.
A domiciliary foreign personal representative who has complied with Section 62-4-204 may exercise as to assets (including real and personal property) in this State all powers of a local personal representative and may maintain actions and proceedings in this State subject to any conditions imposed upon nonresident parties generally.	A domiciliary foreign personal representative who has complied with Section 62-4-204 may exercise as to assets (including real and personal property) in this State all powers of a local personal representative and may maintain actions and proceedings in this State subject to any conditions imposed upon nonresident parties generally.
REPORTER'S COMMENTS See comment to Section 62-4-204.	REPORTER'S COMMENTS See comment to Section 62-4-204.
SECTION 62-4-206. Power of representatives in transition.	SECTION 62-4-206.

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The power of a domiciliary foreign personal representative under Section 62-4-201 or 62-4-205 shall be exercised only if there is no administration or application therefor pending in this State. An application or petition for local administration of the estate terminates the power of the foreign personal representative to act under Section 62-4-205, but the local court may allow the foreign personal representative to exercise limited powers to preserve the estate. No person who, before receiving actual notice of a pending local administration, has changed his position in reliance upon the powers of a foreign personal representative shall be prejudiced by reason of the application or petition for, or grant of, local administration. The local personal representative is subject to all duties and obligations which have accrued by virtue of the exercise of the powers by the foreign personal representative and may be substituted for him in any action or proceedings in this State.	The power of a domiciliary foreign personal representative under Section 62-4-201 or 62-4-205 shall be exercised only if there is no administration or application therefor pending in this State. An application or petition for local administration of the estate terminates the power of the foreign personal representative to act under Section 62-4-205, but the local court may allow the foreign personal representative to exercise limited powers to preserve the estate. No person who, before receiving actual notice of a pending local administration, has changed his position in reliance upon the powers of a foreign personal representative shall be prejudiced by reason of the application or petition for, or grant of, local administration. The local personal representative is subject to all duties and obligations which have accrued by virtue of the exercise of the powers by the foreign personal representative and may be substituted for him in any action or proceedings in this State.
 REPORTER'S COMMENTS Section 62-4-206 limits the powers of foreign personal representatives, under both Sections 62-4-201, et seq., and 62-4-204, et seq., to cases in which no local administration is pending, with provision, however, for court approved exercise of limited powers to preserve the estate, for protection of any person acting in reliance upon these sections and without actual notice of a pending local administration, and for subjection of the local personal representative to the obligations accrued by the foreign personal representative under these sections. See Article 3 for provisions concerning local administration. SECTION 62-4-207. Ancillary and other local administrations; provisions governing. 	REPORTER'S COMMENTS Section 62-4-206 limits the powers of foreign personal representatives, under both Sections 62-4-201, et seq., and 62-4-204, et seq., to cases in which no local administration is pending, with provision, however, for court approved exercise of limited powers to preserve the estate, for protection of any person acting in reliance upon these sections and without actual notice of a pending local administration, and for subjection of the local personal representative to the obligations accrued by the foreign personal representative under these sections. See Article 3 for provisions concerning local administration. SECTION 62-4-207.
In respect to a nonresident decedent, the provisions of Article 3 [Sections 62-3-101 et seq.] govern (1) proceedings, if any, in a court of this State for probate of the will, appointment, removal, supervision, and	In respect to a nonresident decedent, the provisions of Article 3 [Sections 62-3-101 et seq.] govern (1) proceedings, if any, in a court of this State for probate of the will, appointment, removal, supervision, and discharge of the local personal representative, and any other order

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discharge of the local personal representative, and any other order concerning the estate; and (2) the status, powers, duties, and liabilities of any local personal representative and the rights of claimants, purchasers, distributees, and others in regard to a local administration. The initiation of a proceeding under Article 3 (Sections 62-3-101 et seq.) is the appropriate procedure for an ancillary administration relating to the real property of a nonresident decedent located in this State.	concerning the estate; and (2) the status, powers, duties, and liabilities of any local personal representative and the rights of claimants, purchasers, distributees, and others in regard to a local administration. The initiation of a proceeding under Article 3 (Sections 62-3-101 et seq.) is the appropriate procedure for an ancillary administration relating to the real property of a nonresident decedent located in this State and is an alternative to the procedures available to a foreign personal representative under Sections 62-4-201 through 62-4-206.
REPORTER'S COMMENTS The purpose of this section is to direct attention to Article 3 for sections controlling ancillary, i.e., local administration of estates of nonresident decedents. See in particular Sections 62-3-101, 62-3-201, 62-3-202, 62-3-203, 62-3-307(a), 62-3-308, 62-3-611(b), 62-3-803(a), 62-3-815, and 62-3-816. Section 62-4-207 and Article 3 must be read as providing an alternative to the procedures available to a foreign personal representative under Sections 62-4-201 through 62-4-206.	REPORTER'S COMMENTS The purpose of this section is to direct attention to Article 3 for sections controlling ancillary, i.e., local administration of estates of nonresident decedents. See in particular Sections 62-3-101, 62-3-201, 62-3-202, 62-3-203, 62-3-307(a), 62-3-308, 62-3-611(b), 62-3-803(a), 62-3-815, and 62-3-816. Section 62-4-207 and Article 3 must be read as providing an alternative to the procedures available to a foreign personal representative under Sections 62-4-201 through 62-4-206.
Article 4.Part 3. Jurisdiction over foreign personal representatives	Article 4.Part 3.
SECTION 62-4-301. Jurisdiction by act of foreign personal representative.	SECTION 62-4-301. A foreign personal representative submits personally to the jurisdiction
A foreign personal representative submits personally to the jurisdiction of the courts of this State in any proceeding relating to the estate by (1) filing authenticated copies of his appointment as provided in Section 62-4-204, (2) receiving payment of money or taking delivery of personal property under Section 62-4-201, or (3) doing any act as a personal representative in this State which would have given the State jurisdiction over him as an individual. Jurisdiction under (2) is limited to the money or value of personal property collected.	of the courts of this State in any proceeding relating to the jurisdiction of the courts of this State in any proceeding relating to the estate by (1) filing authenticated copies of his appointment as provided in Section 62-4-204, (2) receiving payment of money or taking delivery of personal property under Section 62-4-201, or (3) doing any act as a personal representative in this State which would have given the State jurisdiction over him as an individual. Jurisdiction under (2) is limited to the money or value of personal property collected.
REPORTER'S COMMENTS Sections 62-4-301 and 62-4-302 assert the South Carolina courts' jurisdiction over foreign personal representatives, not appointed in South Carolina pursuant to Article 3. Jurisdiction is asserted in the	REPORTER'S COMMENTS Sections 62-4-301 and 62-4-302 assert the South Carolina courts' jurisdiction over foreign personal representatives, not appointed in South Carolina pursuant to Article 3. Jurisdiction is asserted in the circumstances, under Section 62-4-301, of the foreign personal

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State," including a foreign personal representative, to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina courts. Section 62-4-302 settles any doubt as to the foreign personal representative's immunity from suit. Section 62-4-302 should be read with Sections 15-5-130 and 15-5-140 as augmenting and simplifying the process available to persons involved in South Carolina in automobile accidents also involving deceased nonresident motorists. Section 62-4-302 allows for suit directly against the foreign personal representative.	State,' including a foreign personal representative, to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina courts. Section 62-4-302 settles any doubt as to the foreign personal representative's immunity from suit. Section 62-4-302 should be read with Sections 15-5-130 and 15-5-140 as augmenting and simplifying the process available to persons involved in South Carolina in automobile accidents also involving deceased nonresident motorists. Section 62-4-302 allows for suit directly against the foreign personal representative.
SECTION 62-4-303. Service on foreign personal representative.	SECTION 62-4-303.
 (a) Service of process may be made upon the foreign personal representative by registered or certified mail, addressed to his last reasonably ascertainable address, requesting a return receipt signed by addressee only. Notice by ordinary first class mail is sufficient if registered or certified mail service to the addressee is unavailable. Service may be made upon a foreign personal representative in the manner in which service could have been made under other laws of this State on either the foreign personal representative or his decedent immediately prior to death. (b) If service is made upon a foreign personal representative as provided in subsection (a), he shall be allowed thirty days within which to appear or respond. 	 (a) Service of process may be made upon the foreign personal representative by registered or certified mail, addressed to his last reasonably ascertainable address, requesting a return receipt signed by addressee only. Notice by ordinary first class mail is sufficient if registered or certified mail service to the addressee is unavailable. Service may be made upon a foreign personal representative in the manner in which service could have been made under other laws of this State on either the foreign personal representative or his decedent immediately prior to death. (b) If service is made upon a foreign personal representative as provided in subsection (a), he shall be allowed thirty days within which to appear or respond.
REPORTER'S COMMENTS Section 62-4-303 provides for service of process upon a foreign personal representative, first, either by registered or by certified mail, with return receipt requested, if available under postal regulations; second, by ordinary first class mail, where registered or certified mail is unavailable; and, third, by any means available under other laws of South Carolina for service on the decedent (or on the foreign personal representative himself) immediately prior to the decedent's death. For service on the decedent, see Sections 36-2-804, et seq., for service of process in support of personal jurisdiction under the "long-arm" provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, Sections 36-2-801, et seq.	REPORTER'S COMMENTS Section 62-4-303 provides for service of process upon a foreign personal representative, first, either by registered or by certified mail, with return receipt requested, if available under postal regulations; second, by ordinary first class mail, where registered or certified mail is unavailable; and, third, by any means available under other laws of South Carolina for service on the decedent (or on the foreign personal representative himself) immediately prior to the decedent's death. For service on the decedent, see Sections 36-2-804, et seq., for service of process in support of personal jurisdiction under the 'long-arm' provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, Sections 36-2-801, et

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See Sections 15-9-350, et seq., for substituted service of process in South Carolina on the statutorily designated agents of nonresident motorists, motor carriers, aircraft operators, vessel operators, certain traveling shows, nonresident directors of domestic corporations, nonresident trustees of inter vivos trusts, and nonresident individual fiduciaries. See Sections 62-1-401 through 62-1-403 of this Code for the general notice provisions of this Code.	 seq. See Sections 15-9-350, et seq., for substituted service of process in South Carolina on the statutorily designated agents of nonresident motorists, motor carriers, aircraft operators, vessel operators, certain traveling shows, nonresident directors of domestic corporations, nonresident trustees of inter vivos trusts, and nonresident individual fiduciaries. See Sections 62-1-401 through 62-1-403 of this Code for the general notice provisions of this Code.
Article 4.Part 4. Judgments and Personal Representatives	Article 4.Part 4.
 SECTION 62-4-401. Effect of adjudication for or against personal representative. An adjudication rendered in any jurisdiction in favor of or against any personal representative of the estate is as binding on the local personal representative as if he were a party to the adjudication; provided, however, that notice and the opportunity to defend must be given to the local representative in order that the judgment be collectible. REPORTER'S COMMENTS For the determinative effect of domiciliary foreign orders determining testacy or the validity of a will and of domiciliary certificates of the efficacy of a will, see Section 62-3-408 and 62-3-409. 	SECTION 62-4-401. An adjudication rendered in any jurisdiction in favor of or against any personal representative of the estate is as binding on the local personal representative as if he were a party to the adjudication; provided, however, that notice and the opportunity to defend must be given to the local representative in order that the judgment be collectible. REPORTER'S COMMENTS For the determinative effect of domiciliary foreign orders determining testacy or the validity of a will and of domiciliary certificates of the efficacy of a will, see Section 62-3-408 and 62-3-409.

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