

An Act of the National Council of the Democratic Union of British States
Respecting a system of copyright and intellectual property within the Union for the preservation of the creations of citizens of the Union and non-citizens within the Union

The National Council of the Democratic Union of British States, in its present session commencing the 1st of January, 2017 does hereby request of His Excellency the Lord President his signature, as required by Article II, Section 5 of the Constitution, for the promulgation of the below Act conferred to his offices by the various members of the House of Representatives:

I:

Intellectual property rights

- 1) Any citizen may petition the government to grant them exclusive intellectual property rights over a creation of any kind.
- 2) The above provision is conditional upon the following:
 - a) There is demonstrable evidence that the creation is of the petitioner's making;
 - b) The creation has not already been copyrighted by another person.
- 3) Property rights may also be granted to a company, provided the company provides an executor of the rights of the company in writing.
- 4) Intellectual property rights may also be referred to as copyright, and the creator of the work shall have the right to list on or around the work the © symbol followed by their name and the present year as an indicator.
- 5) The copyright shall last a period of twenty-seven years from the date of the petition being approved. After this time, the work shall enter the public domain.
- 6) It shall be illegal for any citizen or non-citizen to use a copyrighted work for any purpose, commercial or not, without the permission of the copyright holder.

II:

Public domain

- 1) All creations of the government in the course of the execution of the government's duties shall be considered to automatically be within the public domain.
- 2) Any citizen or non-citizen of the Union may use a public domain work for any purpose, commercial or not, in perpetuity.
- 3) A copyright holder may waive their right to copyright at any time before the twenty-seven year period has run out, and allow the copyright to enter the public domain prior to the expiry of the copyright.

Approved unanimously by the House of Representatives on the 1st day of January, 2017.

Signed by His Excellency, the Lord President Horatio Eden on the 1st day of December, 2017, when it subsequently passed into law.