SENATE BILL NO. 436–COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

- SUMMARY—Makes various changes to provisions pertaining to business. (BDR 7-982)
- FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State: No.

EXPLANATION - Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to business; authorizing the use of electronic records by a corporation under certain circumstances; adding definitions and clarifying various definitions pertaining to records, documents and signatures; revising certain provisions pertaining to corporations, including reinstatement, the number of directors and officers, the bylaws, liability of directors and officers, inspection of financial records, proxies, meetings, amendment of articles, business combinations and procedures for dissolution after issuance of stock or beginning of business; revising various provisions pertaining to limited-liability companies, including clarifying when business is being transacted in this state, charging orders, names, contracting of debts and signing of deeds and mortgages and correction of inaccurate records; revising various provisions pertaining to business trusts; revising various provisions pertaining to mergers, conversions and exchanges of business entities; revising certain provisions pertaining to the Uniform Commercial Code; revising certain provisions pertaining to recording of certain documents pertaining to real property; revising various provisions pertaining to the use of fictitious names; making various other changes to provisions pertaining to business; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 78 of NRS is hereby amended by adding 2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.

3 Sec. 2. 1. Any records maintained by a corporation in its 4 regular course of business, including, without limitation, its stock 5 ledger, books of account and minute books, may be kept on, by 6 means of or be in the form of, any information processing system 7 or other information storage device or medium.

8 2. A corporation shall convert within a reasonable time any 9 records kept in the manner described in subsection 1 into clear 10 and legible paper form upon the request of any person entitled to 11 inspect the records maintained by the corporation pursuant to any 12 provision of this chapter.

13 3. A clear and legible paper form produced from records kept 14 in the manner described in subsection 1 is admissible in evidence 15 and accepted for all other purposes to the same extent as an 16 original paper record with the same information provided that the 17 paper form portrays the record accurately.

18 Sec. 3. 1. No record or signature maintained by a 19 corporation is required to be created, generated, sent, 20 communicated, received, stored or otherwise processed or used by 21 electronic means or in electronic form.

22 2. The corporation may refuse to accept or conduct any 23 transaction or create, generate, send, communicate, receive, store 24 or otherwise process, use or accept any record or signature by 25 electronic means or in electronic form.

Sec. 4. NRS 78.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 78.010 1. As used in this chapter:

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(a) "Approval" and "vote" as describing action by the directors
or stockholders mean the vote of directors in person or by written
consent or of stockholders in person, by proxy or by written consent.

(b) "Articles," "articles of incorporation" and "certificate of 31 32 incorporation" are synonymous terms and unless the context otherwise requires, include all certificates filed pursuant to NRS 33 78.030, 78.180, 78.185, 78.1955, 78.209, 78.380, 78.385, [and] 34 78.390, 78.725 and 78.730 and any articles of merger, conversion, 35 exchange or domestication filed pursuant to NRS 92A.200 to 36 92A.240, inclusive, or 92A.270. Unless the context otherwise 37 requires, these terms include restated articles and certificates of 38 39 incorporation.

40 (c) "Directors" and "trustees" are synonymous terms.

41 (d) "Receiver" includes receivers and trustees appointed by a 42 court as provided in this chapter or in chapter 32 of NRS.



1 (e) "Record" means information that is inscribed on a tangible 2 medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is 3 retrievable in perceivable form.

4 (f) "Registered office" means the office maintained at the street 5 address of the resident agent.

6 **[(f)]** (g) "Resident agent" means the agent appointed by the 7 corporation upon whom process or a notice or demand authorized 8 by law to be served upon the corporation may be served.

9 [(g)] (h) "Sign" means to affix a signature to a [document.

10 (h)] record.

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(i) "Signature" means a name, word, symbol or mark executed
 or otherwise adopted, or a record encrypted or similarly processed
 in whole or in part, by a person with the present [intention to
 authenticate a document.] intent to identify himself and adopt or
 accept a record. The term includes, without limitation, an electronic
 signature as defined in NRS 719.100.

17 $\frac{(i)}{(j)}$ "Stockholder of record" means a person whose name 18 appears on the stock ledger of the corporation.

19 [(j)] (k) "Street address" of a resident agent means the actual 20 physical location in this state at which a resident agent is available 21 for service of process.

22 2. General terms and powers given in this chapter are not 23 restricted by the use of special terms, or by any grant of special 24 powers contained in this chapter.

Sec. 5. NRS 78.027 is hereby amended to read as follows:

78.027 The Secretary of State may microfilm any [document]
 record which is filed in his office [by] with respect to a corporation
 pursuant to this chapter and may return the original [document]
 record to the corporation.

30 Sec. 6. NRS 78.028 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 78.028 No [document] record which is written in a language 32 other than English may be filed or submitted for filing in the Office 33 of the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of this chapter 34 unless it is accompanied by a verified translation of that [document] 35 record into the English language.

Sec. 7. NRS 78.029 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3778.029Before the issuance of stock an incorporator, and after38the issuance of stock an officer, of a corporation may authorize the39Secretary of State in writing to replace any page of a [document]40record submitted for filing [,] on an expedited basis, before the41actual filing, and to accept the page as if it were part of the42[originally signed filing.] original record.

43 Sec. 8. NRS 78.0295 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 78.0295 1. A corporation may correct a [document filed by] 45 *record filed in* the *Office of the* Secretary of State with respect to



the corporation if the **[document]** record contains an inaccurate 1 2 [record] description of a corporate action [described in the document] or *if the record* was defectively [executed,] signed, 3 attested, sealed, verified or acknowledged. 4

2. To correct a [document,] record, the corporation shall:

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(a) Prepare a certificate of correction which: (1) States the name of the corporation:

8 (2) Describes the **[document,]** record, including, without 9 limitation, its filing date;

(3) Specifies the inaccuracy or defect;

(4) Sets forth the inaccurate or defective portion of the 11 [document] record in an accurate or corrected form; and 12 13

(5) Is signed by an officer of the corporation.

(b) Deliver the certificate to the Secretary of State for filing.

(c) Pay a filing fee of \$150 to the Secretary of State.

3. A certificate of correction is effective on the effective date 16 of the [document] record it corrects except as to persons relying on 17 the uncorrected [document] record and adversely affected by the 18 19 correction. As to those persons, the certificate is effective when 20 filed. 21

Sec. 9. NRS 78.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 78.030 1. One or more persons may establish a corporation for the transaction of any lawful business, or to promote or conduct 23 24 any legitimate object or purpose, pursuant and subject to the 25 requirements of this chapter, by:

26 (a) [Executing] Signing and filing in the Office of the Secretary 27 of State articles of incorporation; and

28 (b) Filing a certificate of acceptance of appointment, [executed] signed by the resident agent of the corporation, in the Office of the 29 30 Secretary of State.

2. The articles of incorporation must be as provided in NRS 31 32 78.035, and the Secretary of State shall require them to be in the form prescribed. If any articles are defective in this respect, the 33 Secretary of State shall return them for correction. 34

Sec. 10. NRS 78.035 is hereby amended to read as follows: 35

78.035 The articles of incorporation must set forth:

The name of the corporation. A name appearing to be that of 37 1. 38 a natural person and containing a given name or initials must not be used as a corporate name except with an additional word or words such as "Incorporated," "Limited," "Inc.," "Ltd.," "Company," 39 40 "Co.," "Corporation," "Corp.," or other word which identifies it as 41 42 not being a natural person.

43 2. The name of the person designated as the corporation's 44 resident agent, the street address of the resident agent where process



1 may be served upon the corporation, and the mailing address of the 2 resident agent if different from the street address.

3 3. The number of shares the corporation is authorized to issue 4 and, if more than one class or series of stock is authorized, the 5 classes, the series and the number of shares of each class or series 6 which the corporation is authorized to issue, unless the articles 7 authorize the board of directors to fix and determine in a resolution 8 the classes, series and numbers of each class or series as provided in 9 NRS 78.195 and 78.196.

4. The [number,] names and [post office box] mailing or street addresses, either residence or business, of the first board of directors or trustees, together with any desired provisions relative to the right to change the number of directors as provided in NRS 78.115.

5. The name and [post office box] mailing or street address,
either residence or business , of each of the incorporators
[executing] signing the articles of incorporation.

Sec. 11. NRS 78.039 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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78.039 1. The name proposed for a corporation must be 18 distinguishable on the records of the Secretary of State from the 19 20 names of all other artificial persons formed, organized, registered or 21 qualified pursuant to the provisions of this title that are on file in the 22 Office of the Secretary of State and all names that are reserved in 23 the Office of the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of this 24 title. If a proposed name is not so distinguishable, the Secretary of 25 State shall return the articles of incorporation containing the 26 proposed name to the incorporator, unless the [written, 27 acknowledged] signed consent of the holder of the name on file or 28 reserved name to use the same name or the requested similar name 29 accompanies the articles of incorporation.

2. For the purposes of this section and NRS 78.040, a proposed name is not distinguishable from a name on file or reserved name solely because one or the other contains distinctive lettering, a distinctive mark, a trademark or a trade name, or any combination of these.

35 3. The name of a corporation whose charter has been revoked, 36 which has merged and is not the surviving entity or whose existence 37 has otherwise terminated is available for use by any other artificial 38 person.

4. The Secretary of State may adopt regulations that interpretthe requirements of this section.

41 Sec. 12. NRS 78.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 78.040 1. The Secretary of State, when requested so to do, 43 shall reserve, for a period of 90 days, the right to use any name 44 available under NRS 78.039, for the use of any proposed 45 corporation. During the period, a name so reserved is not available



for use or reservation by any other artificial person forming, 1 organizing, registering or qualifying in the Office of the Secretary of 2 State pursuant to the provisions of this title without the [written, 3 acknowledged] signed consent of the person at whose request the 4 5 reservation was made. 2. The use by any other artificial person of a name in violation 6 7 of subsection 1 or NRS 78.039 may be enjoined, even if the [document] record under which the artificial person is formed, 8 organized, registered or qualified has been filed by the Secretary of 9 10 State. **Sec. 13.** NRS 78.060 is hereby amended to read as follows: 11 78.060 1. Any corporation organized under the provisions of 12 13 this chapter: 14 (a) Has all the rights, privileges and powers conferred by this 15 chapter. 16 (b) Has such rights, privileges and powers as may be conferred upon corporations by any other existing law. 17 (c) May at any time exercise those rights, privileges and powers, 18 19 when not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, or with the 20 purposes and objects for which the corporation is organized. (d) Unless otherwise provided in its articles, has perpetual 21 22 existence. 2. Every corporation, by virtue of its existence as such, is 23 24 entitled: 25 (a) To have succession by its corporate name until dissolved and its affairs are wound up according to law. 26 27 (b) To sue and be sued in any court of law or equity. (c) To make contracts. 28 29 (d) [To hold, purchase and convey real and personal estate and 30 to mortgage or lease any such real and personal estate with its franchises. The power to hold real and personal estate includes the 31 power to take it by devise or bequest in this state, or in any other 32 33 state, territory or country. (e) To appoint such officers and agents as the affairs of the 34 35 corporation require, and to allow them suitable compensation. (f) (e) To make bylaws not inconsistent with the Constitution 36 or laws of the United States, or of this state, for the management, 37 38 regulation and government of its affairs and property, the transfer of 39 its stock, the transaction of its business, and the calling and holding 40 of meetings of its stockholders. 41 $\frac{f}{f}$ To wind up and dissolve itself, or be wound up or 42 dissolved, in the manner mentioned in this chapter. 43 (h) (g) Unless otherwise provided in the articles, to engage in 44 any lawful activity.



Sec. 14. NRS 78.065 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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2 78.065 1. Every corporation, by virtue of its existence as
3 such, shall have power to adopt and use a common seal or stamp,
4 and alter the same at pleasure.

2. The use of a seal or stamp by a corporation on any corporate
[documents] record is not necessary. The corporation may use a seal
or stamp, if it desires, but such use or nonuse [shall] must not in any
way affect the legality of the [document.] record.

9 Sec. 15. NRS 78.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 78.070 Subject to such limitations, if any, as may be contained 11 in its articles of incorporation, every corporation has the following 12 powers:

13 1. To borrow money and contract debts when necessary for the 14 transaction of its business, or for the exercise of its corporate rights, 15 privileges or franchises, or for any other lawful purpose of its incorporation [;] and to issue bonds, promissory notes, bills of 16 exchange, debentures, and other obligations and evidences of 17 indebtedness, payable at a specified time or times, or payable upon 18 19 the happening of a specified event or events, whether secured by 20 mortgage, pledge or other security, or unsecured, for money borrowed, or in payment for property purchased $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ or acquired, or 21 22 for any other lawful object.

23 2. To guarantee, purchase, hold, take, obtain, receive, subscribe for, own, use, dispose of, sell, exchange, lease, lend, assign, 24 mortgage, pledge, or otherwise acquire, transfer or deal in or with 25 bonds or obligations of, or shares, securities or interests in or issued 26 27 by, any person, government, governmental agency or political 28 subdivision of government, and to exercise all the rights, powers and privileges of ownership of such an interest, including the right 29 30 to vote, if any.

31 3. To purchase, hold, sell, pledge and transfer shares of its own 32 stock, and use therefor its property or money.

4. To conduct business, have one or more offices, and hold, purchase, *lease*, mortgage, [and] convey *and take by devise or bequest* real and personal property in this state, and in any of the several states, territories, possessions and dependencies of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and any foreign countries.

39 5. To do everything necessary and proper for the 40 accomplishment of the objects enumerated in its articles of 41 incorporation or necessary or incidental to the protection and benefit 42 of the corporation, and, in general, to carry on any lawful business 43 necessary or incidental to the attainment of the objects of the 44 corporation, whether or not the business is similar in nature to the 45 objects set forth in the articles of incorporation, except that:



1 (a) A corporation created under the provisions of this chapter 2 does not possess the power of issuing bills, notes or other evidences 3 of debt for circulation of money; and

4 (b) This chapter does not authorize the formation of banking 5 corporations to issue or circulate money or currency within this 6 state, or outside of this state, or at all, except the federal currency, or 7 the notes of banks authorized under the laws of the United States.

8 6. To make donations for the public welfare or for charitable, 9 scientific or educational purposes.

10 7. To enter into any relationship with another person in 11 connection with any lawful activities.

Sec. 16. NRS 78.095 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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78.095 1. Within 30 days after changing the location of his
office from one address to another in this state, a resident agent shall
<u>[execute] sign</u> a certificate setting forth:

16 (a) The names of all the corporations represented by the resident 17 agent;

18 (b) The address at which the resident agent has maintained the 19 registered office for each of such corporations; and

20 (c) The new address to which the resident agency will be 21 transferred and at which the resident agent will thereafter maintain 22 the registered office for each of the corporations recited in the 23 certificate.

24 2. Upon the filing of the certificate in the Office of the 25 Secretary of State, the registered office in this state of each of the 26 corporations recited in the certificate is located at the new address of 27 the resident agent thereof as set forth in the certificate.

Sec. 17. NRS 78.097 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 78.097 1. A resident agent who desires to resign shall file 30 with the Secretary of State a signed statement for each corporation 31 that he is unwilling to continue to act as the agent of the corporation 32 for the service of process. A resignation is not effective until the 33 signed statement is filed with the Secretary of State.

2. The statement of resignation may contain a statement of the affected corporation appointing a successor resident agent for that corporation. A certificate of acceptance [executed] signed by the new resident agent, stating the full name, complete street address and, if different from the street address, mailing address of the new resident agent, must accompany the statement appointing a successor resident agent.

3. Upon the filing of the statement of resignation with the
Secretary of State, the capacity of the resigning person as resident
agent terminates. If the statement of resignation contains no
statement by the corporation appointing a successor resident agent,
the resigning resident agent shall immediately give written notice,



1 by mail, to the corporation of the filing of the statement and its 2 effect. The notice must be addressed to any officer of the 3 corporation other than the resident agent.

4 4. If a resident agent dies, resigns or removes from the State, 5 the corporation, within 30 days thereafter, shall file with the 6 Secretary of State a certificate of acceptance [executed] signed by 7 the new resident agent. The certificate must set forth the full name 8 and complete street address of the new resident agent for the service 9 of process, and may have a separate mailing address, such as post 10 office box, which may be different from the street address.

5. A corporation that fails to file a certificate of acceptance **[executed]** *signed* by the new resident agent within 30 days after the death, resignation or removal of its former resident agent shall be deemed in default and is subject to the provisions of NRS 78.170 and 78.175.

Sec. 18. NRS 78.105 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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17 78.105 1. A corporation shall keep a copy of the following 18 records at its registered office:

(a) A copy certified by the Secretary of State of its articles ofincorporation, and all amendments thereto;

(b) A copy certified by an officer of the corporation of itsbylaws and all amendments thereto; and

23 (c) A stock ledger or a duplicate stock ledger, revised annually, 24 containing the names, alphabetically arranged, of all persons who 25 are stockholders of the corporation, showing their places of residence, if known, and the number of shares held by them 26 27 respectively. In lieu of the stock ledger or duplicate stock ledger, 28 the corporation may keep a statement setting out the name of the 29 custodian of the stock ledger or duplicate stock ledger, and the 30 present and complete post office address, including street and 31 number, if any,] *mailing or street address* where the stock ledger or duplicate stock ledger specified in this section is kept. 32

2. [A corporation shall maintain the records required by
 subsection 1 in written form or in another form capable of
 conversion into written form within a reasonable time.

3.] Any person who has been a stockholder of record of a 36 37 corporation for at least 6 months immediately preceding his demand, or any person holding, or thereunto authorized in writing 38 39 by the holders of, at least 5 percent of all of its outstanding shares, 40 upon at least 5 days' written demand is entitled to inspect in person 41 or by agent or attorney, during usual business hours, the records 42 required by subsection 1 and make copies therefrom. Holders of 43 voting trust certificates representing shares of the corporation must 44 be regarded as stockholders for the purpose of this subsection. Every 45 corporation that neglects or refuses to keep the records required by



subsection 1 open for inspection, as required in this subsection, shall
 forfeit to the State the sum of \$25 for every day of such neglect or
 refusal.

4 [4.] 3. If any corporation willfully neglects or refuses to make 5 any proper entry in the stock ledger or duplicate copy thereof, or 6 neglects or refuses to permit an inspection of the records required by 7 subsection 1 upon demand by a person entitled to inspect them, or 8 refuses to permit copies to be made therefrom, as provided in 9 subsection [3,] 2, the corporation is liable to the person injured for 10 all damages resulting to him therefrom.

[5.] 4. When the corporation keeps a statement in the manner 11 provided for in paragraph (c) of subsection 1, the information 12 13 contained thereon must be given to any stockholder of the 14 corporation demanding the information, when the demand is made 15 during business hours. Every corporation that neglects or refuses to keep a statement available, as in this subsection required, shall 16 forfeit to the State the sum of \$25 for every day of such neglect or 17 refusal. 18

19 **[6.] 5.** In every instance where an attorney or other agent of the 20 stockholder seeks the right of inspection, the demand must be 21 accompanied by a power of attorney **[executed]** *signed* by the 22 stockholder authorizing the attorney or other agent to inspect on 23 behalf of the stockholder.

24 [7.] 6. The right to copy records under subsection [3] 2
25 includes, if reasonable, the right to make copies by photographic,
26 xerographic or other means.

27 [8.] 7. The corporation may impose a reasonable charge to
28 recover the costs of labor and materials and the cost of copies of any
29 [documents] records provided to the stockholder.

Sec. 19. NRS 78.115 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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31 78.115 The business of every corporation must be managed **[by]** under the direction of a board of directors or trustees, all of 32 33 whom must be natural persons who are at least 18 years of age. A 34 corporation must have at least one director, and may provide in its 35 articles of incorporation or in its bylaws for a fixed number of directors or a variable number of directors , [within a fixed 36 37 minimum and maximum, and for the manner in which the number 38 of directors may be increased or decreased. Unless otherwise 39 provided in the articles of incorporation, directors need not be 40 stockholders.

41 Sec. 20. NRS 78.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 78.120 1. Subject only to such limitations as may be 43 provided by this chapter, or the articles of incorporation of the 44 corporation, the board of directors has full control over the affairs of 45 the corporation.



2. [Subject] Except as otherwise provided in this subsection 1 2 and subject to the bylaws, if any, adopted by the stockholders, the directors may make the bylaws of the corporation. Unless otherwise 3 prohibited by any bylaw adopted by the stockholders, the directors 4 5 may adopt, amend or repeal any bylaw, including any bylaw adopted by the stockholders. The articles of incorporation may 6 7 grant the authority to adopt bylaws exclusively to the directors.

8 3. The selection of a period for the achievement of corporate 9 goals is the responsibility of the directors.

10 Sec. 21. NRS 78.125 is hereby amended to read as follows:

78.125 1. Unless it is otherwise provided in the articles of 11 incorporation, the board of directors may designate one or more 12 13 committees which, to the extent provided in the resolution or 14 resolutions or in the bylaws of the corporation, have and may 15 exercise the powers of the board of directors in the management of the business and affairs of the corporation. 16

17 2. [The committee or committees must have such name or names as may be stated in the bylaws of the corporation or as may 18 be determined from time to time by resolution adopted by the board 19 20 of directors.

21 3.] Each committee must include at least one director. Unless 22 the articles of incorporation or the bylaws provide otherwise, the 23 board of directors may appoint natural persons who are not directors 24 to serve on committees.

25 [4.] 3. The board of directors may designate one or more 26 directors as alternate members of a committee to replace any 27 member who is disqualified or absent from a meeting of the committee. The bylaws of the corporation may provide that, unless 28 29 the board of directors appoints alternate members pursuant to this 30 subsection, the member or members of a committee present at a 31 meeting and not disgualified from voting, whether or not the member or members constitute a quorum, may unanimously appoint 32 33 another member of the board of directors to act at the meeting in the 34 place of an absent or disqualified member of the committee. 35

Sec. 22. NRS 78.135 is hereby amended to read as follows:

78.135 1. The statement in the articles of incorporation of the 36 37 objects, purposes, powers and authorized business of the corporation 38 constitutes, as between the corporation and its directors, officers or stockholders, an authorization to the directors and a limitation upon 39 40 the actual authority of the representatives of the corporation. Such 41 limitations may be asserted in a proceeding by a stockholder or the 42 State to enjoin the doing or continuation of unauthorized business 43 by the corporation or its officers, or both, in cases where third 44 parties have not acquired rights thereby, or to dissolve the corporation, or in a proceeding by the corporation or by the 45



stockholders suing in a representative suit against the officers or
 directors of the corporation for violation of their authority.

2. No limitation upon the business, purposes or powers of the corporation or upon the powers of the stockholders, officers or directors, or the manner of exercise of such powers, contained in or implied by the articles may be asserted as between the corporation or any stockholder and any third person.

8 3. Any contract or conveyance, otherwise lawful, made in the 9 name of a corporation, which is authorized or ratified by the 10 directors, or is done within the scope of the authority, actual or 11 apparent, given by the directors, binds the corporation, and the 12 corporation acquires rights thereunder, whether the contract is 13 [executed] *signed* or is wholly or in part executory.

Sec. 23. NRS 78.138 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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15 78.138 1. Directors and officers shall exercise their powers in 16 good faith and with a view to the interests of the corporation.

17 2. In performing their respective duties, directors and officers 18 are entitled to rely on information, opinions, reports, books of 19 account or statements, including financial statements and other 20 financial data, that are prepared or presented by:

(a) One or more directors, officers or employees of the
 corporation reasonably believed to be reliable and competent in the
 matters prepared or presented;

(b) Counsel, public accountants, financial advisers, valuation
advisers, investment bankers or other persons as to matters
reasonably believed to be within the preparer's or presenter's
professional or expert competence; or

(c) A committee on which the director or officer relying thereon does not serve, established in accordance with NRS 78.125, as to matters within the committee's designated authority and matters on which the committee is reasonably believed to merit confidence,

but a director or officer is not entitled to rely on such information,
opinions, reports, books of account or statements if he has
knowledge concerning the matter in question that would cause
reliance thereon to be unwarranted.

37 3. Directors and officers, in deciding upon matters of business,
38 are presumed to act in good faith, on an informed basis and with a
39 view to the interests of the corporation.

40 4. Directors and officers, in exercising their respective powers 41 with a view to the interests of the corporation, may consider:

42 (a) The interests of the corporation's employees, suppliers, 43 creditors and customers;

44 (b) The economy of the State and Nation;

45 (c) The interests of the community and of society; and



1 (d) The long-term as well as short-term interests of the 2 corporation and its stockholders, including the possibility that these 3 interests may be best served by the continued independence of the 4 corporation.

5 5. Directors and officers are not required to consider the effect 6 of a proposed corporate action upon any particular group having an 7 interest in the corporation as a dominant factor.

8 6. The provisions of subsections 4 and 5 do not create or 9 authorize any causes of action against the corporation or its directors 10 or officers.

11 7. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 35.230, 90.660, 12 91.250, 452.200, 452.270, 668.045 and 694A.030, or unless the 13 articles of incorporation or an amendment thereto, in each case 14 filed on or after October 1, 2003, provide for greater individual 15 liability, a director or officer is not individually liable to the 16 corporation or its stockholders or creditors for any damages as a 17 result of any act or failure to act in his capacity as a director or 18 officer unless it is proven that:

(a) His act or failure to act constituted a breach of his fiduciaryduties as a director or officer; and

(b) His breach of those duties involved intentional misconduct,fraud or a knowing violation of law.

Sec. 24. NRS 78.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 78.140 1. A contract or other transaction is not void or 25 voidable solely because:

(a) The contract or transaction is between a corporation and:

(1) One or more of its directors or officers; or

(2) Another corporation, firm or association in which one or
 more of its directors or officers are directors or officers or are
 financially interested;

(b) A common or interested director or officer:

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(1) Is present at the meeting of the board of directors or a
 committee thereof which authorizes or approves the contract or
 transaction; or

(2) Joins in the [execution] signing of a written consent
 which authorizes or approves the contract or transaction pursuant to
 subsection 2 of NRS 78.315; or

(c) The vote or votes of a common or interested director are
 counted for the purpose of authorizing or approving the contract or
 transaction,

41 if one of the circumstances specified in subsection 2 exists.

42 2. The circumstances in which a contract or other transaction is 43 not void or voidable pursuant to subsection 1 are:

44 (a) The fact of the common directorship, office or financial 45 interest is known to the board of directors or committee, and the



board or committee authorizes, approves or ratifies the contract or
 transaction in good faith by a vote sufficient for the purpose without
 counting the vote or votes of the common or interested director or
 directors.

5 (b) The fact of the common directorship, office or financial 6 interest is known to the stockholders, and they approve or ratify the 7 contract or transaction in good faith by a majority vote of 8 stockholders holding a majority of the voting power. The votes of 9 the common or interested directors or officers must be counted in 10 any such vote of stockholders.

11 (c) The fact of the common directorship, office or financial 12 interest is not known to the director or officer at the time the 13 transaction is brought before the board of directors of the 14 corporation for action.

15 (d) The contract or transaction is fair as to the corporation at the 16 time it is authorized or approved.

17 3. Common or interested directors may be counted in 18 determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the board of 19 directors or a committee thereof which authorizes, approves or 20 ratifies a contract or transaction, and if the votes of the common or 21 interested directors are not counted at the meeting, then a majority 22 of the disinterested directors may authorize, approve or ratify a 23 contract or transaction.

4. Unless otherwise provided in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws, the board of directors, without regard to personal interest, may establish the compensation of directors for services in any capacity. If the board of directors establishes the compensation of directors pursuant to this subsection, such compensation is presumed to be fair to the corporation unless proven unfair by a preponderance of the evidence.

31 Sec. 25. NRS 78.165 is hereby amended to read as follows:

78.165 1. Every list required to be filed under the provisions
of NRS 78.150 to 78.185, inclusive, must, after the name of each
officer and director listed thereon, set forth the [post office box] *mailing* or street address, either residence or business, of each
officer and director.

2. If the addresses are not stated for each person on any list offered for filing, the Secretary of State may refuse to file the list, and the corporation for which the list has been offered for filing is subject to all the provisions of NRS 78.150 to 78.185, inclusive, relating to failure to file the list within or at the times therein specified, unless a list is subsequently submitted for filing which conforms to the provisions of NRS 78.150 to 78.185, inclusive.



Sec. 26. NRS 78.185 is hereby amended to read as follows: 1 2 78.185 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if a corporation applies to reinstate or revive its charter but its name has 3 been legally reserved or acquired by another artificial person 4 5 formed, organized, registered or qualified pursuant to the provisions of this title whose name is on file with the Office of the Secretary of 6 7 State or reserved in the Office of the Secretary of State pursuant to 8 the provisions of this title, the corporation shall in its application for 9 reinstatement submit in writing to the Secretary of State some other name under which it desires its corporate existence to be reinstated 10 or revived. If that name is distinguishable from all other names 11 reserved or otherwise on file, the Secretary of State shall issue to the 12 13 applying corporation a certificate of reinstatement or revival under 14 that new name. Upon the issuance of a certificate of reinstatement or revival under that new name, the articles of incorporation of 15 the applying corporation shall be deemed to reflect the new name 16 17 without the corporation having to comply with the provisions of NRS 78.385, 78.390 or 78.403. 18

19 2. If the applying corporation submits the [written, 20 acknowledged] *signed* consent of the artificial person having a 21 name, or the person who has reserved a name, which is not 22 distinguishable from the old name of the applying corporation or a 23 new name it has submitted, it may be reinstated or revived under 24 that name.

3. For the purposes of this section, a proposed name is not
distinguishable from a name on file or reserved name solely because
one or the other contains distinctive lettering, a distinctive mark, a
trademark or a trade name, or any combination of these.

4. The Secretary of State may adopt regulations that interpretthe requirements of this section.

31 Sec. 27. NRS 78.195 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 78.195 1. If a corporation desires to have more than one class 33 or series of stock, the articles of incorporation must prescribe, or vest authority in the board of directors to prescribe, the classes, 34 series and the number of each class or series of stock and the voting 35 powers, designations, preferences, limitations, restrictions and 36 relative rights of each class or series of stock. If more than one class 37 38 or series of stock is authorized, the articles of incorporation or the 39 resolution of the board of directors passed pursuant to a provision of 40 the articles must prescribe a distinguishing designation for each 41 class and series. The voting powers, designations, preferences, 42 restrictions, relative rights and distinguishing limitations, 43 designation of each class or series of stock must be described in the 44 articles of incorporation or the resolution of the board of directors before the issuance of shares of that class or series. 45



1 2. All shares of a series must have voting powers, designations, 2 preferences, limitations, restrictions and relative rights identical with those of other shares of the same series and, except to the extent 3 otherwise provided in the description of the series, with those of 4 5 other series of the same class.

3. Unless otherwise provided in the articles of incorporation, 6 7 no stock issued as fully paid up may ever be assessed and the 8 articles of incorporation must not be amended in this particular.

9 4. Any rate, condition or time for payment of distributions on 10 any class or series of stock may be made dependent upon any fact or event which may be ascertained outside the articles of incorporation 11 or the resolution providing for the distributions adopted by the board 12 13 of directors if the manner in which a fact or event may operate upon 14 the rate, condition or time of payment for the distributions is stated 15 in the articles of incorporation or the resolution. As used in this subsection, "fact or event" includes, without limitation, the 16 existence of a fact or occurrence of an event, including, without 17 limitation, a determination or action by a person, government, 18 19 governmental agency or political subdivision of a government.

20 The provisions of this section do not restrict the directors of 5. 21 a corporation from taking action to protect the interests of the corporation and its stockholders, including, but not limited to, 22 23 adopting or *[executing] signing* plans, arrangements or instruments that grant rights to stockholders or that deny rights, privileges, 24 25 power or authority to a holder of a specified number of shares or 26 percentage of share ownership or voting power. 27

Sec. 28. NRS 78.196 is hereby amended to read as follows:

78.196 1. Each corporation must have:

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29 (a) One or more classes or series of shares that together have 30 unlimited voting rights; and

31 (b) One or more classes or series of shares that together are 32 entitled to receive the net assets of the corporation upon 33 dissolution.

If the articles of incorporation provide for only one class of stock, 34 35 that class of stock has unlimited voting rights and is entitled to receive the net assets of the corporation upon dissolution. 36

37 2. The articles of incorporation, or a resolution of the board of 38 directors pursuant thereto, may authorize one or more classes or 39 series of stock that:

40 (a) Have special, conditional or limited voting powers, or no 41 right to vote, except to the extent otherwise provided by this title;

42 (b) Are redeemable or convertible:

43 (1) At the option of the corporation, the stockholders or 44 another person, or upon the occurrence of a designated event;

45 (2) For cash, indebtedness, securities or other property; or



1 (3) In a designated amount or in an amount determined in 2 accordance with a designated formula or by reference to extrinsic 3 data or events;

4 (c) Entitle the stockholders to distributions calculated in any 5 manner, including dividends that may be cumulative, noncumulative 6 or partially cumulative;

7 (d) Have preference over any other class or series of shares with 8 respect to distributions, including dividends and distributions upon 9 the dissolution of the corporation;

10 (e) Have par value; or

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(f) Have powers, designations, preferences, limitations, 11 restrictions and relative rights dependent upon any fact or event 12 13 which may be ascertained outside of the articles of incorporation or 14 the resolution if the manner in which the fact or event may operate on such class or series of stock is stated in the articles of 15 incorporation or the resolution. As used in this paragraph, "fact or 16 event" includes, without limitation, the existence of a fact or 17 occurrence of an event, including, without limitation, a 18 19 determination or action by a person, government, governmental 20 agency or political subdivision of a government.

3. Unless otherwise provided in the articles of incorporation or in a resolution of the board of directors establishing a class or series of stock, shares which are subject to redemption and which have been called for redemption are not deemed to be outstanding shares for purposes of voting or determining the total number of shares entitled to vote on a matter on and after the date on which:

(a) Written notice of redemption has been sent to the holders ofsuch shares; and

(b) A sum sufficient to redeem the shares has been irrevocably
 deposited or set aside to pay the redemption price to the holders of
 the shares upon surrender of any certificates.

4. The description of voting powers, designations, preferences,
 limitations, restrictions and relative rights of the classes or series of
 shares contained in this section is not exclusive.

Sec. 29. NRS 78.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 78.200 **1.** A corporation may create and issue [, whether in connection with the issue and sale of any shares of stock or other securities of the corporation,] rights or options entitling the holders thereof to purchase from the corporation any shares of its stock of any class or classes [,] to be evidenced by or in such instrument or instruments as are approved by the board of directors.

42 **2.** The terms upon which, the time or times, which may be 43 limited or unlimited in duration, at or within which, and the price or 44 prices , *including a formula by which such price or prices may be*

45 *determined*, at which any such shares may be purchased from the



1 corporation upon the exercise of any such fal right or option fmust 2 *may* be fixed and stated in the articles of incorporation or in a resolution or resolutions adopted by the board of directors providing 3 for the creation and issue of the rights or options, and, in every case, 4 set forth or incorporated by reference in the instrument or 5 instruments evidencing the rights or options. *The judgment of the* 6 7 board of directors as to the consideration for such rights or 8 options issued is conclusive in the absence of actual fraud in the 9 transaction.

10 3. The board of directors may authorize one or more officers of the corporation to: 11

(a) Designate the persons to be recipients of rights or options 12 13 created by the corporation; and

14 (b) Determine the number of rights or options to be received by 15 the persons designated pursuant to paragraph (a).

4. The authorization pursuant to subsection 3 must specify 16 the maximum number of rights or options the officer or officers 17 may award. The board of directors may not authorize an officer to 18 19 designate himself as a recipient of the rights or options. 20

Sec. 30. NRS 78.205 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 78.205 1. A corporation is not obligated to but may [execute] 22 *sign* and deliver a certificate for or including a fraction of a share.

2. In lieu of [executing] signing and delivering a certificate for 23 24 a fraction of a share, a corporation may:

(a) Pay to any person otherwise entitled to become a holder of a 25 26 fraction of a share:

(1) The appraised value of that share if the appraisal was 27 28 properly demanded pursuant to this chapter or chapter 92A of NRS; 29 or

30 (2) If no appraisal was demanded or an appraisal was not 31 properly demanded, an amount in cash specified for that purpose as the value of the fraction in the articles, plan of reorganization, plan 32 33 of merger or exchange, resolution of the board of directors, or other instrument pursuant to which the fractional share would otherwise 34 be issued, or, if not specified, then as may be determined for that 35 purpose by the board of directors of the issuing corporation; 36

37 (b) Issue such additional fraction of a share as is necessary to 38 increase the fractional share to a full share; or

39 (c) [Execute] Sign and deliver registered or bearer scrip over the 40 manual or facsimile signature of an officer of the corporation or of 41 its agent for that purpose, exchangeable as provided on the scrip for 42 full share certificates, but the scrip does not entitle the holder to any 43 rights as a stockholder except as provided on the scrip. The scrip 44 may provide that it becomes void unless the rights of the holders are exercised within a specified period and may contain any other 45



provisions or conditions that the corporation deems advisable.
 Whenever any scrip ceases to be exchangeable for full share
 certificates, the shares that would otherwise have been issuable as
 provided on the scrip are deemed to be treasury shares unless the
 scrip contains other provisions for their disposition.

6 3. The provisions of this section do not prevent a person who 7 holds a fractional share from disputing the appraised value of a 8 share pursuant to NRS 92A.300 to 92A.500, inclusive, if the person 9 is otherwise entitled to exercise such rights.

Sec. 31. NRS 78.2055 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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11 78.2055 1. Unless otherwise provided in the articles of 12 incorporation, a corporation that desires to decrease the number of 13 issued and outstanding shares of a class or series held by each 14 stockholder of record at the effective date and time of the change 15 without correspondingly decreasing the number of authorized shares 16 of the same class or series may do so if:

(a) The board of directors adopts a resolution setting forth the
 proposal to decrease the number of issued and outstanding shares of
 a class or series; and

(b) The proposal is approved by the vote of stockholders holding
a majority of the voting power of the affected class or series, or such
greater proportion as may be provided in the articles of
incorporation, regardless of limitations or restrictions on the voting
power of the affected class or series.

25 2. If the proposal required by subsection 1 is approved by the 26 stockholders entitled to vote, the corporation may reissue its stock in 27 accordance with the proposal after the effective date and time of the 28 change.

29 3. [If] Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if a 30 proposed decrease in the number of issued and outstanding shares of 31 any class or series would adversely alter or change any preference. or any relative or other right given to any other class or series of 32 33 outstanding shares, then the decrease must be approved by the vote, in addition to any vote otherwise required, of the *holders of* shares 34 35 representing a majority of the voting power of each class or series whose preference or rights are adversely affected by the decrease, or 36 37 such greater proportion as may be provided in the articles of 38 incorporation, regardless of limitations or restrictions on the voting 39 power of the adversely affected class or series. The decrease does 40 not have to be approved by the vote of the holders of shares 41 representing a majority of the voting power of each class or series 42 whose preference or rights are adversely affected by the decrease 43 if the articles of incorporation specifically deny the right to vote on 44 such a decrease.



1 4. Any proposal to decrease the number of issued and 2 outstanding shares of any class or series, if any, that includes 3 provisions pursuant to which only money will be paid or scrip will 4 be issued to stockholders who:

5 (a) Before the decrease in the number of shares becomes 6 effective, hold 1 percent or more of the outstanding shares of the 7 affected class or series; and

8 (b) Would otherwise be entitled to receive fractions of shares in 9 exchange for the cancellation of all their outstanding shares,

10 is subject to the provisions of NRS 92A.300 to 92A.500, inclusive. If the proposal is subject to those provisions, any stockholder who is 11 obligated to accept money or scrip rather than receive a fraction of a 12 share resulting from the action taken pursuant to this section may 13 14 dissent in accordance with the provisions of NRS 92A.300 to 15 92A.500, inclusive, and obtain payment of the fair value of the fraction of a share to which the stockholder would otherwise be 16 17 entitled.

Sec. 32. NRS 78.207 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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19 78.207 1. Unless otherwise provided in the articles of 20 incorporation, a corporation that desires to change the number of shares of a class or series, if any, of its authorized stock by 21 22 increasing or decreasing the number of authorized shares of the 23 class or series and correspondingly increasing or decreasing the 24 number of issued and outstanding shares of the same class or series 25 held by each stockholder of record at the effective date and time of the change, may, except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 26 27 3, do so by a resolution adopted by the board of directors, without 28 obtaining the approval of the stockholders. The resolution may also 29 provide for a change of the par value, if any, of the same class or 30 series of the shares increased or decreased. After the effective date 31 and time of the change, the corporation may issue its stock in 32 accordance therewith.

2. A proposal to increase or decrease the number of authorized
shares of any class or series, if any, that includes provisions
pursuant to which only money will be paid or scrip will be issued to
stockholders who:

(a) Before the increase or decrease in the number of shares
becomes effective, in the aggregate hold 10 percent or more of the
outstanding shares of the affected class or series; and

40 (b) Would otherwise be entitled to receive fractions of shares in 41 exchange for the cancellation of all of their outstanding 42 shares,

43 must be approved by the vote of stockholders holding a majority of 44 the voting power of the affected class or series, or such greater



proportion as may be provided in the articles of incorporation, 1 2 regardless of limitations or restrictions on the voting power thereof.

3. [If] Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if a 3 proposed increase or decrease in the number of authorized shares of 4 5 any class or series would adversely alter or change any preference or any relative or other right given to any other class or series of 6 7 outstanding shares, then the increase or decrease must be approved 8 by the vote, in addition to any vote otherwise required, of the 9 holders of shares representing a majority of the voting power of each class or series whose preference or rights are adversely 10 affected by the increase or decrease, regardless of limitations or 11 restrictions on the voting power thereof. *The increase or decrease* 12 13 does not have to be approved by the vote of the holders of shares 14 representing a majority of the voting power in each class or series whose preference or rights are adversely affected by the increase 15 or decrease if the articles of incorporation specifically deny the 16 17 right to vote on such an increase or decrease.

4. Any proposal to increase or decrease the number of 18 19 authorized shares of any class or series, if any, that includes 20 provisions pursuant to which only money will be paid or scrip will 21 be issued to stockholders who:

22 (a) Before the increase or decrease in the number of shares 23 becomes effective, hold 1 percent or more of the outstanding shares 24 of the affected class or series; and

25 (b) Would otherwise be entitled to receive a fraction of a share 26 in exchange for the cancellation of all of their outstanding 27 shares,

28 is subject to the provisions of NRS 92A.300 to 92A.500, inclusive.

29 If the proposal is subject to those provisions, any stockholder who is 30 obligated to accept money or scrip rather than receive a fraction of a 31 share resulting from the action taken pursuant to this section may dissent in accordance with those provisions and obtain payment of 32 the fair value of the fraction of a share to which the stockholder 33 34 would otherwise be entitled. 35

Sec. 33. NRS 78.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

78.220 1. Subscriptions to the shares of a corporation, 36 37 whether made before or after its organization, must be paid in full at 38 such time or in such installments at such times as determined by the 39 board of directors. Any call made by the board of directors for 40 payment on subscriptions must be uniform as to all shares of the 41 same class or series.

42 2. If default is made in the payment of any installment or call, 43 the corporation may proceed to collect the amount due in the same 44 manner as any debt due the corporation. In addition, the corporation 45 may sell a sufficient number of the subscriber's shares at public



1 auction to pay for the installment or call and any incidental charges 2 incurred as a result of the sale. No penalty causing a forfeiture of a subscription, of stock for which a subscription has been [executed,] 3 *signed*, or of amounts paid thereon, may be declared against any 4 5 subscriber unless the amount due remains unpaid for 30 days after written demand. Such written demand shall be deemed made when 6 7 it is mailed by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the subscriber's last known address. If any of the subscriber's 8 9 shares are sold at public auction, any excess of the proceeds over the 10 total of the amount due plus any incidental charges of the sale must be paid to the subscriber or his legal representative. If an action is 11 brought to recover the amount due on a subscription or call, any 12 13 judgment in favor of the corporation must be reduced by the amount 14 of the net proceeds of any sale by the corporation of the subscriber's 15 stock.

3. All stock subject to a delinquent installment or call and all amounts previously paid by a delinquent subscriber for the stock must be forfeited to the corporation if an amount due from a subscriber remains unpaid, the corporation has complied with the requirements of subsection 2 and:

(a) A bidder does not purchase the subscriber's shares at publicauction; or

(b) The corporation does not collect the defaulted amount by anaction at law.

4. If a receiver of a corporation has been appointed, all unpaid subscriptions must be paid at such times and in such installments as the receiver or the court may direct, subject, however, to the provisions of the subscription contract.

5. A subscription for shares of a corporation to be organized is irrevocable for 6 months unless otherwise provided by the subscription agreement or unless all of the subscribers consent to the revocation of the subscription.

33 Sec. 34. NRS 78.257 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 78.257 1. Any person who has been a stockholder of record 35 of any corporation and owns not less than 15 percent of all of the issued and outstanding shares of the stock of such corporation or has 36 been authorized in writing by the holders of at least 15 percent of all 37 38 its issued and outstanding shares, upon at least 5 days' written 39 demand, is entitled to inspect in person or by agent or attorney, 40 during normal business hours, the books of account and all financial 41 records of the corporation, to make copies of records, and to conduct 42 an audit of such records. Holders of voting trust certificates 43 representing 15 percent of the issued and outstanding shares of the 44 corporation [shall be] are regarded as stockholders for the purpose of this subsection. The right of stockholders to inspect the corporate 45



1 records may not be limited in the articles or bylaws of any 2 corporation.

3 2. All costs for making copies of records or conducting an 4 audit must be borne by the person exercising his rights set forth in 5 subsection 1.

3. The rights authorized by subsection 1 may be denied to any 6 7 stockholder upon his refusal to furnish the corporation an affidavit 8 that such inspection, copies or audit is not desired for any purpose 9 not related to his interest in the corporation as a stockholder. Any 10 stockholder or other person, exercising rights set forth in subsection 1, who uses or attempts to use information, [documents,] records or 11 other data obtained from the corporation, for any purpose not related 12 13 to the stockholder's interest in the corporation as a stockholder, is 14 guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

4. If any officer or agent of any corporation keeping records in 15 this state willfully neglects or refuses to permit an inspection of the 16 books of account and financial records upon demand by a person 17 entitled to inspect them, or refuses to permit an audit to be 18 conducted, as provided in subsection 1, the corporation shall forfeit 19 20 to the State the sum of \$100 for every day of such neglect or refusal, and the corporation, officer or agent thereof is jointly and severally 21 22 liable to the person injured for all damages resulting to him.

5. A stockholder who brings an action or proceeding to enforce
any right set forth in this section or to recover damages resulting
from its denial:

26 (a) Is entitled to costs and reasonable attorney's fees, if he 27 prevails; or

28 (b) Is liable for such costs and fees, if he does not 29 prevail,

30 in the action or proceeding.

6. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the 31 32 provisions of this section do not apply to any corporation [listed and traded on any recognized stock exchange nor do they apply to any 33 corporation] that furnishes to its stockholders a detailed, annual 34 35 financial statement [] or any corporation that has filed during the preceding 12 months all reports required to be filed pursuant to 36 section 13 or section 15D of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. 37 38 A person who owns, or is authorized in writing by the owners of, at least 15 percent of the issued and outstanding shares of the stock of 39 40 a corporation that has elected to be governed by subchapter S of the 41 Internal Revenue Code and whose shares are not listed or traded on 42 any recognized stock exchange is entitled to inspect the books of the 43 corporation pursuant to subsection 1 and has the rights, duties and

44 liabilities provided in subsections 2 to 5, inclusive.



Sec. 35. NRS 78.335 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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2 78.335 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, any 3 director or one or more of the incumbent directors may be removed 4 from office by the vote of stockholders representing not less than 5 two-thirds of the voting power of the issued and outstanding stock 6 entitled to [voting power.] vote.

7 2. In the case of corporations which have provided in their 8 articles of incorporation for the election of directors by cumulative 9 voting, any director or directors who constitute fewer than all of the incumbent directors may not be removed from office at any one 10 time or as the result of any one transaction under the provisions of 11 this section except upon the vote of stockholders owning sufficient 12 13 shares to prevent each director's election to office at the time of 14 removal.

3. The articles of incorporation may require the concurrence of
more than two-thirds of the voting power of the issued and
outstanding stock entitled to [voting power] vote in order to remove
one or more directors from office.

4. Whenever the holders of any class or series of shares are entitled to elect one or more directors, unless otherwise provided in the articles of incorporation, removal of any such director requires only the proportion of votes, specified in subsection 1, of the holders of that class or series, and not the votes of the outstanding shares as a whole.

5. All vacancies, including those caused by an increase in the number of directors, may be filled by a majority of the remaining directors, though less than a quorum, unless it is otherwise provided in the articles of incorporation.

6. Unless otherwise provided in the articles of incorporation, when one or more directors give notice of his or their resignation to the board, effective at a future date, the board may fill the vacancy or vacancies to take effect when the resignation or resignations become effective, each director so appointed to hold office during the remainder of the term of office of the resigning director or directors.

7. The termination of a director shall not be deemed to 36 37 constitute a removal of the director pursuant to this section if the 38 articles or bylaws provide that the holders of any class or series of 39 shares are entitled to elect one or more directors under specified 40 circumstances and that, upon termination of those specified 41 circumstances, the right terminates and the directors elected by the 42 holders of the class or series of shares are no longer directors. 43 **Sec. 36.** NRS 78.350 is hereby amended to read as follows: 44 78.350 1. Unless otherwise provided in the articles of

44 78.350 1. Unless otherwise provided in the articles of 45 incorporation, or in the resolution providing for the issuance of the



stock adopted by the board of directors pursuant to authority 1 expressly vested in it by the provisions of the articles of 2 incorporation, every stockholder of record of a corporation is 3 4 entitled at each meeting of stockholders thereof to one vote for each 5 share of stock standing in his name on the records of the corporation. If the articles of incorporation, or the resolution 6 7 providing for the issuance of the stock adopted by the board of 8 directors pursuant to authority expressly vested in it by the articles 9 of incorporation, provides for more or less than one vote per share 10 for any class or series of shares on any matter, every reference in this chapter to a majority or other proportion of stock shall be 11 12 deemed to refer to a majority or other proportion of the voting 13 power of all of the shares or those classes or series of shares, as may 14 be required by the articles of incorporation, or in the resolution 15 providing for the issuance of the stock adopted by the board of directors pursuant to authority expressly vested in it by the 16 provisions of the articles of incorporation, or the provisions of this 17 18 chapter.

19 Unless [contrary provisions are contained] a period of more 20 than 60 days or a period of less than 10 days is prescribed or fixed 21 in the articles of incorporation, the directors may prescribe a period 22 not exceeding 60 days before any meeting of the stockholders 23 during which no transfer of stock on the books of the corporation 24 may be made, or may fix, in advance, a record date not more than 60 25 or less than 10 days before the date of any such meeting as the date as of which stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at such 26 27 meetings must be determined. Only stockholders of record on that 28 date are entitled to notice or to vote at such a meeting. If a record 29 date is not fixed, the record date is at the close of business on the 30 day before the day on which *the first* notice is given or, if notice is 31 waived, at the close of business on the day before the meeting is held. A determination of stockholders of record entitled to notice of 32 33 or to vote at a meeting of stockholders applies to an adjournment of the meeting unless the board of directors fixes a new record date for 34 the adjourned meeting. The board of directors must fix a new record 35 36 date if the meeting is adjourned to a date more than 60 days later 37 than the date set for the original meeting.

38 3. The board of directors may adopt a resolution prescribing 39 a date upon which the stockholders of record are entitled to give 40 written consent pursuant to NRS 78.320. The date prescribed by 41 the board of directors may not precede or be more than 10 days 42 after the date the resolution is adopted by the board of directors. If 43 the board of directors does not adopt a resolution prescribing a 44 date upon which the stockholders of record are entitled to give written consent pursuant to NRS 78.320 and: 45



(a) No prior action by the board of directors is required by this 1 2 chapter, the date is the first date on which a valid, written consent is delivered in accordance with the provisions of NRS 78.320. 3

(b) Prior action by the board of directors is required by this 4 5 chapter, the date is at the close of business on the day the board of *directors adopts the resolution.* 6

7 4. The provisions of this section do not restrict the directors 8 from taking action to protect the interests of the corporation and its 9 stockholders, including, but not limited to, adopting or *executing signing* plans, arrangements or instruments that deny rights, 10 privileges, power or authority to a holder or holders of a specified 11 number of shares or percentage of share ownership or voting power. 12 13

Sec. 37. NRS 78.355 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 78.355 1. At any meeting of the stockholders of any 15 corporation any stockholder may designate another person or persons to act as a proxy or proxies. If any stockholder designates 16 two or more persons to act as proxies, a majority of those persons 17 present at the meeting, or, if only one is present, then that one has 18 19 and may exercise all of the powers conferred by the stockholder 20 upon all of the persons so designated unless the stockholder 21 provides otherwise.

22 2. Without limiting the manner in which a stockholder may 23 authorize another person or persons to act for him as proxy pursuant 24 to subsection 1, the following constitute valid means by which a 25 stockholder may grant such authority:

26 (a) A stockholder may [execute] sign a writing authorizing 27 another person or persons to act for him as proxy. The proxy may be 28 limited to action on designated matters. Execution may be accomplished by the signing of the writing by the stockholder or his 29 30 authorized officer, director, employee or agent or by causing the signature of the stockholder to be affixed to the writing by any 31 reasonable means, including, but not limited to, a facsimile 32 signature.] 33

34 (b) A stockholder may authorize another person or persons to 35 act for him as proxy by transmitting or authorizing the transmission 36 of a telegram, cablegram or other means of electronic transmission 37 an *electronic record* to the person who will be the holder of the 38 proxy or to a firm which solicits proxies or like agent who is 39 authorized by the person who will be the holder of the proxy to 40 receive the transmission. Any such [telegram, cablegram or other 41 means of electronic transmission] electronic record must either set 42 forth or be submitted with information from which it can be 43 determined that the *[telegram, cablegram or other electronic*] 44 transmission] *electronic record* was authorized by the stockholder. If it is determined that the *[telegram, cablegram or other electronic* 45



1 transmission] *electronic record* is valid, the persons appointed by 2 the corporation to count the votes of stockholders and determine the validity of proxies and ballots or other persons making those 3 4 determinations must specify the information upon which they relied. 5 3. Any copy, communication by [telecopier,] electronic *transmission* or other reliable reproduction of the writing or 6 7 transmission] record created pursuant to subsection 2 [,] may be 8 substituted for the original [writing or transmission] record for any purpose for which the original [writing or transmission] record 9 could be used, if the copy, communication by [telecopier,] 10 electronic transmission or other reproduction is a complete 11 reproduction of the entire original writing or transmission. 12 13 4. Nol record.

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, no such 14 15 proxy is valid after the expiration of 6 months from the date of its creation [, unless it is coupled with an interest, or] unless the 16 stockholder specifies in it the length of time for which it is to 17 continue in force, which may not exceed 7 years from the date of its 18 19 creation. Subject to these restrictions, any proxy properly created is 20 not revoked and continues in full force and effect until another 21 instrument or transmission revoking it or a properly created proxy 22 bearing a later date is filed with or transmitted to the secretary of 23 the corporation or another person or persons appointed by the 24 corporation to count the votes of stockholders and determine the 25 validity of proxies and ballots.

26 5. A proxy shall be deemed irrevocable if the written 27 authorization states that the proxy is irrevocable and, only for as 28 long as it is coupled with an interest sufficient in law to support an 29 irrevocable power, such as the appointment as proxy of a pledgee, 30 a person who purchased or agreed to purchase the shares, a 31 creditor of the corporation who extended it credit under terms requiring the appointment, an employee of the corporation whose 32 33 employment contract requires the appointment or a party to a voting agreement created pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 78.365. 34 35 A proxy made irrevocable pursuant to this subsection is revoked when the interest with which it is coupled is extinguished. A 36 37 transferee for value of shares subject to an irrevocable proxy may 38 revoke the proxy if he did not know of its existence when he acquired the shares and the existence of the irrevocable 39 40 appointment was not noted conspicuously on the certificate 41 representing the shares or on the information statement for shares 42 without certificates. 43 **Sec. 38.** NRS 78.370 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 78.370 1. If under the provisions of this chapter stockholders 45 are required or authorized to take any action at a meeting, the notice



of the meeting must be in writing and signed by the president or a
 vice president, or the secretary [,] or an assistant secretary, or by
 such other natural person or persons as the bylaws may prescribe or
 permit or the directors may designate.

5 2. The notice must state the purpose or purposes for which the 6 meeting is called, [and] the time when, and the place, which may be 7 within or without this state, where it is to be held [..], and the means 8 of electronic communications, if any, by which stockholders and 9 proxies shall be deemed to be present in person and vote.

10 3. A copy of the notice must be delivered personally, for mailed postage prepaid or given as provided in subsection 8 to each 11 stockholder of record entitled to vote at the meeting not less than 10 12 13 nor more than 60 days before the meeting. If mailed, it must be 14 directed to the stockholder at his address as it appears upon the 15 records of the corporation, and upon the mailing of any such notice the service thereof is complete, and the time of the notice begins to 16 run from the date upon which the notice is deposited in the mail for 17 transmission to the stockholder. Personal delivery of any such notice 18 19 to any officer of a corporation or association, for to any member of 20 a limited-liability company managed by its members, to any manager of a limited-liability company managed by managers, to 21 22 any general partner of a partnership $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ or to any trustee of a trust 23 constitutes delivery of the notice to the corporation, association [or] 24 , *limited-liability company*, partnership [.] or trust.

4. The articles of incorporation or the bylaws may require that the notice be also published in one or more newspapers.

5. Notice delivered or mailed to a stockholder in accordance with the provisions of this section and the provisions, if any, of the articles of incorporation or the bylaws is sufficient, and in the event of the transfer of his stock after such delivery or mailing and before the holding of the meeting it is not necessary to deliver or mail notice of the meeting to the transferee.

6. [Any stockholder may waive notice of any meeting by a
writing signed by him, or his duly authorized attorney, either before
or after the meeting.

-7.] Unless otherwise provided in the articles of incorporation or
 the bylaws, if notice is required to be given, under any provision of
 this chapter or the articles of incorporation or bylaws of any
 corporation, to any stockholder to whom:

(a) Notice of two consecutive annual meetings, and all notices of
meetings or of the taking of action by written consent without a
meeting to him during the period between those two consecutive
annual meetings; or



1 (b) All, and at least two, payments sent by first-class mail of 2 dividends or interest on securities during a 12-month 3 period,

have been mailed addressed to him at his address as shown on the 4 records of the corporation and have been returned undeliverable, the 5 6 giving of further notices to him is not required. Any action or 7 meeting taken or held without notice to such a stockholder has the same effect as if the notice had been given. If any such stockholder 8 9 delivers to the corporation a written notice setting forth his current 10 address, the requirement that notice be given to him is reinstated. If the action taken by the corporation is such as to require the filing of 11 a certificate under any of the other sections of this chapter, the 12 13 certificate need not state that notice was not given to persons to 14 whom notice was not required to be given pursuant to this 15 subsection. The giving of further notices to a stockholder is still required for any notice returned as undeliverable if the notice was 16 17 given by electronic transmission.

[8.] 7. Unless the articles of incorporation or bylaws otherwise 18 19 require, and except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if a stockholders' meeting is adjourned to another date, time or place, 20 21 notice need not be given of the date, time or place of the adjourned 22 meeting if they are announced at the meeting at which the 23 adjournment is taken. If a new record date is fixed for the adjourned 24 meeting, notice of the adjourned meeting must be given to each 25 stockholder of record as of the new record date.

8. Any notice to stockholders given by the corporation pursuant to any provision of this chapter, chapter 92A of NRS, the articles of incorporation or the bylaws is effective if given by a form of electronic transmission consented to by the stockholder to whom the notice is given. The consent is revocable by the stockholder by written notice to the corporation. The consent is revoked if:

(a) The corporation is unable to deliver by electronic
 transmission two consecutive notices given by the corporation in
 accordance with the consent; and

(b) The inability to deliver by electronic transmission becomes
known to the secretary, assistant secretary, transfer agent or other
agent of the corporation responsible for the giving of notice.
However, the inadvertent failure to treat the inability to deliver a
notice by electronic transmission as a revocation does not
invalidate any meeting or other action.

42 9. Notice given pursuant to subsection 8 shall be deemed 43 given if:

(a) By facsimile machine, when directed to a number at which
the stockholder has consented to receive notice;



1 (b) By electronic mail, when directed to an electronic mail 2 address at which the stockholder has consented to receive notice;

(c) By a posting on an electronic network together with 3 separate notice to the stockholder of the specific posting, upon the 4 5 later of: 6

(1) Such posting; and

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(2) The giving of the separate notice; and

8 (d) By any other form of electronic transmission, when 9 directed to the stockholder.

In the absence of fraud, an affidavit of the secretary, assistant 10 secretary, transfer agent or other agent of the corporation that the 11 notice has been given by a form of electronic transmission is 12 13 prima facie evidence of the facts stated in the affidavit.

10. As used in this section, "electronic transmission" means 14 15 any form of communication not directly involving the physical transmission of paper that: 16

(a) Creates a record that may be retained, retrieved and 17 reviewed by a recipient of the communication; and 18

19 (b) May be directly reproduced in paper form by the recipient 20 through an automated process.

Sec. 39. NRS 78.375 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21

78.375 Whenever any notice whatever is required to be given 22 23 under the provisions of this chapter, a waiver thereof in *a signed* 24 writing [, signed] or by transmission of an electronic record by the 25 person or persons entitled to the notice, whether before or after the 26 time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent thereto.

Sec. 40. NRS 78.378 is hereby amended to read as follows:

78.378 1. The provisions of NRS 78.378 to 78.3793, 28 29 inclusive, apply to any acquisition of a controlling interest in an 30 issuing corporation unless the articles of incorporation or bylaws of 31 the corporation in effect on the 10th day following the acquisition of a controlling interest by an acquiring person provide that the 32 provisions of those sections do not apply to the corporation or to an 33 acquisition of a controlling interest specifically by types of existing 34 35 or future stockholders, whether or not identified.

2. The articles of incorporation, the bylaws or a resolution 36 37 adopted by the directors of the issuing corporation may impose 38 stricter requirements on the acquisition of a controlling interest in 39 the corporation than the provisions of NRS 78.378 to 78.3793, 40 inclusive.

41 The provisions of NRS 78.378 to 78.3793, inclusive, do not 3. 42 restrict the directors of an issuing corporation from taking action to 43 protect the interests of the corporation and its stockholders, 44 including, but not limited to, adopting or *[executing] signing* plans, arrangements or instruments that deny rights, privileges, power or 45



authority to a holder of a specified number of shares or percentage
 of share ownership or voting power.

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Sec. 41. NRS 78.3791 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 78.3791 Except as otherwise provided by the articles of 5 incorporation of the issuing corporation, a resolution of the 6 stockholders granting voting rights to the control shares acquired by 7 an acquiring person must be approved by:

8 1. The holders of a majority of the voting power of the 9 corporation; and

2. If the acquisition [will result in any change of the kind described in subsection 2 of NRS 78.390,] would adversely alter or change any preference or any relative or other right given to any other class or series of outstanding shares, the holders of a majority of each class or series affected,

15 excluding those shares as to which any interested stockholder 16 exercises voting rights.

Sec. 42. NRS 78.380 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 78.380 1. At least two-thirds of the incorporators or of the 19 board of directors of any corporation, [before issuing any stock,] if 20 no voting stock of the corporation has been issued, may amend the 21 articles of incorporation of the corporation by signing and filing 22 with the Secretary of State a certificate amending, modifying, 23 changing or altering the articles, in whole or in part. The certificate 24 must state that:

(a) The signers thereof are at least two-thirds of the
incorporators or of the board of directors of the corporation, and
state the name of the corporation; and

28 (b) As of the date of the certificate, no *voting* stock of the 29 corporation has been issued.

2. A certificate filed pursuant to this section is effective upon
filing the certificate with the Secretary of State or upon a later date
specified in the certificate, which must not be later than 90 days
after the certificate is filed.

34 3. If a certificate specifies an effective date and if no *voting* 35 stock of the corporation has been issued, the board of directors may 36 terminate the effectiveness of a certificate by filing a certificate of 37 termination with the Secretary of State that:

(a) Identifies the certificate being terminated;

39 (b) States that no *voting* stock of the corporation has been 40 issued;

41 (c) States that the effectiveness of the certificate has been 42 terminated;

43 (d) Is signed by at least two-thirds of the board of directors of 44 the corporation; and

45 (e) Is accompanied by the fee required pursuant to NRS 78.765.



1 4. This section does not permit the insertion of any matter not 2 in conformity with this chapter.

Sec. 43. NRS 78.385 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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4 78.385 1. Any corporation [having stock] may amend its articles of incorporation in any of the following respects:

(a) By addition to its corporate powers and purposes, or 6 7 diminution thereof, or both.

(b) By substitution of other powers and purposes, in whole or in 8 9 part, for those prescribed by its articles of incorporation.

10 (c) By increasing, decreasing or reclassifying its authorized stock, by changing the number, par value, preferences, or relative, 11 participating, optional or other rights, or the qualifications, limitations or restrictions of such rights, of its shares, or of any class 12 13 or series of any class thereof whether or not the shares are 14 outstanding at the time of the amendment, or by changing shares 15 with par value, whether or not the shares are outstanding at the time 16 of the amendment, into shares without par value or by changing 17 shares without par value, whether or not the shares are outstanding 18 at the time of the amendment, into shares with par value, either with 19 20 or without increasing or decreasing the number of shares, and upon such basis as may be set forth in the certificate of amendment. 21

(d) By changing the name of the corporation.

(e) By making any other change or alteration in its articles of 23 24 incorporation that may be desired.

2. All such changes or alterations may be effected by one 25 certificate of amendment, [;] but any articles of incorporation so 26 27 amended, changed or altered [,] may contain only such provisions as 28 it would be lawful and proper to insert in original articles of incorporation [] pursuant to NRS 78.035 and 78.037, if the original 29 30 articles were *[executed]* signed and filed at the time of making the 31 amendment.

Sec. 44. NRS 78.390 is hereby amended to read as follows:

78.390 1. Every amendment [adopted pursuant] to the [provisions of NRS 78.385] articles of incorporation must be made 33 34 35 in the following manner:

(a) The board of directors must adopt a resolution setting forth 36 37 the amendment proposed [and declaring its advisability,] and either 38 call a special meeting of the stockholders entitled to vote on the amendment or direct that the proposed amendment be considered at 39 40 the next annual meeting of the stockholders entitled to vote on the 41 amendment.

42 (b) At the meeting, of which notice must be given to each 43 stockholder entitled to vote pursuant to the provisions of this 44 section, a vote of the stockholders entitled to vote in person or by 45 proxy must be taken for and against the proposed amendment. If it



1 appears upon the canvassing of the votes that stockholders holding 2 shares in the corporation entitling them to exercise at least a majority of the voting power, or such greater proportion of the 3 voting power as may be required in the case of a vote by classes or 4 series, as provided in subsections 2 and 4, or as may be required by 5 the provisions of the articles of incorporation, have voted in favor of 6 7 the amendment, an officer of the corporation shall sign a certificate setting forth the amendment, or setting forth the articles of 8 9 incorporation as amended, and the vote by which the amendment 10 was adopted.

11 (c) The certificate so signed must be filed with the Secretary of 12 State.

13 2. **Iff** Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if any proposed amendment would adversely alter or change any 14 15 preference or any relative or other right given to any class or series of outstanding shares, then the amendment must be approved by the 16 vote, in addition to the affirmative vote otherwise required, of the 17 holders of shares representing a majority of the voting power of 18 19 each class or series adversely affected by the amendment regardless of limitations or restrictions on the voting power thereof. The 20 21 amendment does not have to be approved by the vote of the holders 22 of shares representing a majority of the voting power of each class or series whose preference or rights are adversely affected by the 23 amendment if the articles of incorporation specifically deny the 24 25 right to vote on such an amendment.

3. Provision may be made in the articles of incorporation
requiring, in the case of any specified amendments, a larger
proportion of the voting power of stockholders than that required by
this section.

4. Different series of the same class of shares do not constitute
different classes of shares for the purpose of voting by classes
except when the series is adversely affected by an amendment in a
different manner than other series of the same class.

5. The resolution of the stockholders approving the proposed amendment may provide that at any time before the effective date of the amendment, notwithstanding approval of the proposed amendment by the stockholders, the board of directors may, by resolution, abandon the proposed amendment without further action by the stockholders.

40 6. A certificate filed pursuant to subsection 1 becomes 41 effective upon filing with the Secretary of State or upon a later date 42 specified in the certificate, which must not be later than 90 days 43 after the certificate is filed.

44 7. If a certificate filed pursuant to subsection 1 specifies an 45 effective date and if the resolution of the stockholders approving the



proposed amendment provides that the board of directors may 1 abandon the proposed amendment pursuant to subsection 5, the 2 board of directors may terminate the effectiveness of the certificate 3 by resolution and by filing a certificate of termination with the 4 5 Secretary of State that:

(a) Is filed before the effective date specified in the certificate 6 7 filed pursuant to subsection 1; 8

(b) Identifies the certificate being terminated;

9 (c) States that, pursuant to the resolution of the stockholders, the 10 board of directors is authorized to terminate the effectiveness of the certificate: 11

(d) States that the effectiveness of the certificate has been 12 13 terminated;

(e) Is signed by an officer of the corporation; and

(f) Is accompanied by a filing fee of \$150.

Sec. 45. NRS 78.403 is hereby amended to read as follows:

78.403 1. A corporation may restate, or amend and restate, in 17 a single certificate the entire text of its articles of incorporation as 18 amended by filing with the Secretary of State a certificate signed by 19 an officer of the corporation which must set forth the articles as 20 amended to the date of the certificate. If the certificate alters or 21 22 amends the articles in any manner, it must comply with the provisions of NRS 78.380, 78.385 and 78.390, as applicable, and 23 24 must be accompanied by:

(a) A resolution; or

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(b) A form prescribed by the Secretary of State,

setting forth which provisions of the articles of incorporation on file 27 with the Secretary of State are being altered or amended. 28

29 2. If the certificate does not alter or amend the articles, it must 30 be signed by an officer of the corporation and state that he has been authorized to *[execute] sign* the certificate by resolution of the board 31 of directors adopted on the date stated, and that the certificate 32 correctly sets forth the text of the articles of incorporation as 33 34 amended to the date of the certificate. 35

3. The following may be omitted from the restated articles:

(a) The names, addresses, signatures and acknowledgments of 36 37 the incorporators;

(b) The names and addresses of the members of the past and 38 present boards of directors; and 39 40

(c) The name and address of the resident agent.

41 4. Whenever a corporation is required to file a certified copy of 42 its articles, in lieu thereof it may file a certified copy of the most recent certificate restating its articles as amended, subject to the 43 44 provisions of subsection 2, together with certified copies of all certificates of amendment filed subsequent to the restated articles 45



and certified copies of all certificates supplementary to the original
 articles.

Sec. 46. NRS 78.433 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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4 78.433 NRS 78.411 to 78.444, inclusive, do not apply to any 5 combination of a resident domestic corporation:

6 1. Which does not, as of the date **for acquiring shares**, *fhat the* 7 *person first becomes an interested stockholder*, have a class of 8 voting shares registered with the Securities and Exchange 9 Commission under section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act, 10 unless the corporation's articles of incorporation provide otherwise.

2. Whose articles of incorporation have been amended to 11 provide that the resident domestic corporation is subject to NRS 12 13 78.411 to 78.444, inclusive, and which did not have a class of voting 14 shares registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission 15 under section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act on the effective date of the amendment, if the combination is with *a person who* 16 *first became* an interested stockholder whose date of acquiring 17 shares is] before the effective date of the amendment. 18

Sec. 47. NRS 78.434 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 78.434 NRS 78.411 to 78.444, inclusive, do not apply to any 21 combination of a resident domestic corporation:

1. Whose original articles of incorporation contain a provision expressly electing not to be governed by NRS 78.411 to 78.444, inclusive [;], unless the articles of incorporation are subsequently amended to provide that the corporation is subject to NRS 78.411 to 78.444, inclusive;

27 2. Whose articles of incorporation have been amended 28 pursuant to subsection I and the combination is with a person 29 who first became an interested stockholder before the effective 30 date of the amendment;

31 **3.** Which, within 30 days after October 1, 1991, adopts an 32 amendment to its bylaws expressly electing not to be governed by 33 NRS 78.411 to 78.444, inclusive, which may be rescinded by 34 subsequent amendment of the bylaws; for

-3.] 4. Which adopts an amendment to its articles of 35 incorporation, approved by the affirmative vote of the holders, other 36 37 than interested stockholders and their affiliates and associates, of a 38 majority of the outstanding voting power of the resident domestic corporation, excluding the voting shares of interested stockholders 39 40 and their affiliates and associates, expressly electing not to be 41 governed by NRS 78.411 to 78.444, inclusive, but the amendment to 42 the articles of incorporation is not effective until 18 months after the 43 vote of the resident domestic corporation's stockholders and does 44 not apply to any combination of the resident domestic corporation 45 with *a person who first became* an interested stockholder whose



date of acquiring shares is] on or before the effective date of the 1 2 amendment [.]; or 5. Whose articles of incorporation were amended to contain a 3 provision expressly electing not to be governed by NRS 78.411 to 4 5 78.444, inclusive, before the date the corporation first became a resident domestic corporation. 6 **Sec. 48.** NRS 78.437 is hereby amended to read as follows: 7 8 78.437 NRS 78.411 to 78.444, inclusive, do not apply to any 9 combination with an interested stockholder who [was]: 10 *Was* an interested stockholder on January 1, 1991 []; or Ι. 2. Who first became an interested stockholder on the date 11 that the resident domestic corporation first became a resident 12 13 domestic corporation solely as a result of the corporation 14 becoming a resident domestic corporation. Sec. 49. NRS 78.438 is hereby amended to read as follows: 15 78.438 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 78.433 to 16 78.437, inclusive, a resident domestic corporation may not engage 17 in any combination with any interested stockholder of the resident 18 19 domestic corporation for 3 years after the *date that the person first* 20 *became an* interested [stockholder's date of acquiring shares] stockholder unless the combination or the [purchase of shares made 21 22 by the] transaction by which the person first became an interested stockholder for the interested stockholder's date of acquiring 23 shares] is approved by the board of directors of the resident 24 domestic corporation before [that date.] the date that the person 25 26 first became an interested stockholder. 27 2. If a proposal in good faith regarding a combination is made

28 in writing to the board of directors of the resident domestic 29 corporation, the board of directors shall respond, in writing, within 30 30 days or such shorter period, if any, as may be required by the 31 Securities Exchange Act, setting forth its reasons for its decision 32 regarding the proposal.

3. If a proposal in good faith to purchase shares is made in 33 34 writing to the board of directors of the resident domestic 35 corporation, the board of directors, unless it responds affirmatively in writing within 30 days or such shorter period, if any, as may be 36 required by the Securities Exchange Act, is considered to have 37 38 disapproved the purchase. 39

Sec. 50. NRS 78.439 is hereby amended to read as follows:

40 78.439 A resident domestic corporation may not engage in any 41 combination with an interested stockholder of the resident domestic 42 corporation after the expiration of 3 years after his date of acquiring 43 shares] the date that the person first became an interested 44 stockholder other than a combination meeting all of the requirements of the articles of incorporation of the resident domestic 45



corporation and either the requirements specified in subsection 1 or
 2 or all of the requirements specified in NRS 78.441 to 78.444,
 inclusive:

A combination approved by the board of directors of the
resident domestic corporation before the *date that the person first became an* interested [stockholder's date of acquiring shares, or as
to which the purchase of shares made by the interested stockholder
on that date had been approved by the board of directors of the
resident domestic corporation before that date.] stockholder.

10 2. A combination approved by the affirmative vote of the holders of stock representing a majority of the outstanding voting 11 power not beneficially owned by the interested stockholder 12 13 proposing the combination, or any affiliate or associate of the 14 interested stockholder proposing the combination, at a meeting called for that purpose no earlier than 3 years after the date that the 15 person first became an interested [stockholder's date of acquiring 16 17 shares.] stockholder.

18 Sec. 51. NRS 78.441 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 78.441 A combination engaged in with an interested 20 stockholder of the resident domestic corporation more than 3 years 21 after the *date that the person first became an* interested 22 [stockholder's date of acquiring shares] stockholder may be permissible if the aggregate amount of the cash and the market 23 24 value, as of the date of consummation, of consideration other than 25 cash to be received per share by all of the holders of outstanding 26 common shares of the resident domestic corporation not beneficially 27 owned by the interested stockholder immediately before that date is 28 at least equal to the higher of the following:

29 1. The highest price per share paid by the interested 30 stockholder, at a time when he was the beneficial owner, directly or 31 indirectly, of 5 percent or more of the outstanding voting shares of the **[resident domestic]** corporation, for any common shares of the 32 same class or series acquired by him within 3 years immediately 33 before the date of announcement with respect to the combination or 34 within 3 years immediately before, or in, the transaction in which he 35 became an interested stockholder, whichever is higher, plus, in 36 37 either case, interest compounded annually from the earliest date on 38 which the highest price per share was paid through the date of consummation at the rate for one-year obligations of the United 39 40 States Treasury from time to time in effect, less the aggregate amount of any dividends paid in cash and the market value of any 41 42 dividends paid other than in cash, per common share since the 43 earliest date, but no more may be subtracted than the amount of the 44 interest.



1 2. The market value per common share on the date of 2 announcement with respect to the combination or on the *date that* the person first became an interested [stockholder's date of 3 acquiring shares,] stockholder, whichever is higher, plus interest 4 5 compounded annually from that date through the date of consummation at the rate for one-year obligations of the United 6 7 States Treasury from time to time in effect, less the aggregate 8 amount of any dividends paid in cash and the market value of any 9 dividends paid other than in cash, per common share since that date, 10 but no more may be subtracted than the amount of the interest.

11 Sec. 52. NRS 78.442 is hereby amended to read as follows:

78.442 A combination engaged in with an interested 12 13 stockholder of the resident domestic corporation more than 3 years 14 after the *date that the person first became an* interested [stockholder's date of acquiring shares] stockholder may be 15 permissible if the aggregate amount of the cash and the market 16 value, as of the date of consummation, of consideration other than 17 cash to be received per share by all of the holders of outstanding 18 19 shares of any class or series of shares, other than common shares, of the resident domestic corporation not beneficially owned by the 20 21 interested stockholder immediately before that date is at least equal 22 to the highest of the following, whether or not the interested stockholder has previously acquired any shares of the class or series 23 24 of shares:

1. The highest price per share paid by the interested 25 26 stockholder, at a time when he was the beneficial owner, directly or 27 indirectly, of 5 percent or more of the outstanding voting shares of 28 the **[resident domestic]** corporation, for any shares of that class or series of shares acquired by him within 3 years immediately before 29 30 the date of announcement with respect to the combination or within 31 3 years immediately before, or in, the transaction in which he became an interested stockholder, whichever is higher, plus, in 32 33 either case, interest compounded annually from the earliest date on which the highest price per share was paid through the date of 34 consummation at the rate for one-year obligations of the United 35 States Treasury from time to time in effect, less the aggregate 36 37 amount of any dividends paid in cash and the market value of any 38 dividends paid other than in cash, per share of the class or series of shares since the earliest date, but no more may be subtracted than 39 40 the amount of the interest.

41 2. The highest preferential amount per share to which the 42 holders of shares of the class or series of shares are entitled in 43 the event of any voluntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of 44 the resident domestic corporation, plus the aggregate amount of any 45 dividends declared or due to which the holders are entitled before



1 payment of the dividends on some other class or series of shares, 2 unless the aggregate amount of the dividends is included in the preferential amount. 3

3. The market value per share of the class or series of shares on 4 5 the date of announcement with respect to the combination or on the date that the person first became an interested [stockholder's date 6 of acquiring shares, stockholder, whichever is higher, plus interest 7 8 compounded annually from that date through the date of 9 consummation at the rate for one-year obligations of the United 10 States Treasury from time to time in effect, less the aggregate amount of any dividends paid in cash and the market value of any 11 dividends paid other than in cash, per share of the class or series of 12 13 shares since that date, but no more may be subtracted than the 14 amount of the interest.

Sec. 53. NRS 78.444 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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78.444 A combination may be permissible if after the *date that* 16 the person first became an interested [stockholder's date of 17 acquiring shares] stockholder and before the date of consummation 18 with respect to the combination, the interested stockholder has not 19 20 become the beneficial owner of any additional voting shares of the 21 resident domestic corporation except:

22 1. As part of the transaction that resulted in his becoming an 23 interested stockholder;

2. By virtue of proportionate splitting of shares, dividends 24 distributed in shares, or other distributions of shares in respect of 25 26 shares not constituting a combination;

27 3. Through a combination meeting all of the conditions of NRS 28 78.439: or

29 4. Through a purchase at any price that, if the price had been 30 paid in an otherwise permissible combination whose date of 31 announcement and date of consummation were the date of the purchase, would have satisfied the requirements of NRS 78.441, 32 33 78.442 and 78.443. 34

Sec. 54. NRS 78.580 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 78.580 1. If the board of directors of any corporation organized under this chapter, after the issuance of stock or the 36 beginning of business, decides that the corporation should be 37 dissolved, the board may adopt a resolution to that effect. If the 38 corporation has issued no stock, only the directors need to approve 39 40 the dissolution. If the corporation has issued stock, the directors 41 must recommend the dissolution to the stockholders. The 42 corporation shall notify each stockholder entitled to vote on 43 dissolution, and the stockholders entitled to vote must approve the 44 dissolution.



1 2. If the dissolution is approved by the directors or both the 2 directors and stockholders, as respectively provided in subsection 1, the corporation shall file in the Office of the Secretary of State a 3 certificate setting forth that the dissolution has been approved by the 4 5 directors, or by the directors and the stockholders, and a list of the names and [post office box] *mailing* or street addresses, either 6 7 residence or business, of the corporation's president, secretary and 8 treasurer and all of its directors, certified by [the president, or a vice 9 president, and the secretary, or an assistant secretary, in the Office 10 of the Secretary of State.] an officer of the corporation.

3. The dissolution takes effect upon the filing of the 11 certificate of dissolution or upon a later date specified in the 12 13 certificate, which must be not more than 90 days after the date on 14 which the certificate is filed. 15

Sec. 55. NRS 78.725 is hereby amended to read as follows:

78.725 1. Any corporation organized and existing under the 16 laws of this state on April 1, 1925, may reincorporate under this 17 chapter, either under the same or a different name, by: 18

19 (a) Filing with the Secretary of State a certificate [executed] 20 *signed* by its president and attested by its secretary and duly authorized by a meeting of the stockholders called for that purpose, 21 22 setting forth the statements required in an original certificate of incorporation by NRS 78.035; and 23

24 (b) Surrendering the existing charter or certificate of 25 incorporation of the corporation, and accepting the provisions of this 26 chapter.

27 2. Upon the filing of the certificate, the corporation shall be 28 deemed to be incorporated under this chapter and [shall be] is entitled to and [be possessed of] possesses all the privileges, 29 franchises and powers as if originally incorporated under this 30 31 chapter. All the properties, rights and privileges theretofore belonging to the corporation, which were acquired by gift, grant, 32 conveyance, assignment or otherwise, [shall be and the same] are 33 hereby ratified, approved and confirmed and assured to the 34 35 corporation with like effect and to all intents and purposes as if the same had been originally acquired through incorporation under this 36 37 chapter.

38 3. Any corporation reincorporating under this chapter [shall be] is subject to all the contracts, duties and obligations theretofore 39 40 resting upon the corporation whose charter or certificate of 41 incorporation is thus surrendered or to which the corporation [shall 42 then be] is then in any way liable.

43 **Sec. 56.** NRS 78.730 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 78.730 1. Any corporation which did exist or is existing under the laws of this state may, upon complying with the 45



provisions of NRS 78.180, procure a renewal or revival of its charter
for any period, together with all the rights, franchises, privileges and
immunities, and subject to all its existing and preexisting debts,
duties and liabilities secured or imposed by its original charter and
amendments thereto, or existing charter, by filing:

6 (a) A certificate with the Secretary of State, which must set 7 forth:

8 (1) The name of the corporation, which must be the name of 9 the corporation at the time of the renewal or revival, or its name at 10 the time its original charter expired.

11 (2) The name of the person designated as the resident agent 12 of the corporation, his street address for the service of process, and 13 his mailing address if different from his street address.

(3) The date when the renewal or revival of the charter is to
commence or be effective, which may be, in cases of a revival,
before the date of the certificate.

(4) Whether or not the renewal or revival is to be perpetual,and, if not perpetual, the time for which the renewal or revival is tocontinue.

20 (5) That the corporation desiring to renew or revive its 21 charter is, or has been, organized and carrying on the business 22 authorized by its existing or original charter and amendments 23 thereto, and desires to renew or continue through revival its 24 existence pursuant to and subject to the provisions of this chapter.

(b) A list of its president, secretary and treasurer and all of its
directors and their [post office box] mailing or street addresses,
either residence or business.

28 2. A corporation whose charter has not expired and is being
29 renewed shall cause the certificate to be signed by *[its president or vice president and secretary or assistant secretary.] an officer of the corporation.* The certificate must be approved by a majority of the voting power of the shares.

33 3. A corporation seeking to revive its original or amended 34 charter shall cause the certificate to be signed by a person or persons 35 designated or appointed by the stockholders of the corporation. The **[execution]** signing and filing of the certificate must be approved by 36 37 the written consent of stockholders of the corporation holding at 38 least a majority of the voting power and must contain a recital that this consent was secured. If no stock has been issued, the certificate 39 40 must contain a statement of that fact, and a majority of the directors 41 then in office may designate the person to sign the certificate. The 42 corporation shall pay to the Secretary of State the fee required to 43 establish a new corporation pursuant to the provisions of this 44 chapter.



1 4. The filed certificate, or a copy thereof which has been 2 certified under the hand and seal of the Secretary of State, must be 3 received in all courts and places as prima facie evidence of the facts 4 therein stated and of the existence and incorporation of the 5 corporation therein named.

Sec. 57. NRS 78.750 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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7 78.750 1. In any action commenced against any corporation 8 in any court of this state, service of process may be made in the 9 manner provided by law and rule of court for the service of civil 10 process.

11 2. Service of process on a corporation whose charter has been 12 revoked or which has been continued as a body corporate pursuant 13 to NRS 78.585 may be made by mailing copies of the process and 14 any associated [documents] *records* by certified mail, with return 15 receipt requested, to:

(a) The resident agent of the corporation, if there is one; and

17 (b) Each officer and director of the corporation as named in the 18 list last filed with the Secretary of State before the dissolution or 19 expiration of the corporation or the forfeiture of its charter.

The manner of serving process described in this subsection does not affect the validity of any other service authorized by law.

Sec. 58. NRS 78.755 is hereby amended to read as follows:

78.755 1. The Secretary of State, for services relating to his
official duties and the records of his office, shall charge and collect
the fees designated in NRS 78.760 to 78.785, inclusive.

26 2. The Secretary of State may accept the filing of [documents] 27 *records* by facsimile machine and employ new technology, as it is 28 developed, to aid in the performance of all duties required by law. 29 The Secretary of State may establish rules, fee schedules and 30 regulations not inconsistent with law, for filing [documents] *records* 31 by facsimile machine and for the adoption, employment and use of 32 new technology in the performance of his duties.

Sec. 59. NRS 78.785 is hereby amended to read as follows:

78.785 1. The fee for filing a certificate of change of location
of a corporation's registered office and resident agent, or a new
designation of resident agent, is \$30.

2. The fee for certifying articles of incorporation where a copyis provided is \$20.

39 3. The fee for certifying a copy of an amendment to articles of 40 incorporation, or to a copy of the articles as amended, where a copy 41 is furnished, is \$20.

42 4. The fee for certifying an authorized printed copy of the 43 general corporation law as compiled by the Secretary of State is 44 \$20.

45 5. The fee for reserving a corporate name is \$20.



1 6. The fee for [executing] *signing* a certificate of corporate 2 existence which does not list the previous [documents] *records* 3 relating to the corporation, or a certificate of change in a corporate 4 name, is \$40.

5 7. The fee for <u>[executing]</u> signing a certificate of corporate 6 existence which lists the previous <u>[documents]</u> records relating to 7 the corporation is \$40.

8 8. The fee for <u>[executing,]</u> *signing*, certifying or filing any 9 certificate or <u>[document]</u> *record* not provided for in NRS 78.760 to 10 78.785, inclusive, is \$40.

11 9. The fee for copies made at the Office of the Secretary of 12 State is \$1 per page.

13 10. The fees for filing articles of incorporation, articles of 14 merger, or certificates of amendment increasing the basic surplus of 15 a mutual or reciprocal insurer must be computed pursuant to NRS 16 78.760, 78.765 and 92A.210, on the basis of the amount of basic 17 surplus of the insurer.

18 11. The fee for examining and provisionally approving any 19 [document] *record* at any time before the [document] *record* is 20 presented for filing is \$100.

21 Sec. 60. Chapter 78A of NRS is hereby amended by adding 22 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 61 to 64, inclusive, of this 23 act.

24 Sec. 61. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise 25 requires, the words and terms defined in sections 62, 63 and 64 of 26 this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

27 Sec. 62. "Record" means information that is inscribed on a 28 tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium 29 and is retrievable in perceivable form.

30 Sec. 63. "Sign" means to affix a signature to a record.

Sec. 64. "Signature" means a name, word, symbol or mark executed or otherwise adopted, or a record encrypted or similarly processed in whole or in part, by a person with the present intent to identify himself and adopt or accept a record. The term includes, without limitation, an electronic signature as defined in NRS 719.100.

37 Sec. 65. NRS 78A.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:

78A.015 No [document] record which is written in a language other than English may be filed or submitted for filing in the Office of the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of this chapter unless it is accompanied by a verified translation of that [document] record into the English language.

43 Sec. 66. NRS 78A.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 78A.030 1. Any corporation organized under chapter 78 of 45 NRS may become a close corporation pursuant to this chapter by



1 **[executing,]** signing, filing and recording, in accordance with NRS 2 78.390, a certificate of amendment of the certificate of incorporation 3 which must:

4 (a) Contain a statement that the corporation elects to become a 5 close corporation; and

(b) Meet the requirements of paragraph (a) of subsection 2 of 6 7 NRS 78A.020.

8 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the 9 amendment must be adopted in accordance with the requirements of 10 NRS 78.380 or 78.390.

3. If an amendment is adopted in accordance with the 11 requirements of NRS 78.390, it must be approved by a vote of the 12 13 holders of record of at least two-thirds of the shares of each class of 14 stock of the corporation that are outstanding and entitled to vote, unless the articles of incorporation or bylaws require approval by a 15 greater proportion. 16 17

Sec. 67. NRS 78A.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

78A.040 1. The following statement 18 must appear conspicuously on each share certificate issued by a close 19 20 corporation: 21

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The rights of stockholders in a close corporation may differ materially from the rights of shareholders in other corporations. Copies of the certificate of incorporation, bylaws, shareholders' agreements and other [documents,] *records*, any of which may restrict transfers of stock and affect voting and other rights, may be obtained by a shareholder on written request to the corporation.

30 2. A person claiming an interest in the shares of a close 31 corporation that has complied with the requirement of subsection 1 is bound by the **[documents]** records referred to in the notice. A 32 person claiming an interest in the shares of a close corporation that 33 has not complied with the requirement of subsection 1 is bound by 34 any [document] record that he or a person through whom he claims 35 has knowledge or notice. 36

3. A close corporation shall provide to any shareholder upon 37 38 his written request and without charge, copies of the provisions that restrict transfer or affect voting or other rights of shareholders 39 40 appearing in the articles of incorporation, bylaws, shareholders' 41 agreements or voting trust agreements filed with the corporations.

42 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the close 43 corporation may refuse to register the transfer of stock into the name 44 of a person to whom the stock of a close corporation has been transferred if the person has, or is presumed to have, notice that the 45



transfer of the stock is in violation of a restriction on the transfer of 1 2 stock. If the close corporation refuses to register the transfer of stock into the name of the transferee, the close corporation must notify the 3 transferee of its refusal and state the reasons therefor. 4 5

5. Subsection 4 does not apply if:

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(a) The transfer of stock, even if contrary to the restrictions on 6 7 transfer of stock, has been consented to by all the stockholders of 8 the close corporation; or

9 (b) The close corporation has amended its certificate of 10 incorporation in accordance with NRS 78A.180.

6. The provisions of this section do not impair any rights of a 11 transferee to: 12

(a) Rescind the transaction by which he acquired the stock; or

(b) Recover under any applicable warranty.

7. As used in this section, "transfer" is not limited to a transfer 15 for value. 16

Sec. 68. NRS 78A.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

78A.090 1. A close corporation may operate without a board 18 of directors if the certificate of incorporation contains a statement to 19 20 that effect.

An amendment to the certificate of incorporation eliminating 21 2. 22 a board of directors must be approved:

(a) By all the shareholders of the corporation, whether or not 23 24 otherwise entitled to vote on amendments; or

(b) If no shares have been issued, by all subscribers for shares, if 25 26 any, or if none, by the incorporators.

27 3. While a corporation is operating without a board of directors 28 as authorized by subsection 1:

29 (a) All corporate powers must be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business and affairs of the corporation managed 30 under the direction of, the shareholders. 31 32

(b) Unless the articles of incorporation provide otherwise:

(1) Action requiring the approval of the board of directors or 33 of both the board of directors and the shareholders is authorized if 34 approved by the shareholders; and 35

(2) Action requiring a majority or greater percentage vote of 36 the board of directors is authorized if approved by the majority or 37 greater percentage of votes of the shareholders entitled to vote on 38 39 the action.

40 (c) A requirement by a state or the United States that a 41 [document] record delivered for filing contain a statement that 42 specified action has been taken by the board of directors is satisfied 43 by a statement that the corporation is a close corporation without a 44 board of directors and that the action was approved by the shareholders. 45



(d) The shareholders by resolution may appoint one or more 2 shareholders to sign [documents] records as designated directors.

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4. An amendment to the articles of incorporation that deletes 3 the provision which eliminates a board of directors must be 4 5 approved by the holders of at least two-thirds of the votes of each class or series of shares of the corporation, voting as separate voting 6 7 groups, whether or not otherwise entitled to vote on amendments. 8 The amendment must specify the number, names and mailing 9 addresses of the directors of the corporation or describe who will 10 perform the duties of the board of directors.

[5. As used in this section, "sign" means to execute or adopt a name, word or mark, including, without limitation, an electronic 11 12 signature as defined in NRS 719.100, with the present intention to 13 14 authenticate a document.] 15

Sec. 69. NRS 78A.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

78A.110 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a person 16 who holds more than one office in a close corporation may 17 **[execute,]** sign, acknowledge or verify in more than one capacity 18 any [document] record required to be [executed,] signed, 19 20 acknowledged or verified by the holders of two or more offices. 21

Sec. 70. NRS 78A.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 78A.190 1. The status of a corporation as a close corporation terminates if one or more of the provisions or conditions of this 23 24 chapter cease to exist or be fulfilled unless:

(a) Within 30 days after the occurrence of the event, or within 25 26 30 days after the event has been discovered by the corporation, 27 whichever is later, the corporation files with the Secretary of State 28 [an executed] a signed certificate stating that a specified provision 29 or condition included in the certificate of incorporation to qualify 30 the corporation as a close corporation has ceased to be applicable 31 and furnishes a copy of the certificate to each stockholder; and

32 (b) The corporation, concurrently with the filing of a certificate, 33 takes such steps as are necessary to correct the situation that threatens the status as a close corporation, including the refusal to 34 35 register the transfer of stock which has been wrongfully transferred as provided by NRS 78A.050 or commencing a proceeding under 36 37 subsection 2.

38 2. Upon the suit of the close corporation or any stockholder, 39 the court has jurisdiction to:

40 (a) Issue all orders necessary to prevent the corporation from 41 losing its status as a close corporation.

42 (b) Restore the status of the corporation as a close corporation 43 by enjoining or setting aside any act or threatened act on the part of 44 the corporation or a stockholder that would be inconsistent with any 45 of the provisions or conditions required or permitted by this chapter



to be stated in the certificate of incorporation of a close corporation, 1 2 unless it is an act approved in accordance with NRS 78A.050.

(c) Enjoin or set aside any transfer or threatened transfer of 3 stock of a close corporation that is contrary to the terms of the 4 5 certificate of incorporation or of any permitted restriction on 6 transfer.

(d) Enjoin any public offering or threatened public offering of 7 8 stock of the close corporation.

9 Sec. 71. Chapter 80 of NRS is hereby amended by adding 10 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 72 and 73 of this act.

Sec. 72. "Record" means information that is inscribed on a 11 tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium 12 13 and is retrievable in perceivable form.

Sec. 73. "Sign" means to affix a signature to a record.

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Sec. 74. NRS 80.001 is hereby amended to read as follows:

80.001 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise 16 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 80.003 and 80.004 17 and sections 72 and 73 of this act have the meanings ascribed to 18 19 them in those sections.

20 **Sec. 75.** NRS 80.003 is hereby amended to read as follows:

80.003 ["Signed" means to have executed or adopted] 21 "Signature" means a name, word, symbol or mark [, including,] 22 23 executed or otherwise adopted, or a record encrypted or similarly 24 processed in whole or in part, by a person with the present intent to identify himself and adopt or accept a record. The term 25 *includes*, without limitation, an electronic signature as defined in 26 27 NRS 719.100 . [, with the present intention to authenticate a 28 document.]

Sec. 76. NRS 80.005 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 80.005 The Secretary of State may microfilm any [document] 31 *record* which is filed in his office by a foreign corporation pursuant to this chapter and may return the original [document] record to the 32 33 corporation. 34

Sec. 77. NRS 80.006 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 80.006 Before the issuance of stock, an incorporator or, after the issuance of stock, an officer of a foreign corporation may 36 authorize the Secretary of State in writing to replace any page of a 37 38 [document] record submitted for filing [,] on an expedited basis, before the actual filing, and to accept the page as if it were part of 39 40 the [originally signed filing.] original record.

41 **Sec. 78.** NRS 80.007 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 80.007 1. A foreign corporation may correct a document 43 filed by record filed in the Office of the Secretary of State if the 44 [document] record contains an incorrect statement or was defectively [executed,] signed, attested, sealed or verified. 45



To correct a **[document,]** *record*, the corporation shall: 2.

(a) Prepare a certificate of correction which:

(1) States the name of the corporation;

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4 (2) Describes the [document,] record, including, without 5 limitation, its filing date;

(3) Specifies the incorrect statement and the reason it is 6 7 incorrect or the manner in which the *[execution] signing* was 8 defective:

9 (4) Corrects the incorrect statement or defective [execution;] 10 signature; and

(5) Is signed by an officer of the corporation; and

(b) Deliver the certificate to the Secretary of State for filing.

13 3. A certificate of correction is effective on the effective date 14 of the [document] record it corrects except as to persons relying on the uncorrected [document] record and adversely affected by the 15 correction. As to those persons, the certificate is effective when 16 17 filed.

Sec. 79. NRS 80.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

80.010 1. Before commencing or doing any business in this 19 state, each corporation organized pursuant to the laws of another 20 21 state, territory, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States or a foreign country $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ that enters this state to do business 22 23 must: 24

(a) File in the Office of the Secretary of State of this state:

(1) A certificate of corporate existence issued not more than 25 90 days before the date of filing by an authorized officer of the 26 27 jurisdiction of its incorporation setting forth the filing of 28 [documents] records and instruments related to the articles of incorporation, or the governmental acts or other instrument or 29 30 authority by which the corporation was created. If the certificate is in a language other than English, a translation, together with the 31 oath of the translator and his attestation of its accuracy, must be 32 33 attached to the certificate.

(2) A certificate of acceptance of appointment [executed] 34 signed by its resident agent, who must be a resident or located in 35 this state. The certificate must set forth the name of the resident 36 agent, his street address for the service of process, and his mailing 37 38 address if different from his street address. The street address of the resident agent is the registered office of the corporation in this state. 39

40 (3) A statement [executed] signed by an officer of the 41 corporation setting forth:

42 (I) A general description of the purposes of the 43 corporation; and



1 (II) The authorized stock of the corporation and the 2 number and par value of shares having par value and the number of 3 shares having no par value.

4 (b) Lodge in the Office of the Secretary of State a copy of the 5 [document] *record* most recently filed by the corporation in the 6 jurisdiction of its incorporation setting forth the authorized stock of 7 the corporation, the number of par-value shares and their par value, 8 and the number of no-par-value shares.

9 2. The Secretary of State shall not file the [documents] records 10 required by subsection 1 for any foreign corporation whose name is not distinguishable on the records of the Secretary of State from the 11 names of all other artificial persons formed, organized, registered or 12 13 qualified pursuant to the provisions of this title that are on file in the 14 Office of the Secretary of State and all names that are reserved in 15 the Office of the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of this title, unless the [written,] signed, acknowledged consent of the 16 holder of the name on file or reserved name to use the same name or 17 18 the requested similar name accompanies the articles of 19 incorporation.

3. The Secretary of State shall not accept for filing the [documents] *records* required by subsection 1 or NRS 80.110 for any foreign corporation if the name of the corporation contains the words "engineer," "engineered," "engineering," "professional engineer," "registered engineer" or "licensed engineer" unless the State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors certifies that:

(a) The principals of the corporation are licensed to practiceengineering pursuant to the laws of this state; or

29 (b) The corporation is exempt from the prohibitions of 30 NRS 625.520.

4. The Secretary of State shall not accept for filing the **[documents]** *records* required by subsection 1 or NRS 80.110 for any foreign corporation if it appears from the **[documents]** *records* that the business to be carried on by the corporation is subject to supervision by the Commissioner of Financial Institutions, unless the Commissioner certifies that:

(a) The corporation has obtained the authority required to dobusiness in this state; or

(b) The corporation is not subject to or is exempt from therequirements for obtaining such authority.

41 5. The Secretary of State shall not accept for filing the 42 [documents] *records* required by subsection 1 or NRS 80.110 for 43 any foreign corporation if the name of the corporation contains the 44 words "accountant," "accounting," "accountancy," "auditor" or



"auditing" unless the Nevada State Board of Accountancy certifies 1 2 that the foreign corporation:

(a) Is registered pursuant to the provisions of chapter 628 of 3 4 NRS: or

5 (b) Has filed with the State Board of Accountancy under penalty of perjury a written statement that the foreign corporation is not 6 7 engaged in the practice of accounting and is not offering to practice 8 accounting in this state.

9 6. The Secretary of State may adopt regulations that interpret 10 the requirements of this section.

Sec. 80. NRS 80.012 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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80.012 1. The Secretary of State, when requested so to do, 12 shall reserve, for a period of 90 days, the right to use any name 13 14 available pursuant to NRS 80.010, for the use of any foreign 15 corporation. During the period, a name so reserved is not available for use or reservation by any other artificial person forming, 16 organizing, registering or qualifying in the Office of the Secretary of 17 State pursuant to the provisions of this title without the written, 18 19 acknowledged] signed, consent of the person at whose request the 20 reservation was made.

21 2. The use by any other artificial person of a name in violation 22 of subsection 1 or NRS 80.010 may be enjoined, even if the [document] record under which the artificial person is formed, 23 organized, registered or qualified has been filed by the Secretary of 24 25 State. 26

Sec. 81. NRS 80.025 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 80.025 1. If a foreign corporation cannot qualify to do 28 business in this state because its name does not meet the requirements of subsection 2 or 3 of NRS 80.010, it may apply for a 29 30 certificate to do business by having its board of directors adopt a 31 resolution setting forth the name under which the corporation elects to do business in this state. The resolution may: 32

33 (a) Add to the existing corporate name a word, abbreviation or 34 other distinctive element; or

(b) Adopt a name different from its existing corporate name that 35 is available for use in this state. 36

2. In addition to the **[documents]** records required by 37 38 subsection 1 of NRS 80.010, the corporation shall file a resolution certifying the adoption of the modified name. 39

40 3. If the Secretary of State determines that the modified 41 corporate name complies with the provisions of subsection 2 or 3 of 42 NRS 80.010, he shall issue the certificate in the foreign 43 corporation's modified name if the foreign corporation otherwise 44 qualifies to do business in this state.



4. A foreign corporation doing business in this state under a
 modified corporate name approved by the Secretary of State shall
 use the modified name in its dealings and communications with the
 Secretary of State.

Sec. 82. NRS 80.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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80.030 1. Each foreign corporation admitted to do business in
this state shall, within 90 days after the filing of any [document] *record* amendatory or otherwise relating to the original articles in
the place of its creation, file in the Office of the Secretary of State:

10 (a) A copy of the [document] *record* certified by an authorized 11 officer of the place of its creation, or a certificate evidencing the 12 filing, issued by the authorized officer of the place of its creation 13 with whom the [document] *record* was filed; and

14 (b) A statement of an officer of the corporation of the change 15 reflected by the filing of the <u>[document,]</u> *record*, showing its 16 relation to the name, authorized capital stock, or general purposes.

2. When a foreign corporation authorized to do business in this 17 state becomes a constituent of a merger permitted by the laws of the 18 19 state or country in which it is incorporated, it shall, within 90 days after the merger becomes effective, file a copy of the agreement of 20 21 merger filed in the place of its creation, certified by an authorized 22 officer of the place of its creation, or a certificate, issued by the 23 proper officer of the place of its creation, attesting to the occurrence 24 of the event, in the Office of the Secretary of State.

3. The Secretary of State may revoke the right of a foreign
 corporation to transact business in this state if it fails to file the
 [documents] records required by this section or pay the fees incident
 to that filing.

Sec. 83. NRS 80.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 80.050 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, 31 foreign corporations shall pay the same fees to the Secretary of State 32 as are required to be paid by corporations organized pursuant to the 33 laws of this state, but the amount of fees to be charged must not 34 exceed:

(a) The sum of \$25,000 for filing [documents] records for initial
 qualification; or

37 (b) The sum of \$25,000 for each subsequent filing of a 38 certificate increasing authorized capital stock.

2. If the corporate [documents] *records* required to be filed set forth only the total number of shares of stock the corporation is authorized to issue without reference to value, the authorized shares shall be deemed to be without par value and the filing fee must be computed pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 3 of NRS 78.760.

44 3. Foreign corporations which are nonprofit corporations and 45 do not have or issue shares of stock shall pay the same fees to the



Secretary of State as are required to be paid by nonprofit 1 2 corporations organized pursuant to the laws of this state.

4. The fee for filing a notice of withdrawal from the State of 3 Nevada by a foreign corporation is \$60. 4 5

Sec. 84. NRS 80.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

80.070 1. A foreign corporation may change its resident 6 7 agent by filing with the Secretary of State:

8 (a) A certificate of change, signed by an officer of the 9 corporation, setting forth: 10

(1) The name of the corporation;

(2) The name and street address of the present resident agent; 11 12 and

13 (3) The name and street address of the new resident agent; 14 and

15 (b) A certificate of acceptance [executed] signed by the new resident agent, which must be a part of or attached to the certificate 16 17 of change.

The change authorized by this subsection becomes effective upon 18 19 the filing of the certificate of change.

20 A person who has been designated by a foreign corporation 2. 21 as resident agent may file with the Secretary of State a signed statement that he is unwilling to continue to act as the agent of the 22 23 corporation for the service of process.

3. Upon the filing of the statement of resignation with the 24 25 Secretary of State, the capacity of the resigning person as resident agent terminates. If the statement of resignation is not accompanied 26 27 by a statement of the corporation appointing a successor resident 28 agent, the resigning resident agent shall give written notice, by mail, 29 to the corporation, of the filing of the statement and its effect. The 30 notice must be addressed to any officer of the corporation other than 31 the resident agent.

4. If a resident agent dies, resigns or moves from the State, the 32 33 corporation, within 30 days thereafter, shall file with the Secretary of State a certificate of acceptance [executed] signed by the new 34 35 resident agent. The certificate must set forth the name of the new 36 resident agent, his street address for the service of process, and his 37 mailing address if different from his street address.

38 5. A corporation that fails to file a certificate of acceptance 39 [executed] signed by a new resident agent within 30 days after the 40 death, resignation or removal of its resident agent shall be deemed 41 in default and is subject to the provisions of NRS 80.150 and 42 80.160.

43 **Sec. 85.** NRS 80.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 80.090 If a foreign corporation doing business in this state 45 maintains and keeps in the State a resident agent as provided by



NRS 80.060 and files or has microfilmed the papers, [documents] 1 records and instruments required by NRS 80.010 to 80.040, 2 inclusive, the foreign corporation is entitled to the benefit of the 3 laws of this state limiting the time for the commencement of civil 4 5 actions.

Sec. 86. NRS 80.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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7 80.140 1. Every list required to be filed under the provisions 8 of NRS 80.110 to 80.170, inclusive, must, after the name of each officer and director listed thereon, set forth the **[post office box]** 9 *mailing* or street address, either residence or business, of each 10 officer and director. 11

2. If the addresses are not stated for each person on any list 12 13 offered for filing, the Secretary of State may refuse to file the list, 14 and the corporation for which the list has been offered for filing is 15 subject to all the provisions of NRS 80.110 to 80.170, inclusive, relating to failure to file the list within or at the times therein 16 specified, unless a list is subsequently submitted for filing which 17 conforms to the provisions of this section. 18

Sec. 87. NRS 80.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 80.200 1. Any foreign corporation qualified to do business in this state under the provisions of this chapter may withdraw 21 22 therefrom and surrender its right by:

(a) Filing with the Secretary of State a notice of its purpose so to 23 24 do, duly authorized to be given by resolution of its board of directors and [executed under its corporate seal] signed by the 25 26 proper officers thereof; and 27

(b) Paying the fee required by NRS 80.050 for filing notice.

28 The provisions of subsection 1 apply only when the 2. 29 corporation's right to do business in this state at the time the notice 30 is submitted for filing has not been forfeited.

31 Sec. 88. Chapter 81 of NRS is hereby amended by adding 32 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 89 and 90 of this act.

"Record" means information that is inscribed on a 33 Sec. 89. 34 tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form. 35

Sec. 90. "Sign" means to affix a signature to a record.

Sec. 91. NRS 81.001 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 81.001 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise 39 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 81.0015 and 81.0025 40 and sections 89 and 90 of this act have the meanings ascribed to 41 them in those sections.

42 Sec. 92. NRS 81.0015 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 81.0015 ["Signed" means to have executed or adopted]

"Signature" means a name, word, symbol or mark [, including,] 44

executed or otherwise adopted, or a record encrypted or similarly 45



1 processed in whole or in part, by a person with the present intent 2 to identify himself and adopt or accept a record. The term 3 includes, without limitation, an electronic signature as defined in 4 NRS 719.100 . [, with the present intention to authenticate a 5 document.]

6 Sec. 93. NRS 81.003 is hereby amended to read as follows:

81.003 No [document] record which is written in a language
other than English may be filed or submitted for filing in the Office
of the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of this chapter
unless it is accompanied by a verified translation of that [document]
record into the English language.

Sec. 94. NRS 81.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 81.040 Each corporation formed under NRS 81.010 to 81.160,
14 inclusive, must prepare and file articles of incorporation in writing,
15 setting forth:

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2. The purpose for which it is formed.

18 3. The name of the person designated as the resident agent, the 19 street address for the service of process, and the mailing address if 20 different from the street address.

4. The term for which it is to exist, which may be perpetual.

5. If formed with stock, the amount of its stock and the number and par value, if any, and the shares into which it is divided, and the amount of common and of preferred stock that may be issued with the preferences, privileges, voting rights, restrictions and qualifications pertaining thereto.

6. The names and addresses of those selected to act as directors, not less than three, for the first year or until their successors have been elected and have accepted office.

7. Whether the property rights and interest of each member are equal or unequal, and if unequal the articles must set forth a general rule applicable to all members by which the property rights and interests of each member may be determined, but the corporation may admit new members who may vote and share in the property of the corporation with the old members, in accordance with the general rule.

8. The name and [post office box] mailing or street address,
either residence or business, of each of the incorporators [executing]
signing the articles of incorporation.

40 Sec. 95. NRS 81.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 81.060 1. The articles of incorporation must be:

42 (a) [Subscribed] Signed by three or more of the original 43 members, a majority of whom must be residents of this state.

44 (b) Filed, together with a certificate of acceptance of 45 appointment [executed] signed by the resident agent of the



corporation, in the Office of the Secretary of State in all respects in
 the same manner as other articles of incorporation are filed.

2. If a corporation formed under NRS 81.010 to 81.160, inclusive, is authorized to issue stock , there must be paid to the Secretary of State for filing the articles of incorporation the fee applicable to the amount of authorized stock of the corporation which the Secretary of State is required by law to collect upon the filing of articles of incorporation which authorize the issuance of stock.

10 3. The Secretary of State shall issue to the corporation over the 11 Great Seal of the State a certificate that a copy of the articles 12 containing the required statements of facts has been filed in his 13 office.

4. Upon the issuance of the certificate by the Secretary of State, the persons signing the articles and their associates and successors are a body politic and corporate. When so filed, the articles of incorporation or certified copies thereof must be received in all the courts of this state, and other places, as prima facie evidence of the facts contained therein.

Sec. 96. NRS 81.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

81.200 1. Every association formed under NRS 81.170 to
81.270, inclusive, shall prepare articles of association in writing,
setting forth:

(a) The name of the association.

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(b) The purpose for which it is formed.

(c) The name of the person designated as the resident agent, the
 street address for service of process, and the mailing address if
 different from the street address.

(d) The term for which it is to exist, which may be perpetual.

30 (e) The number of the directors thereof, and the names and 31 residences of those selected for the first year.

(f) The amount which each member is to pay upon admission as
 a fee for membership, and that each member signing the articles has
 actually paid the fee.

35 (g) That the interest and right of each member therein is to be 36 equal.

(h) The name and [post office box] mailing or street address,
either residence or business, of each of the persons [executing]
signing the articles of association.

40 2. The articles of association must be **[subscribed]** signed by 41 the original associates or members.

42 3. The articles so **[subscribed]** *signed* must be filed, together 43 with a certificate of acceptance of appointment **[executed]** *signed* by 44 the resident agent for the association, in the Office of the Secretary

45 of State, who shall furnish a certified copy thereof. From the time of



the filing in the Office of the Secretary of State, the association may 1 2 exercise all the powers for which it was formed.

Sec. 97. NRS 81.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

81.220 Every association formed under NRS 81.170 to 81.270, 4 5 inclusive, may:

1. Sue and be sued in any court in its associate name.

7 2. Make and use a common seal and alter it at pleasure, but the 8 use or nonuse of such a seal does not affect the legality of any 9 [document.] record.

10 3. Receive by gift, devise or purchase, hold and convey, real and personal property as the purposes of the association may 11 12 require.

13 4. Appoint such subordinate agents or officers as the business 14 may require.

5. Admit associates or members, and sell or forfeit their 15 16 interest in the association for default of installments, dues, work or labor required, as provided by the bylaws. 17

6. Enter into any and all lawful contracts or obligations 18 19 essential to the transaction of its affairs, for the purpose for which it 20 was formed.

21 7. Borrow money.

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22 8. Issue all such notes, bills or evidence of indebtedness or mortgage as its bylaws may provide for. 23

9. Trade, barter, buy, sell and exchange. 24

10. Do all other things proper to be done for the purpose of 25 carrying into effect the objects for which the association is formed. 26 27

Sec. 98. NRS 81.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 81.230 1. Every association formed under NRS 81.170 to 81.270, inclusive, must, within 40 days after it so becomes an 29 30 association, adopt a code of bylaws for the government and 31 management of the association, not inconsistent with NRS 81.170 to 81.270, inclusive. A majority of all the associates is necessary to the 32 33 adoption of bylaws, and the bylaws must be written in a book [, and 34 subscribed] and signed by the members adopting them.

2. The bylaws cannot be amended or modified except by the 35 vote of a majority of all the members after notice of the proposed 36 37 amendment is given as the bylaws may provide.

38 3. The bylaws must provide for the amount of the indebtedness 39 which the association may incur.

4. The association may, by its code of bylaws, provide for:

41 (a) The time, place and manner of calling and conducting its 42 meetings.

43 (b) The number of directors, the time of their election, their term 44 of office, the mode and manner of their removal, the mode and 45 manner of filling vacancies in the board caused by death,



resignation, removal or otherwise, and the power and authority of
 directors, and how many thereof are necessary to the exercise of the
 powers of the directors or of any officer.

4 (c) The number of the officers, if any, other than the directors, 5 and their term of office, the mode of removal, and the method of 6 filling a vacancy.

(d) The mode and manner of conducting business.

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8 (e) The mode and manner of conducting elections, and may 9 provide for voting by ballots forwarded by mail or otherwise, [;] but 10 the method must secure the secrecy of the ballot.

(f) The mode and manner of succession of membership, and the 11 qualifications of membership, and on what conditions, and when 12 membership ceases, and the mode and manner of expulsion or 13 14 refusal of a member, but an expelled or refused member is entitled to have a board of arbitration consisting of three persons, one 15 selected by the board of directors, one by the expelled or refused 16 member, and a third by the other two, appraise his interest in the 17 association in either money, property or labor, as the directors 18 choose, and to have the money, property or labor so awarded him 19 20 paid or delivered, or performed within 40 days after expulsion or 21 refusal.

(g) The amount of any membership fee, and the dues,
installments or labor which each member [shall be] is required to
pay or perform, if any, and the manner of collection or enforcement,
and for forfeiture or sale of a member's interest for nonpayment or
nonperformance.

(h) The method, time and manner of permitting the withdrawal
of a member, if at all, and how his interest must be ascertained,
either in money or property, and within what time it must be paid or
delivered to the member.

(i) The mode and manner of ascertaining the interest of a 31 32 member at his death, if his legal representatives or none of them desire to succeed to the membership, and whether the value of his 33 interest must be paid to his legal representatives in money, property 34 or labor, and within what time it must be paid, delivered or 35 performed, ;;; but a withdrawing member or the legal representative 36 of a deceased member has the right to a board of arbitration the 37 38 same as is provided for expelled or refused members.

(j) Such other things as may be proper to carry out the purposefor which the association was formed.

41 Sec. 99. NRS 81.440 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 81.440 Each corporation formed under NRS 81.410 to 81.540,
43 inclusive, shall prepare and file articles of incorporation in writing,
44 setting forth:

45 1. The name of the corporation.



2. The purpose for which it is formed.

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3. 2 The name of the person designated as the resident agent, the street address for service of process, and the mailing address if 3 different from the street address. 4 5

4. The term for which it is to exist, which may be perpetual.

The number of directors thereof, which must be not less than 5. 6 7 three and which may be any number in excess thereof, and the 8 names and residences of those selected for the first year and until 9 their successors have been elected and have accepted office.

10 Whether the voting power and the property rights and 6. interest of each member are equal or unequal, and if unequal the 11 articles must set forth a general rule applicable to all members by 12 13 which the voting power and the property rights and interests of each 14 member may be determined, but the corporation may admit new 15 members who may vote and share in the property of the corporation with the old members, in accordance with the general rule. 16

7. The name and [post office box] mailing or street address, 17 either residence or business, of each of the incorporators executing 18 19 the articles of incorporation.

Sec. 100. NRS 81.450 is hereby amended to read as follows:

81.450 1. The articles of incorporation must be:

22 (a) [Subscribed] Signed by three or more of the original 23 members, a majority of whom must be residents of this state.

(b) Filed, together with a certificate of acceptance of appointment [executed] signed by the resident agent for the 24 25 corporation, in the Office of the Secretary of State in all respects in 26 27 the same manner as other articles of incorporation are filed.

28 2. The Secretary of State shall issue to the corporation over the 29 Great Seal of the State a certificate that a copy of the articles 30 containing the required statements of facts has been filed in his 31 office.

32 3. Upon the issuance of the certificate by the Secretary of State 33 the persons signing the articles and their associates and successors are a body politic and corporate. When so filed, the articles of 34 35 incorporation or certified copies thereof must be received in all the 36 courts of this state, and other places, as prima facie evidence of the 37 facts contained therein.

38 Sec. 101. Chapter 82 of NRS is hereby amended by adding 39 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 102 and 103 of this act.

40 Sec. 102. "Record" means information that is inscribed on a 41 tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium 42 and is retrievable in perceivable form.

43 Sec. 103. 1. A corporation may correct a record filed in the 44 Office of the Secretary of State with respect to the corporation if

the record contains an inaccurate description of a corporate 45



action or if the record was defectively signed, attested, sealed, 1 2 verified or acknowledged. 3

2. To correct a record, the corporation shall:

(a) Prepare a certificate of correction which:

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(2) Describes the record, including, without limitation, its 6 7 filing date: 8

(3) Specifies the inaccuracy or defect;

9 (4) Sets forth the inaccurate or defective portion of the record in an accurate or corrected form; and 10

(5) Is signed by an officer of the corporation.

(b) Deliver the certificate to the Secretary of State for filing.

(c) Pay a filing fee of \$150 to the Secretary of State.

14 3. A certificate of correction is effective on the effective date 15 of the record it corrects except as to persons relying on the uncorrected record and adversely affected by the correction. As to 16 those persons, the certificate is effective when filed. 17

Sec. 104. NRS 82.006 is hereby amended to read as follows: 18

19 82.006 As used in this chapter, *unless the context otherwise requires*, the words and terms defined in NRS 82.011 to 82.044, 20 inclusive, and section 102 of this act have the meanings ascribed to 21 them in those sections. 22

Sec. 105. NRS 82.011 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 82.011 "Articles of incorporation" and "articles" are synonymous terms and, unless the context otherwise requires, 25 include all certificates filed pursuant to NRS 82.081, 82.346, 82.356 26 and 82.371 and any [agreement] articles of merger filed pursuant to 27 28 NRS 92A.005 to 92A.260, inclusive.

29 **Sec. 106.** NRS 82.042 is hereby amended to read as follows:

82.042 "Sign" means to affix a signature to a [document.] 30 31 record.

32 **Sec. 107.** NRS 82.043 is hereby amended to read as follows:

82.043 "Signature" means a name, word , symbol or mark 33 executed or *otherwise* adopted, or a record encrypted or similarly 34 processed in whole or in part, by a person with the present 35 [intention to authenticate a document.] intent to identify himself 36 and adopt or accept a record. The term includes, without [imitation,] limitation, an electronic signature as defined in 37 38 39 NRS 719.100.

40 Sec. 108. NRS 82.061 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 82.061 1. A certificate of election to accept this chapter 42 pursuant to NRS 82.056 must be signed by [the president or a vice

43 president and by the secretary or an assistant secretary] an officer of

44 *the corporation* and must set forth:

45 (a) The name of the corporation.



1 (b) A statement by the corporation that it has elected to accept 2 this chapter and adopt new articles of incorporation conforming to 3 the provisions of this chapter and any other statutes pursuant to 4 which the corporation may have been organized.

5 (c) If there are members or stockholders entitled to vote thereon, 6 a statement setting forth the date of the meeting of the members or 7 stockholders at which the election to accept this chapter and adopt 8 new articles was made, that a quorum was present at the meeting 9 and that acceptance and adoption was authorized by at least a 10 majority of the votes which members or stockholders present at the 11 meeting in person or by proxy were entitled to cast.

12 (d) If there are no members or stockholders entitled to vote 13 thereon, a statement of that fact, the date of the meeting of the board 14 of directors at which the election to accept and adopt was made, that 15 a quorum was present at the meeting and that the acceptance and 16 adoption were authorized by a majority vote of the directors present 17 at the meeting.

18 (e) A statement that, in addition, the corporation followed the 19 requirements of the law under which it was organized, its old 20 articles of incorporation and its old bylaws so far as applicable in 21 effecting the acceptance.

(f) A statement that the attached copy of the articles of
 incorporation of the corporation are the new articles of incorporation
 of the corporation.

(g) If the corporation has issued shares of stock, a statement of that fact including the number of shares theretofore authorized, the number issued and outstanding and that upon the effective date of the certificate of acceptance the authority of the corporation to issue shares of stock is thereby terminated.

30 2. The certificate so signed must be filed in the Office of the 31 Secretary of State.

Sec. 109. NRS 82.063 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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33 82.063 1. The board of directors of a corporation without shares of stock which was organized before October 1, 1991, 34 pursuant to any provision of chapter 81 of NRS or a predecessor 35 statute and whose permissible term of existence as stated in the 36 articles of incorporation has expired, may, within 10 years after the 37 38 date of the expiration of its existence, elect to revive its charter and accept this chapter by adopting a resolution reviving the expired 39 40 charter and adopting new articles of incorporation conforming to 41 this chapter and any other statutes pursuant to which the corporation 42 may have been organized. The new articles of incorporation need 43 not contain the names, addresses, signatures or acknowledgments of 44 the incorporators.



A certificate of election to accept this chapter pursuant to
 this section must be signed by [the president or a vice president] an
 officer of the corporation and must set forth:

(a) The name of the corporation.

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5 (b) A statement by the corporation that it has elected to accept 6 this chapter and adopt new articles of incorporation conforming to 7 the provisions of this chapter and any other statutes pursuant to 8 which the corporation may have been organized.

9 (c) A statement by the corporation that since the expiration of its 10 charter it has remained organized and continued to carry on the 11 activities for which it was formed and authorized by its original 12 articles of incorporation and amendments thereto, and desires to 13 continue through revival its existence pursuant to and subject to the 14 provisions of this chapter.

15 (d) A statement that the attached copy of the articles of 16 incorporation of the corporation are the new articles of incorporation 17 of the corporation.

18 (e) A statement setting forth the date of the meeting of the board 19 of directors at which the election to accept and adopt was made, that 20 a quorum was present at the meeting and that the acceptance and 21 adoption were authorized by a majority vote of the directors present 22 at the meeting.

3. The certificate so signed and a certificate of acceptance of appointment [executed] signed by the resident agent of the corporation must be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State.

4. The new articles of incorporation become effective on the date of filing the certificate. The corporation's existence continues from the date of expiration of the original term, with all the corporation's rights, franchises, privileges and immunities and subject to all its existing and preexisting debts, duties and liabilities.

31 Sec. 110. NRS 82.081 is hereby amended to read as follows:

82.081 1. One or more natural persons may associate to establish a corporation no part of the income or profit of which is distributable to its members, directors or officers, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, for the transaction of any lawful business, or to promote or conduct any legitimate object or purpose, pursuant and subject to the requirements of this chapter, by:

(a) [Executing] Signing and filing in the Office of the Secretary
 of State articles of incorporation; and

40 (b) Filing a certificate of acceptance of appointment, [executed]
41 *signed* by the resident agent of the corporation, in the Office of the
42 Secretary of State.

43 2. The Secretary of State shall require articles of incorporation 44 to be in the form prescribed by NRS 82.086. If any articles are



1 defective in this respect, the Secretary of State shall return them for 2 correction.

Sec. 111. NRS 82.086 is hereby amended to read as follows:

82.086 The articles of incorporation must set forth:

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5 1. The name of the corporation. A name appearing to be that of a natural person and containing a given name or initials must not be 6 7 used as a corporate name except with an additional word or words such as "Incorporated," "Inc.," "Limited," "Ltd.," "Company," 8 9 "Co.," "Corporation," "Corp.," or other word which identifies it as 10 not being a natural person.

2. The name of the person designated as the corporation's 11 resident agent, his street address where he maintains an office for 12 13 service of process, and his mailing address if different from the 14 street address.

That the corporation is a nonprofit corporation. 3.

4. The nature of the business, or objects or purposes proposed 16 17 to be transacted, promoted or carried on by the corporation. It is sufficient to state, either alone or with other purposes, that the 18 corporation may engage in any lawful activity, subject to expressed 19 20 limitations, if any. Such a statement makes all lawful activities 21 within the objects or purposes of the corporation.

22 5. The [number,] names and [post office box] mailing or street addresses, residence or business, of the first board of directors or 23 trustees, together with any desired provisions relative to the right to 24 25 change the number of directors.

26 6. The names and [post office box] mailing or street address, 27 residence or business, of each of the incorporators signing the 28 articles of incorporation. 29

Sec. 112. NRS 82.101 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. The Secretary of State, when requested to do so, 30 82.101 shall reserve, for a period of 90 days, the right to use any name 31 available under NRS 82.096 for the use of any proposed 32 33 corporation. During the period, a name so reserved is not available for use or reservation by any other artificial person forming, 34 35 organizing, registering or qualifying in the Office of the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of this title without the written, 36 acknowledged] signed consent of the person at whose request the 37 38 reservation was made.

The use by any other artificial person of a name in violation 39 2. 40 of subsection 1 or NRS 82.096 may be enjoined, even if the 41 [document] record under which the artificial person is formed, 42 organized, registered or qualified has been filed by the Secretary of 43 State.



Sec. 113. NRS 82.126 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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2 82.126 1. Every corporation, by virtue of its existence as 3 such, may adopt and use a common seal or stamp, and alter it at 4 pleasure.

5 2. The use of a seal or stamp by a corporation on any corporate 6 [documents] *record* is not necessary. The corporation may use a seal 7 or stamp, if it desires, but use or failure to use does not in any way 8 affect the legality of the [document.] *record*.

9 Sec. 114. NRS 82.181 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 82.181 1. A corporation shall keep a copy of the following 11 records at its registered office:

12 (a) A copy, certified by the Secretary of State, of its articles and 13 all amendments thereto;

14 (b) A copy, certified by an officer of the corporation, of its 15 bylaws and all amendments thereto;

16 (c) If the corporation has members, a members' ledger or a 17 duplicate members' ledger, revised annually, containing the names, 18 alphabetically arranged, of all persons who are members of the 19 corporation, showing their places of residence, if known, and the 20 class of membership held by each; or

(d) In lieu of the members' ledger or duplicate members' ledger
specified in paragraph (c), a statement setting out the name of the
custodian of the members' ledger or duplicate members' ledger, and
the present and complete [post office address, including street and
number, if any,] mailing or street address where the members'
ledger or duplicate members' ledger specified in this section is kept.

27 2. A corporation must maintain the records required by 28 subsection 1 in written form or in another form capable of 29 conversion into written form within a reasonable time.

30 3. A director or any person who has been a member of record 31 of a corporation for at least 6 months, or at least 5 percent of the members of the corporation, upon at least 5 days' written demand, is 32 33 entitled to inspect in person or by agent or attorney, during usual business hours, the members' ledger or duplicate ledger, whether 34 35 kept in the registered office or elsewhere as provided in paragraph (d) of subsection 1, and to make copies therefrom. Every 36 37 corporation that neglects or refuses to keep the members' ledger or 38 duplicate copy thereof open for inspection, as required in this subsection, shall forfeit to the State the sum of \$25 for every day of 39 40 such neglect or refusal.

41 4. An inspection authorized by subsection 3 may be denied to a 42 member or other person upon his refusal to furnish to the 43 corporation an affidavit that the inspection is not desired for any 44 purpose not relating to his interest as a member, including, but not 45 limited, to those purposes set forth in subsection 6.



When the corporation keeps and maintains a statement in the 1 5. manner provided for in paragraph (d) of subsection 1, the 2 information contained thereon must be given to any director or 3 member of such corporation as provided in subsection 2 when the 4 demand is made during business hours. Every corporation that 5 neglects or refuses to keep such statement available, as required in 6 7 this subsection, shall forfeit to the State the sum of \$25 for every 8 day of such neglect or refusal.

9 6. It is a defense to any action to enforce the provisions of this 10 section or for charges, penalties or damages under this section that 11 the person suing has used or intends to use the list for any of the 12 following purposes:

(a) To solicit money or property from the members unless the
 money or property will be used solely to solicit the votes of
 members;

16 (b) For any commercial purpose or purpose in competition with 17 the corporation;

18 (c) To sell to any person; or

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(d) For any other purpose not related to his interest as a member.

7. This section does not impair the power or jurisdiction of any
court to compel the production for examination of the books of a
corporation in any proper case.

8. In every instance where an attorney or other agent of the director or member seeks the right of inspection, the demand must be accompanied by a power of attorney [executed] signed by the director or member authorizing the attorney or other agent to inspect on behalf of the director or member.

9. The right to copy records under subsection 3 includes, if
reasonable, the right to make copies by photographic, xerographic or
other means.

10. The corporation may impose a reasonable charge, covering
costs of labor, materials and copies of any [documents] records
provided to the member or director.

34 Sec. 115. NRS 82.186 is hereby amended to read as follows:

82.186 1. Any director or person authorized in writing by at 35 least 15 percent of the members of the corporation upon at least 5 36 days' written demand $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is entitled to inspect in person or by agent 37 or attorney, during normal business hours, the books of account and 38 all financial records of the corporation and to make extracts 39 40 therefrom. The right of members and directors to inspect the 41 corporate records may not be limited in the articles or bylaws of any 42 corporation.

43 2. All costs for making extracts of records must be borne by 44 the person exercising his rights under subsection 1.



The rights authorized by subsection 1 may be denied to a 1 3. 2 director or member upon his refusal to furnish the corporation an affidavit that such inspection, extracts or audit is not desired for any 3 purpose not related to his interest in the corporation as a director or 4 member. Any director or member or other person, exercising rights 5 under subsection 1, who uses or attempts to use information, 6 [documents,] records or other data obtained from the corporation, 7 8 for any purpose not related to his interest in the corporation as a 9 director or member, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

4. A director or member who brings an action or proceeding to
enforce any right under this section or to recover damages resulting
from its denial:

13 (a) Is entitled to costs and reasonable attorney's fees, if he 14 prevails; or

15 (b) Is liable for such costs and fees, if he does not prevail, in the 16 action or proceeding.

5. It is a defense to any action to enforce the provisions of this section or for damages or penalties under this section that the person seeking an inspection of the books of account and financial records, or extracts thereof, has used or intends to use any such accounts and records for any of the following reasons:

(a) For any commercial purpose or purpose in competition withthe corporation;

24 (b) To sell to any person; or

(c) For any other purpose not related to his interest as a memberor director.

6. The rights and remedies of this section are not available to members of any corporation that makes available at no cost to its members a detailed annual financial statement.

Sec. 116. NRS 82.216 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 82.216 1. The statement in the articles or bylaws of the
 objects, purposes, powers and authorized business of the corporation

constitutes, as between the corporation and its directors, officers or 33 members, an authorization to the directors and a limitation upon the 34 actual authority of the representatives of the corporation. These 35 limitations may be asserted in a proceeding by a director or a 36 member entitled to vote for the election of directors or the Attorney 37 38 General to enjoin the doing or continuation of unauthorized business by the corporation or its officers, or both, in cases where third 39 40 parties have not acquired rights thereby, or to dissolve the 41 corporation, or in a proceeding by the corporation, a director or a 42 member entitled to vote for the election of directors suing in a 43 representative suit against the officers or directors of the corporation 44 for violation of their authority.



1 2. No limitation upon the business, purposes or powers of the 2 corporation or upon the powers of the members, officers or 3 directors, or the manner of exercise of such powers, contained in or 4 implied by the articles or bylaws may be asserted as between the 5 corporation, the directors or members and any third person.

6 3. Any contract or conveyance, otherwise lawful, made in the 7 name of a corporation, which is authorized or ratified by the 8 directors, or is done within the scope of the authority, actual or 9 apparent, given by the directors, binds the corporation, and the 10 corporation acquires rights thereunder, whether the contract is 11 [executed] signed or is wholly or in part executory.

Sec. 117. NRS 82.321 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 82.321 1. At any meeting of the members of any corporation, 14 any member may designate another person or persons to act as a 15 proxy or proxies. If a member designates two or more persons to act 16 as proxies, a majority of those persons present at the meeting, or, if 17 only one is present, then that one, have and may exercise all of the 18 powers conferred by the member upon all of the persons so 19 designated unless the member provides otherwise.

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20 2. Without limiting the manner in which a member may 21 authorize another person or persons to act for him as proxy pursuant 22 to subsection 1, the following constitutes valid means by which a 23 member may grant such authority:

(a) A member may [execute] sign a writing authorizing another
person or persons to act for him as proxy. [Execution may be
accomplished by the member or his authorized officer, director,
employee or agent's signing the writing or causing his signature to
be affixed to the writing by any reasonable means, including, but not
limited to, by facsimile signature.]

30 (b) A member may authorize another person or persons to act 31 for him as proxy by transmitting or authorizing the transmission of a telegram, cablegram or other means of electronic transmission to the 32 33 person who will be the holder of the proxy or to a firm which solicits proxies, or like agent authorized by the person who will be 34 35 the holder of the proxy to receive the transmission. Any such telegram, cablegram or other means of electronic transmission must 36 37 either set forth or be submitted with information from which it can 38 be determined that the telegram, cablegram or other electronic transmission was authorized by the member. If it is determined that 39 40 the telegram, cablegram or other electronic transmission is valid, the 41 persons appointed by the corporation to count the votes of members 42 and determine the validity of proxies and ballots or other persons 43 making those determinations must specify the information upon 44 which they relied.



1 3. Any copy, communication by telecopier, or other reliable 2 reproduction of the writing or transmission created pursuant to 3 subsection 2 may be substituted for the original writing or 4 transmission for any purpose for which the original writing or 5 transmission could be used, if the copy, communication by 6 telecopier, or other reproduction is a complete reproduction of the 7 entire original writing or transmission.

8 4. No such proxy is valid after the expiration of 6 months from 9 the date of its creation, unless coupled with an interest, or unless the member specifies in it the length of time for which it is to continue 10 in force, which may not exceed 7 years from the date of its creation. 11 Subject to these restrictions, any proxy properly created is not 12 13 revoked and continues in full force and effect until another 14 instrument or transmission revoking it or a properly created proxy 15 bearing a later date is filed with or transmitted to the secretary of the corporation or another person or persons appointed by the 16 corporation to count the votes of members and determine the 17 18 validity of proxies and ballots.

Sec. 118. NRS 82.346 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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82.346 1. If the first meeting of the directors has not taken place and if there are no members, a majority of the incorporators of a corporation may amend the original articles by **[executing]** *signing* and proving in the manner required for original articles, and filing with the Secretary of State [,] a certificate amending, modifying, changing or altering the original articles, in whole or in part. The certificate must state that:

(a) The signers thereof are a majority of the originalincorporators of the corporation; and

(b) As of the date of the certification, no meeting of the
directors has taken place and the corporation has no members other
than the incorporators.

32 2. The amendment is effective upon the filing of the certificate33 with the Secretary of State.

34 3. This section does not permit the insertion of any matter not 35 in conformity with this chapter.

4. The Secretary of State shall charge the fee allowed by lawfor filing the amended certificate of incorporation.

38 Sec. 119. NRS 82.351 is hereby amended to read as follows:

82.351 1. A corporation whose directors have held a first
meeting or which has members who are not incorporators may
amend its articles in any of the following respects:

42 (a) By addition to its corporate powers and purposes, or 43 diminution thereof, or both.

(b) By substitution of other powers and purposes, in whole or inpart, for those prescribed by its articles of incorporation.



(c) By changing the name of the corporation.

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2 (d) By making any other change or alteration in its articles of 3 incorporation that may be desired.

2. All such changes or alterations may be effected by one certificate of amendment. Articles so amended, changed or altered may contain only such provisions as it would be lawful and proper to insert in original articles, pursuant to NRS 82.086 and 82.091 or the other statutes governing the contents of the corporation's articles, if the original articles were [executed] signed and filed at the time of making the amendment.

Sec. 120. NRS 82.356 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 82.356 1. Every amendment adopted pursuant to the 13 provisions of NRS 82.351 must be made in the following manner:

(a) The board of directors must adopt a resolution setting forth
the amendment proposed, approve it and, if the corporation has
members entitled to vote on an amendment to the articles, call a
meeting, either annual or special, of the members. The amendment
must also be approved by every public official or other person
whose approval of an amendment of articles is required by the
articles.

21 (b) At the meeting of members, of which notice must be given 22 to each member entitled to vote pursuant to the provisions of this 23 section, a vote of the members entitled to vote in person or by proxy 24 must be taken for and against the proposed amendment. A majority 25 of a quorum of the voting power of the members or such greater proportion of the voting power of members as may be required in 26 the case of a vote by classes, as provided in subsection 3, or as may 27 28 be required by the articles, must vote in favor of the amendment.

29 (c) Upon approval of the amendment by the directors, or if the 30 corporation has members entitled to vote on an amendment to the 31 articles, by both the directors and those members, and such other persons or public officers, if any, as are required to do so by the 32 articles, [the chairman of the board or the president or vice 33 president, and the secretary or assistant secretary, must execute] an 34 35 officer of the corporation must sign a certificate setting forth the 36 amendment, or setting forth the articles as amended, that the public 37 officers or other persons, if any, required by the articles have 38 approved the amendment, and the vote of the members and directors 39 by which the amendment was adopted.

40 (d) The certificate so [executed] signed must be filed in the 41 Office of the Secretary of State.

42 2. Upon filing the certificate, the articles of incorporation are 43 amended accordingly.

44 3. If any proposed amendment would alter or change any 45 preference or any relative or other right given to any class of



1 members, then the amendment must be approved by the vote, in 2 addition to the affirmative vote otherwise required, of the holders of a majority of a quorum of the voting power of each class of 3 members affected by the amendment regardless of limitations or 4 5 restrictions on their voting power.

4. In the case of any specified amendments, the articles may 6 7 require a larger vote of members than that required by this section. 8

Sec. 121. NRS 82.371 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 82.371 1. A corporation may restate, or amend and restate, in 10 a single certificate the entire text of its articles as amended by filing with the Secretary of State a certificate which must set forth the 11 articles as amended to the date of the certificate. If the certificate 12 13 alters or amends the articles in any manner, it must comply with the 14 provisions of NRS 82.346, 82.351 and 82.356, as applicable, and 15 must be accompanied by:

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(b) A form prescribed by the Secretary of State,

setting forth which provisions of the articles of incorporation on file 18 19 with the Secretary of State are being altered or amended.

20 2. If the certificate does not alter or amend the articles, it must be signed by [the chairman of the board or the president or vice 21 22 president, and the secretary or assistant secretary,] an officer of the corporation and must state that [they have] he has been authorized 23 to *[execute] sign* the certificate by resolution of the board of 24 25 directors adopted on the date stated, and that the certificate correctly 26 sets forth the text of the articles as amended to the date of the 27 certificate.

3. The following may be omitted from the restated articles:

29 (a) The names, addresses, signatures and acknowledgments of 30 the incorporators:

(b) The names and addresses of the members of the past and 31 32 present board of directors; and

(c) The name and address of the resident agent.

34 Whenever a corporation is required to file a certified copy of 4. its articles, in lieu thereof it may file a certified copy of the most 35 recent certificate restating its articles as amended, subject to the 36 provisions of subsection 2, together with certified copies of all 37 certificates of amendment filed after the restated articles and 38 39 certified copies of all certificates supplementary to the original 40 articles.

41 **Sec. 122.** NRS 82.451 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 82.451 1. A corporation may be dissolved and its affairs 43 wound up voluntarily if the board of directors adopts a resolution to 44 that effect and calls a meeting of the members entitled to vote to 45 take action upon the resolution. The resolution must also be



1 approved by any person or superior organization whose approval is 2 required by a provision of the articles authorized by NRS 82.091. The meeting of the members must be held with due notice. If at the 3 meeting the members entitled to exercise a majority of all the voting 4 5 power consent by resolution to the dissolution, a certificate setting forth that the dissolution has been approved in compliance with this 6 7 section, together with a list of the names and residences of the directors and officers, [executed by the chairman of the board, 8 9 president or vice president, and the secretary or an assistant 10 secretary,] signed by an officer of the corporation, must be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State. 11

2. If a corporation has no members entitled to vote upon a 12 resolution calling for the dissolution of the corporation, the 13 14 corporation may be dissolved and its affairs wound up voluntarily 15 by the board of directors if it adopts a resolution to that effect. The resolution must also be approved by any person or superior 16 organization whose approval is required by a provision of the 17 articles authorized by NRS 82.091. A certificate setting forth that 18 the dissolution has been approved in compliance with this section 19 20 and a list of the officers and directors, *[executed] signed* as provided 21 in subsection 1, must be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State.

22 3. Upon the dissolution of any corporation under the provisions of this section or upon the expiration of its period of corporate 23 existence, the directors are the trustees of the corporation in 24 25 liquidation and in winding up the affairs of the corporation. The act 26 of a majority of the directors as trustees remaining in office is the 27 act of the directors as trustees.

Sec. 123. NRS 82.526 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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82.526 The Secretary of State may microfilm any [document] 29 30 *record* which is filed in his office by a corporation pursuant to this 31 chapter and may return the original [document] record to the corporation. 32

Sec. 124. NRS 82.528 is hereby amended to read as follows: 33

34 82.528 No [document] record which is written in a language other than English may be filed or submitted for filing in the Office 35 of the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of this chapter 36 unless it is accompanied by a verified translation of that [document] 37 38 *record* into the English language. 39

Sec. 125. NRS 82.531 is hereby amended to read as follows:

40 82.531 1. The fee for filing articles of incorporation, 41 amendments to or restatements of articles of incorporation, 42 certificates pursuant to NRS 82.061 and 82.063 and [documents] 43 *records* for dissolution is \$25 for each [document.] *record*.



Except as otherwise provided in NRS 82.193 and subsection
 the fees for filing [documents] records are those set forth in NRS
 78.765 to 78.785, inclusive.

Sec. 126. NRS 82.533 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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5 82.533 An incorporator or officer of a corporation may authorize the Secretary of State in writing to replace any page of a 6 7 **[document]** record submitted for filing on an expedited basis, before 8 the actual filing, and to accept the page as if it were part of the originally signed filing. The signed authorization of the incorporator 9 or officer to the Secretary of State permits, but does not require, the 10 Secretary of State to alter the original [document] record as 11 12 requested.

Sec. 127. NRS 82.546 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 82.546 1. Any corporation which did exist or is existing pursuant to the laws of this state may, upon complying with the 15 provisions of NRS 78.150 and 82.193, procure a renewal or revival 16 of its charter for any period, together with all the rights, franchises, 17 privileges and immunities, and subject to all its existing and 18 preexisting debts, duties and liabilities secured or imposed by its 19 20 original charter and amendments thereto, or its existing charter, by 21 filing:

22 (a) A certificate with the Secretary of State, which must set 23 forth:

(1) The name of the corporation, which must be the name of
the corporation at the time of the renewal or revival, or its name at
the time its original charter expired.

(2) The name and street address of the resident agent of the
filing corporation, and his mailing address if different from his street
address.

30 (3) The date when the renewal or revival of the charter is to
31 commence or be effective, which may be, in cases of a revival,
32 before the date of the certificate.

(4) Whether or not the renewal or revival is to be perpetual,
and, if not perpetual, the time for which the renewal or revival is to
continue.

(5) That the corporation desiring to renew or revive its
charter is, or has been, organized and carrying on the business
authorized by its existing or original charter and amendments
thereto, and desires to renew or continue through revival its
existence pursuant to and subject to the provisions of this chapter.

(b) A list of its president, secretary and treasurer and all of its
directors and their [post office box and] mailing or street addresses,
either residence or business.

44 2. A corporation whose charter has not expired and is being 45 renewed shall cause the certificate to be signed by its president or



1 vice president and secretary or assistant secretary. The certificate 2 must be approved by a majority of the last-appointed surviving directors. 3

4 3. A corporation seeking to revive its original or amended 5 charter shall cause the certificate to be signed by its president or 6 vice president and secretary or assistant secretary. The [execution] 7 *signing* and filing of the certificate must be approved unanimously by the last-appointed surviving directors of the corporation and must 8 9 contain a recital that unanimous consent was secured. The 10 corporation shall pay to the Secretary of State the fee required to establish a new corporation pursuant to the provisions of this 11 12 chapter.

13 $\overline{4}$. The filed certificate, or a copy thereof which has been 14 certified under the hand and seal of the Secretary of State, must be 15 received in all courts and places as prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated and of the existence and incorporation of the 16 17 corporation named therein.

Sec. 128. Chapter 84 of NRS is hereby amended by adding 18 19 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 129 and 130 of this act.

20 Sec. 129. "Record" means information that is inscribed on a 21 tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium 22 and is retrievable in perceivable form. 23

Sec. 130. "Sign" means to affix a signature to a record.

24 **Sec. 131.** NRS 84.002 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25 84.002 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 84.004 and 84.006 26 27 and sections 129 and 130 of this act have the meanings ascribed to 28 them in those sections.

29 Sec. 132. NRS 84.004 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 84.004 ["Signed" means to have] "Signature" means a name,

31 *word, symbol or mark* executed or *otherwise* adopted a name, word

or mark, including,], or a record encrypted or similarly processed 32 33

in whole or in part, by a person with the present intent to identify himself and adopt or accept a record. The term includes, without 34

35 limitation, an electronic signature as defined in NRS 719.100.

with the present intention to authenticate a document.] 36

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Sec. 133. NRS 84.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 84.020 An archbishop, bishop, president, trustee in trust, president of stake, president of congregation, overseer, presiding 39 40 elder, district superintendent, other presiding officer or clergyman of 41 a church or religious society or denomination, who has been chosen, 42 elected or appointed in conformity with the constitution, canons, 43 rites, regulations or discipline of the church or religious society or 44 denomination, and in whom is vested the legal title to property held 45 for the purposes, use or benefit of the church or religious society or



denomination, may make and [subscribe] sign written articles of
 incorporation, in duplicate, and file one copy of the articles, together
 with a certificate of acceptance of appointment [executed] signed by
 the resident agent of the corporation, in the Office of the Secretary
 of State and retain possession of the other.

6 **Sec. 134.** NRS 84.090 is hereby amended to read as follows: 7 84.090 1. The fee for filing articles of incorporation, 8 amendments to or restatements of articles of incorporation,

8 amendments to or restatements of articles of incorporation, 9 certificates of reinstatement and [documents] *records* for dissolution 10 is \$25 for each [document.] *record*.

11 2. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the fees set 12 forth in NRS 78.785 apply to this chapter.

Sec. 135. NRS 84.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 84.100 No [document] *record* which is written in a language 15 other than English may be filed or submitted for filing in the Office 16 of the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of this chapter 17 unless it is accompanied by a verified translation of that [document] 18 *record* into the English language.

Sec. 136. NRS 84.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

84.110 1. Every corporation sole must have a resident agent
in the manner provided in NRS 78.090 and 78.095, subsections 1 to
4, inclusive, of NRS 78.097 and NRS 78.110. The resident agent
shall comply with the provisions of those sections.

24 2. A corporation sole that fails to file a certificate of acceptance 25 [executed] *signed* by the new resident agent within 30 days after the 26 death, resignation or removal of its former resident agent shall be 27 deemed in default and is subject to the provisions of NRS 84.130 28 and 84.140.

3. No corporation sole may be required to file an annual list ofofficers, directors and designation of resident agent.

31 Sec. 137. NRS 84.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 84.120 1. A resident agent who wishes to resign shall file 33 with the Secretary of State a signed statement for each corporation 34 sole that he is unwilling to continue to act as the agent of the 35 corporation for the service of process. A resignation is not effective 36 until the signed statement is filed with the Secretary of State.

2. The statement of resignation may contain a statement of the affected corporation sole appointing a successor resident agent for that corporation. A certificate of acceptance [executed] *signed* by the new resident agent, stating the full name, complete street address and, if different from the street address, mailing address of the new resident agent, must accompany the statement appointing a

43 successor resident agent.

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44 3. Upon the filing of the statement of resignation with the 45 Secretary of State, the capacity of the resigning person as resident



agent terminates. If the statement of resignation contains no 1 2 statement by the corporation sole appointing a successor resident agent, the resigning resident agent shall immediately give written 3 notice, by mail, to the corporation of the filing of the statement and 4 its effect. The notice must be addressed to the person in whom is 5 vested the legal title to property specified in NRS 84.020. 6

4. If a resident agent dies, resigns or removes from the State, 7 8 the corporation sole, within 30 days thereafter, shall file with the 9 Secretary of State a certificate of acceptance [executed] signed by 10 the new resident agent. The certificate must set forth the full name and complete street address of the new resident agent for the service 11 of process, and may have a separate mailing address, such as a post 12 13 office box, which may be different from the street address.

14 5. A corporation sole that fails to file a certificate of acceptance 15 **[executed]** signed by the new resident agent within 30 days after the death, resignation or removal of its former resident agent shall be 16 deemed in default and is subject to the provisions of NRS 84.130 17 and 84.140. 18

Sec. 138. NRS 84.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 84.150 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 and 4, the Secretary of State shall reinstate any corporation sole which 21 22 has forfeited its right to transact business under the provisions of this chapter and restore the right to carry on business in this state 23 24 and exercise its corporate privileges and immunities, if it:

(a) Files with the Secretary of State a certificate of acceptance of 25 26 appointment [executed] signed by the resident agent of the 27 corporation; and 28

(b) Pays to the Secretary of State:

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29 (1) The filing fees and penalties set forth in this chapter for 30 each year or portion thereof during which its charter has been 31 revoked; and 32

(2) A fee of \$25 for reinstatement.

2. When the Secretary of State reinstates the corporation to its 33 34 former rights, he shall:

35 (a) Immediately issue and deliver to the corporation a certificate of reinstatement authorizing it to transact business, as if the fees had 36 37 been paid when due; and

38 (b) Upon demand, issue to the corporation a certified copy of the 39 certificate of reinstatement.

40 The Secretary of State shall not order a reinstatement unless 3. 41 all delinquent fees and penalties have been paid, and the revocation

42 of its charter occurred only by reason of its failure to pay the fees 43 and penalties.



4. If a corporate charter has been revoked pursuant to the 1 2 provisions of this chapter and has remained revoked for 10 consecutive years, the charter must not be reinstated. 3 Sec. 139. Chapter 86 of NRS is hereby amended by adding 4 5 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 140, 141 and 142 of this 6 act. 7 Sec. 140. "Record" means information that is inscribed on a 8 tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium 9 and is retrievable in perceivable form. 10 Sec. 141. 1. For the purposes of this section, NRS 86.543 to 86.549, inclusive, and section 142 of this act, the following 11 activities do not constitute transacting business in this state: 12 13 (a) Maintaining, defending or settling any proceeding: 14 (b) Holding meetings of the managers or members or carrying 15 on other activities concerning internal company affairs; (c) Maintaining accounts in banks or credit unions; 16 17 (d) Maintaining offices or agencies for the transfer, exchange and registration of the company's own securities or maintaining 18 trustees or depositaries with respect to those securities; 19 20 (e) Making sales through independent contractors; 21 (f) Soliciting or receiving orders outside this state through or 22 in response to letters, circulars, catalogs or other forms of advertising, accepting those orders outside this state and filling 23 24 them by shipping goods into this state; 25 (g) Creating or acquiring indebtedness, mortgages and 26 security interests in real or personal property; 27 (h) Securing or collecting debts or enforcing mortgages and 28 security interests in property securing the debts; 29 (i) Owning, without more, real or personal property; (j) Isolated transactions completed within 30 days and not a 30 31 part of a series of similar transactions; 32 (k) The production of motion pictures as defined in NRS 231.020; 33 34 (1) Transacting business as an out-of-state *depository* 35 institution pursuant to the provisions of title 55 of NRS; and (m) Transacting business in interstate commerce. 36 37 The list of activities in subsection 1 is not exhaustive. 2. 3. 38 A person who is not doing business in this state within the 39 meaning of this section need not qualify or comply with any 40 provision of this chapter, title 55 or 56 of NRS or chapter 645Å, 41 645B or 645E of NRS unless he:

42 (a) Maintains an office in this state for the transaction of 43 business; or

44 (b) Solicits or accepts deposits in the State, except pursuant to 45 the provisions of chapter 666 or 666A of NRS.



1 4. As used in this section, "deposits" means demand deposits, 2 savings deposits and time deposits, as those terms are defined in 3 chapter 657 of NRS.

4 Sec. 142. 1. For the purposes of section 141 of this act, a 5 solicitation of a deposit is made in this state, whether or not either 6 party is present in this state, if the solicitation:

(a) Originates in this state; or

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8 (b) Is directed by the solicitor to a destination in this state and 9 received where it is directed, or at a post office in this state if the 10 solicitation is mailed.

11 2. A solicitation of a deposit is accepted in this state if 12 acceptance:

(a) Is communicated to the solicitor in this state; and

14 (b) Has not previously been communicated to the solicitor, 15 orally or in writing, outside this state.

16 Acceptance is communicated to the solicitor in this state, whether 17 or not either party is present in this state, if the depositor directs it 18 to the solicitor reasonably believing the solicitor to be in this state 19 and it is received where it is directed, or at any post office in this 20 state if the acceptance is mailed.

21 3. A solicitation made in a newspaper or other publication of 22 general, regular and paid circulation is not made in this state if 23 the publication:

(a) Is not published in this state; or

(b) Is published in this state but has had more than two-thirds
of its circulation outside this state during the 12 months preceding
the solicitation.

If a publication is published in editions, each edition is a separate publication except for material common to all editions.

4. A solicitation made in a radio or television program or other electronic communication received in this state which originates outside this state is not made in this state. A radio or television program or other electronic communication shall be deemed to have originated in this state if the broadcast studio or origin of the source of transmission is located within the State, unless:

(a) The program or communication is syndicated and
distributed from outside this state for redistribution to the general
public in this state;

40 (b) The program is supplied by a radio, television or other 41 electronic network whose electronic signal originates outside this 42 state for redistribution to the general public in this state;

43 (c) The program or communication is an electronic signal that 44 originates outside this state and is captured for redistribution to



1 the general public in this state by a community antenna or cable, 2 radio, cable television or other electronic system; or (d) The program or communication consists of an electronic 3 signal which originates within this state, but which is not intended 4 5 for redistribution to the general public in this state. Sec. 143. NRS 86.011 is hereby amended to read as follows: 6 7 86.011 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise 8 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 86.022 to 86.128, 9 inclusive, *and section 140 of this act* have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections. 10 Sec. 144. NRS 86.126 is hereby amended to read as follows: 11 86.126 "Sign" means to affix a signature to a [document.] 12 13 record. 14 **Sec. 145.** NRS 86.127 is hereby amended to read as follows: 86.127 "Signature" means a name, word , symbol or mark 15 executed or otherwise adopted, or a record encrypted or similarly 16 processed in whole or in part, by a person with the present 17 [intention to authenticate a document.] intent to identify himself 18 and adopt or accept a record. The term includes, without limitation, 19 20 an electronic signature as defined in NRS 719.100. 21 **Sec. 146.** NRS 86.151 is hereby amended to read as follows: 22 1. One or more persons may form a limited-liability 86.151 23 company by: 24 (a) [Executing] Signing and filing with the Secretary of State 25 articles of organization for the company; and 26 (b) Filing with the Secretary of State a certificate of acceptance 27 of appointment, [executed] signed by the resident agent of the 28 company. 29 2. Upon the filing of the articles of organization and the 30 certificate of acceptance with the Secretary of State, and the 31 payment to him of the required filing fees, the Secretary of State shall issue to the company a certificate that the articles, containing 32 33 the required statement of facts, have been filed. 3. A signer of the articles of organization or a manager 34 35 designated in the articles does not thereby become a member of the company. At all times after commencement of business by the 36 37 company, the company must have one or more members. The filing 38 of the articles does not, by itself, constitute commencement of 39 business by the company. 40 Sec. 147. NRS 86.161 is hereby amended to read as follows: 41 86.161 1. The articles of organization must set forth:

42 (a) The name of the limited-liability company;

(b) The name and complete street address of its resident agent,
and the mailing address of the resident agent if different from the
street address;



(c) The name and **[post office]** mailing or street address, either 1 2 residence or business, of each of the organizers [executing] signing the articles: and 3 4

(d) If the company is to be managed by:

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5 (1) One or more managers, the name and [post office] *mailing* or street address, either residence or business, of each 6 7 *initial* manager; or

8 (2) The members, the name and **[post office]** mailing or 9 street address, either residence or business, of each *initial* member.

10 2. The articles may set forth any other provision, not inconsistent with law, which the members elect to set out in the 11 articles of organization for the regulation of the internal affairs of 12 13 the company, including any provisions which under this chapter are 14 required or permitted to be set out in the operating agreement of the company. 15

3. It is not necessary to set out in the articles of organization:

(a) The rights [, if any,] of the members to contract debts on behalf of the limited-liability company **;** or

19 (b)] if the limited-liability company is managed by its 20 members:

21 (b) The rights of the manager or managers to contract debts 22 on behalf of the limited-liability company if the limited-liability 23 company is managed by a manager or managers; or 24

(c) Any of the powers enumerated in this chapter.

Sec. 148. NRS 86.171 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 86.171 1. The name of a limited-liability company formed 27 under the provisions of this chapter must contain the words "Limited-Liability Company," "Limited Liability Company," 28 "Limited Company," or "Limited" or the abbreviations "Ltd.," 29 "L.L.C.," "L.C.," "LLC" or "LC." The word "Company" may be 30 abbreviated as "Co." 31

32 2. The name proposed for a limited-liability company must be distinguishable on the records of the Secretary of State from the 33 names of all other artificial persons formed, organized, registered or 34 35 qualified pursuant to the provisions of this title that are on file in the Office of the Secretary of State and all names that are reserved in 36 37 the Office of the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of this title. If a proposed name is not so distinguishable, the Secretary of 38 State shall return the articles of organization to the organizer, unless 39 40 the [written, acknowledged] signed consent of the holder of the 41 name on file or reserved name to use the same name or the 42 requested similar name accompanies the articles of organization.

43 3. For the purposes of this section and NRS 86.176, a proposed 44 name is not distinguishable from a name on file or reserved name 45 solely because one or the other contains distinctive lettering, a



distinctive mark, a trademark or a trade name, or any combination of
 these.

4. The name of a limited-liability company whose charter has
been revoked, which has merged and is not the surviving entity or
whose existence has otherwise terminated is available for use by any
other artificial person.

5. The Secretary of State shall not accept for filing any articles of organization for any limited-liability company if the name of the limited-liability company contains the words "accountant," "accounting," "accountancy," "auditor" or "auditing" unless the Nevada State Board of Accountancy certifies that the limitedliability company:

(a) Is registered pursuant to the provisions of chapter 628 ofNRS; or

(b) Has filed with the State Board of Accountancy under penalty
of perjury a written statement that the limited-liability company is
not engaged in the practice of accounting and is not offering to
practice accounting in this state.

19 6. The Secretary of State may adopt regulations that interpret 20 the requirements of this section.

Sec. 149. NRS 86.176 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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22 86.176 1. The Secretary of State, when requested so to do, shall reserve, for a period of 90 days, the right to use any name 23 available under NRS 86.171, for the use of any proposed limited-24 25 liability company. During the period, a name so reserved is not available for use or reservation by any other artificial person 26 27 forming, organizing, registering or qualifying in the Office of the 28 Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of this title without the [written, acknowledged] signed consent of the person at whose 29 30 request the reservation was made.

2. The use by any other artificial person of a name in violation
of subsection 1 or NRS 86.171 may be enjoined, even if the
[document] *record* under which the artificial person is formed,
organized, registered or qualified has been filed by the Secretary of
State.

36 Sec. 150. NRS 86.221 is hereby amended to read as follows:

86.221 1. The articles of organization of a limited-liability
company may be amended for any purpose, not inconsistent with
law, as determined by all of the members or permitted by the articles
or an operating agreement.

41 2. An amendment must be made in the form of a certificate 42 setting forth:

43 (a) The name of the limited-liability company;

(b) Whether the limited-liability company is managed by one ormore managers or members; and



(c) The amendment to the articles of organization.

The certificate of amendment must be signed by a manager
 of the company or, if management is not vested in a manager, by a
 member.

5 4. Restated articles of organization may be **[executed]** *signed* 6 and filed in the same manner as a certificate of amendment. If the 7 certificate alters or amends the articles in any manner, it must be 8 accompanied by:

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(b) A form prescribed by the Secretary of State,

setting forth which provisions of the articles of organization on file with the Secretary of State are being altered or amended.

Sec. 151. NRS 86.226 is hereby amended to read as follows:

86.226 1. A signed certificate of amendment, or a certified 14 copy of a judicial decree of amendment, must be filed with the 15 Secretary of State. A person who [executes] signs a certificate as an 16 agent, officer or fiduciary of the limited-liability company need not 17 exhibit evidence of his authority as a prerequisite to filing. Unless 18 the Secretary of State finds that a certificate does not conform to 19 20 law, upon his receipt of all required filing fees he shall file the 21 certificate.

22 2. A certificate of amendment or judicial decree of amendment 23 is effective upon filing with the Secretary of State or upon a later 24 date specified in the certificate or judicial decree, which must not be 25 more than 90 days after the certificate or judicial decree is filed.

3. If a certificate specifies an effective date and if the resolution of the members approving the proposed amendment provides that one or more managers or, if management is not vested in a manager, one or more members may abandon the proposed amendment, then those managers or members may terminate the effectiveness of the certificate by filing a certificate of termination with the Secretary of State that:

(a) Is filed before the effective date specified in the certificate orjudicial decree filed pursuant to subsection 1;

(b) Identifies the certificate being terminated;

36 (c) States that, pursuant to the resolution of the members, the 37 manager of the company or, if management is not vested in a 38 manager, a designated member is authorized to terminate the 39 effectiveness of the certificate;

40 (d) States that the effectiveness of the certificate has been 41 terminated;

42 (e) Is signed by a manager of the company or, if management is 43 not vested in a manager, a designated member; and

44 (f) Is accompanied by a filing fee of \$150.



Sec. 152. NRS 86.241 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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2 86.241 1. Each limited-liability company shall continuously 3 maintain in this state an office, which may but need not be a place of 4 its business in this state, at which it shall keep, unless otherwise 5 provided by an operating agreement:

6 (a) A current list of the full name and last known business 7 address of each member and manager, separately identifying the 8 members in alphabetical order and the managers, if any, in 9 alphabetical order;

10 (b) A copy of the filed articles of organization and all 11 amendments thereto, together with <u>[executed]</u> *signed* copies of any 12 powers of attorney pursuant to which any <u>[document]</u> *record* has 13 been <u>[executed;]</u> *signed;* and

14 (c) Copies of any then effective operating agreement of the 15 company.

16 2. Records kept pursuant to this section are subject to 17 inspection and copying at the reasonable request, and at the expense, 18 of any member during ordinary business hours, unless otherwise 19 provided in an operating agreement.

20 Sec. 153. NRS 86.251 is hereby amended to read as follows:

86.251 1. A resident agent who desires to resign shall file with the Secretary of State a signed statement for each limitedliability company that he is unwilling to continue to act as the agent of the limited-liability company for the service of process. A resignation is not effective until the signed statement is filed with the Secretary of State.

27 2. The statement of resignation may contain a statement of the 28 affected limited-liability company appointing a successor resident 29 agent for that limited-liability company, giving the agent's full 30 name, street address for the service of process, and mailing address 31 if different from the street address. A certificate of acceptance 32 [executed] signed by the new resident agent must accompany the 33 statement appointing a successor resident agent.

34 3. Upon the filing of the statement of resignation with the 35 Secretary of State, the capacity of the resigning person as resident agent terminates. If the statement of resignation contains no 36 37 statement by the limited-liability company appointing a successor 38 resident agent, the resigning agent shall immediately give written notice, by mail, to the limited-liability company of the filing of the 39 40 statement and its effect. The notice must be addressed to any 41 manager or, if none, to any member $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ of the limited-liability 42 company other than the resident agent.

43 4. If a resident agent dies, resigns or moves from the State, the 44 limited-liability company, within 30 days thereafter, shall file with 45 the Secretary of State a certificate of acceptance [executed] signed



by the new resident agent. The certificate must set forth the name, 1 2 complete street address and mailing address, if different from the street address, of the new resident agent. 3

5. Each limited-liability company which fails to file a 4 certificate of acceptance [executed] signed by the new resident 5 agent within 30 days after the death, resignation or removal of its 6 7 resident agent as provided in subsection 4 [-] shall be deemed in 8 default and is subject to the provisions of NRS 86.272 and 86.274.

9 **Sec. 154.** NRS 86.269 is hereby amended to read as follows: 10 86.269 1. Every list required to be filed under the provisions of NRS 86.263 must, after the name of each manager and member 11 listed thereon, set forth the **[post office box]** mailing or street 12 13 address, either residence or business, of each manager or member.

14 2. If the addresses are not stated for each person on any list offered for filing, the Secretary of State may refuse to file the list, 15 and the limited-liability company for which the list has been offered 16 for filing is subject to the provisions of NRS 86.272 and 86.274 17 relating to failure to file the list within or at the times therein 18 19 specified, unless a list is subsequently submitted for filing which 20 conforms to the provisions of this section. 21

Sec. 155. NRS 86.301 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 86.301 Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, its articles 23 of organization or its operating agreement, no debt may be 24 contracted or liability incurred by or on behalf of a limited-liability 25 company, except by fore or more of its managers if management of 26 the limited-liability company has been vested by the members in a manager or managers or, if management of the limited-liability 27 company is retained by the members, then by any member.]: 28

29 **1.** One or more managers of a company which is managed by 30 a manager or managers;

2. Any member of a company which is managed by its 31 32 *members*:

33 3. Any agent, officer, employee or other representative of the 34 company authorized in the operating agreement or in another writing by a manager or managers, if the company is managed by 35 36 a manager or managers; or

37 4. Any agent, officer, employee or other representative of the 38 company authorized in the operating agreement or in another 39 writing by a member, if the company is managed by its members. 40

Sec. 156. NRS 86.311 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 86.311 Real and personal property owned or purchased by a 42 [limited-liability] company must be held and owned, and 43 conveyance made, in the name of the company. Except as otherwise 44 provided in the *company's* articles of organization \mathbf{H} or operating *agreement*, instruments and [documents] *records* providing for the 45



1 acquisition, mortgage or disposition of property of the company are 2 valid and binding upon the company if [executed by one or more managers of a company which has a manager or managers or as 3 provided by the articles of organization of a company in which 4 management has been retained by the members.] signed by: 5

1. One or more managers of a company which is managed by 6 7 a manager or managers;

8 2. Any member of a company which is managed by its 9 *members*;

10 3. Any agent, officer, employee or other representative of the company authorized in the operating agreement or in another 11 writing by a manager or managers, if the company is managed by 12 13 a manager or managers; or

14 4. Any agent, officer, employee or other representative of the 15 company authorized in the operating agreement or in another writing by a member, if the company is managed by its members. 16 17

Sec. 157. NRS 86.483 is hereby amended to read as follows:

86.483 A [member who owns a member's interest in a limited-18 19 liability company or a noneconomic member, when permitted by the terms of the articles of organization or operating agreement, may 20 21 bring an action in the right of a limited-liability company to recover 22 a judgment in its favor if managers or members with authority to do 23 so have refused to bring the action or if an effort to cause those 24 managers or members to bring the action is not likely to succeed.

Sec. 158. NRS 86.485 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 86.485 In a derivative action, the plaintiff must be a member 27 who owns a member's interest or a noneconomic member at the 28 time of bringing the action and at the time of the transaction of 29 which he complains.

30 **Sec. 159.** NRS 86.544 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 86.544 Before transacting business in this state, a foreign limited-liability company must register with the Secretary of State. 32 In order to register, a foreign limited-liability company must submit 33 to the Secretary of State an application for registration as a foreign 34 35 limited-liability company, signed by a manager of the company or, if management is not vested in a manager, a member of the 36 37 company and a signed certificate of acceptance of a resident agent. 38 The application for registration must set forth:

1. The name of the foreign limited-liability company and, if 39 40 different, the name under which it proposes to register and transact 41 business in this state;

42 The state and date of its formation; 2.

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43 3. The name and address of the resident agent *in this state* 44 whom the foreign limited-liability company elects to appoint;



4. A statement that the Secretary of State is appointed the agent
 of the foreign limited-liability company for service of process if the
 authority of the resident agent has been revoked, or if the resident
 agent has resigned or cannot be found or served with the exercise of
 reasonable diligence;

5. The address of the office required to be maintained in the state of its organization by the laws of that state or, if not so required, of the principal office of the foreign limited-liability company;

10 6. The name and business address of each manager or, if 11 management is not vested in a manager, each member; and

12 7. The address of the office at which is kept a list of the names 13 and addresses of the members and their capital contributions, 14 together with an undertaking by the foreign limited-liability 15 company to keep those records until the registration in this state of 16 the foreign limited-liability company is cancelled or withdrawn.

17 Sec. 160. NRS 86.549 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 86.549 The Attorney General may bring an action to restrain a 19 foreign limited-liability company from transacting business in this 20 state in violation of NRS 86.543 to 86.549, inclusive [-], and 21 sections 141 and 142 of this act.

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Sec. 161. NRS 86.561 is hereby amended to read as follows:

86.561 1. The Secretary of State shall charge and collect for:
(a) Filing the original articles of organization, or for registration
of a foreign company, \$175;

(b) Amending or restating the articles of organization, amending the registration of a foreign company or filing a certificate of correction, \$150;

(c) Filing the articles of dissolution of a domestic or foreigncompany, \$60;

31 (d) Filing a statement of change of address of a records or 32 registered office, or change of the resident agent, \$30;

(e) Certifying articles of organization or an amendment to the
 articles, in both cases where a copy is provided, \$20;

(f) Certifying an authorized printed copy of this chapter, \$20;

(g) Reserving a name for a limited-liability company, \$20;

37 (h) Filing a certificate of cancellation, \$60;

38 (i) [Executing,] Signing, filing or certifying any other 39 [document,] record, \$40; and

40 (j) Copies made at the Office of the Secretary of State, \$1 per 41 page.

42 2. The Secretary of State shall charge and collect at the time of 43 any service of process on him as agent for service of process of a 44 limited-liability company, \$10 which may be recovered as taxable



1 costs by the party to the action causing the service to be made if the party prevails in the action. 2 3. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the fees set 3 forth in NRS 78.785 apply to this chapter. 4 Sec. 162. NRS 86.563 is hereby amended to read as follows: 5 86.563 Before the issuance of members' interests an organizer, 6 7 and after the issuance of members' interests, a manager, of a 8 limited-liability company may authorize the Secretary of State in writing to replace any page of a [document] record submitted for 9 10 filing on an expedited basis, before the actual filing, and to accept the page as if it were part of the [originally signed filing.] original 11 *record.* The signed authorization of the organizer or manager to the 12 13 Secretary of State permits, but does not require, the Secretary of 14 State to alter the original [document] *record* as requested. Sec. 163. NRS 86.566 is hereby amended to read as follows: 15 86.566 No [document] record which is written in a language 16 17 other than English may be filed or submitted for filing in the Office of the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of this chapter 18 unless it is accompanied by a verified translation of that [document] 19 20 *record* into the English language. Sec. 164. NRS 86.568 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21 22 1. A limited-liability company may correct a 86.568 [document filed by] record filed in the Office of the Secretary of 23 24 State with respect to the limited-liability company if the document 25 *record* contains an inaccurate *[record] decription* of a company action [described in the document] or was defectively [executed,] 26 27 *signed*, attested, sealed, verified or acknowledged. 28 2. To correct a [document,] record, the limited-liability 29 company must: 30 (a) Prepare a certificate of correction that: 31 (1) States the name of the limited-liability company; (2) Describes the **[document,]** record, including, without 32 33 limitation, its filing date; (3) Specifies the inaccuracy or defect; 34

35 (4) Sets forth the inaccurate or defective portion of the 36 [document] record in an accurate or corrected form; and

(5) Is signed by a manager of the company, or if
management is not vested in a manager, by a member of the
company.

40 (b) Deliver the certificate to the Secretary of State for filing.

41 (c) Pay a filing fee of \$150 to the Secretary of State.

42 3. A certificate of correction is effective on the effective date

43 of the <u>[document]</u> *record* it corrects except as to persons relying on 44 the uncorrected <u>[document]</u> *record* and adversely affected by the



1 correction. As to those persons, the certificate is effective when 2 filed.

Sec. 165. NRS 86.580 is hereby amended to read as follows: 3 4 86.580 1. A limited-liability company which did exist or is existing pursuant to the laws of this state may, upon complying with 5 the provisions of NRS 86.276, procure a renewal or revival of its 6 charter for any period, together with all the rights, franchises, 7 8 privileges and immunities, and subject to all its existing and 9 preexisting debts, duties and liabilities secured or imposed by its 10 original charter and amendments thereto, or existing charter, by filing: 11

12 (a) A certificate with the Secretary of State, which must set 13 forth:

14 (1) The name of the limited-liability company, which must 15 be the name of the limited-liability company at the time of the 16 renewal or revival, or its name at the time its original charter 17 expired.

18 (2) The name of the person designated as the resident agent 19 of the limited-liability company, his street address for the service of 20 process, and his mailing address if different from his street address.

(3) The date when the renewal or revival of the charter is to
commence or be effective, which may be, in cases of a revival,
before the date of the certificate.

(4) Whether or not the renewal or revival is to be perpetual,and, if not perpetual, the time for which the renewal or revival is tocontinue.

27 (5) That the limited-liability company desiring to renew or 28 revive its charter is, or has been, organized and carrying on the 29 business authorized by its existing or original charter and 30 amendments thereto, and desires to renew or continue through 31 revival its existence pursuant to and subject to the provisions of this 32 chapter.

(b) A list of its managers, or if there are no managers, all its
 managing members and their [post office box] mailing or street
 addresses, either residence or business.

A limited-liability company whose charter has not expired
and is being renewed shall cause the certificate to be signed by its
manager, or if there is no manager, by a person designated by its
members. The certificate must be approved by a majority in interest.

3. A limited-liability company seeking to revive its original or
amended charter shall cause the certificate to be signed by a person
or persons designated or appointed by the members. The [execution] *signing* and filing of the certificate must be approved by the written
consent of a majority in interest and must contain a recital that this
consent was secured. The limited-liability company shall pay to the



Secretary of State the fee required to establish a new limited-1 2 liability company pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. 4. The filed certificate, or a copy thereof which has been 3 certified under the hand and seal of the Secretary of State, must be 4 5 received in all courts and places as prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated and of the existence of the limited-liability company 6 7 therein named. 8 **Sec. 166.** NRS 87.020 is hereby amended to read as follows: 9 87.020 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise 10 requires: 1. "Bankrupt" includes bankrupt under the Federal Bankruptcy 11 Act or insolvent under any state insolvent act. 12 13 2. "Business" includes every trade, occupation or profession. 3. "Conveyance" includes every assignment, lease, mortgage 14 15 or encumbrance. 16 4. "Court" includes every court and judge having jurisdiction in the case. 17 "Professional service" means any type of personal service 5. 18 19 which may legally be performed only pursuant to a license or 20 certificate of registration. "Real property" includes land and any interest or estate in 21 6. 22 land. "Record" means information that is inscribed on a 23 7. 24 tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium 25 and is retrievable in perceivable form. 8. "Registered limited-liability partnership" 26 means а partnership formed pursuant to an agreement governed by this 27 28 chapter for the purpose of rendering a professional service and registered pursuant to and complying with NRS 87.440 to 87.560, 29 30 inclusive. [8.] 9. "Sign" means to affix a signature to a record. 31 10. "Signature" means a name, word , symbol or mark 32 executed or otherwise adopted, or a record encrypted or similarly 33 processed in whole or in part, by a person with the present 34 [intention to authenticate a document.] intent to identify himself 35 and adopt or accept a record. The term includes, without limitation, 36 37 an electronic signature as defined in NRS 719.100. 38 [9. "Signed" means to have affixed a signature to a document. **10.**] **11.** "Street address" of a resident agent means the actual 39 40 physical location in this state at which a resident agent is available 41 for service of process. **Sec. 167.** NRS 87.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 **Sec. 167.** NRS 87.100 is hereby amended to read as follows: 43 87.100 1. Where title to real property is in the partnership 44 name, any partner may convey title to such property by a 45 conveyance [executed] signed in the partnership name, [;] but the



partnership may recover such property unless the partner's act binds 1 2 the partnership under the provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 87.090 or unless such property has been conveyed by the grantee or a 3 person claiming through such grantee to a holder for value without 4 knowledge that the partner, in making the conveyance, has exceeded 5 6 his authority.

Where title to real property is in the name of the partnership, 7 2. 8 a conveyance *[executed]* signed by a partner, in his own name, 9 passes the equitable interest of the partnership, provided the act is 10 one within the authority of the partner under the provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 87.090. 11

3. Where title to real property is in the name of one or more but 12 13 not all the partners, and the record does not disclose the right of the 14 partnership, the partners in whose name the title stands may convey title to such property, but the partnership may recover such property 15 if the partners' act does not bind the partnership under the 16 provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 87.090, unless the purchaser, or 17 his assignee, is a holder for value without knowledge. 18

Where the title to real property is in the name of one or more 19 4. or all the partners, or in a third person in trust for the partnership, a 20 conveyance [executed] signed by a partner in the partnership name, 21 or in his own name, passes the equitable interest of the partnership, 22 provided the act is one within the authority of the partner under the 23 24 provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 87.090.

25 5. Where the title to real property is in the names of all the 26 partners a conveyance *[executed]* signed by all the partners passes 27 all their rights in such property.

Sec. 168. NRS 87.440 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 become 87.440 1. To а registered limited-liability partnership, a partnership shall file with the Secretary of State a 30 31 certificate of registration stating each of the following: 32

(a) The name of the partnership.

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(b) The street address of its principal office.

34 (c) The name of the person designated as the partnership's resident agent, the street address of the resident agent where process 35 may be served upon the partnership and the mailing address of the 36 37 resident agent if it is different than his street address.

38 (d) The name and business address of each managing partner in 39 this state.

40 (e) A brief statement of the professional service rendered by the 41 partnership.

42 (f) That the partnership thereafter will be a registered limited-43 liability partnership.

44 (g) Any other information that the partnership wishes to include.



1 2. The certificate of registration must be **[executed]** *signed* by a 2 majority in interest of the partners or by one or more partners 3 authorized to **[execute]** *sign* such a certificate.

4 3. The certificate of registration must be accompanied by a fee 5 of \$175.

6 4. The Secretary of State shall register as a registered limited-7 liability partnership any partnership that submits a completed 8 certificate of registration with the required fee.

9 5. The registration of a registered limited-liability partnership 10 is effective at the time of the filing of the certificate of registration.

11 Sec. 169. NRS 87.470 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 87.470 The registration of a registered limited-liability 13 partnership is effective until:

14 1. Its certificate of registration is revoked pursuant to NRS 15 87.520; or

2. The registered limited-liability partnership files with the
Secretary of State a [written] notice of withdrawal [executed] signed
by a managing partner. The notice must be accompanied by a fee of
\$60.

20 Sec. 170. NRS 87.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

87.500 1. A resident agent of a registered limited-liability partnership who wishes to resign shall file with the Secretary of State a signed statement that he is unwilling to continue to act as the resident agent of the registered limited-liability partnership for service of process. A resignation is not effective until the signed statement is filed with the Secretary of State.

27 2. The statement of resignation may contain a statement by the 28 affected registered limited-liability partnership appointing a 29 successor resident agent. A certificate of acceptance signed by the 30 new agent, stating the full name, complete street address and, if 31 different from the street address, the mailing address of the new 32 agent, must accompany the statement appointing the new resident 33 agent.

34 3. Upon the filing of the statement with the Secretary of State, 35 the capacity of the person as resident agent terminates. If the 36 statement of resignation contains no statement by the registered 37 limited-liability partnership appointing a successor resident agent, 38 the resigning agent shall immediately give written notice, by 39 certified mail, to the registered limited-liability partnership of the 40 filing of the statement and its effect. The notice must be addressed 41 to a managing partner in this state.

42 4. If a resident agent dies, resigns or removes himself from the 43 State, the registered limited-liability partnership shall, within 30 44 days thereafter, file with the Secretary of State a certificate of 45 acceptance, [executed] signed by the new resident agent. The



certificate must set forth the full name, complete street address and, 1 2 if different from the street address, the mailing address of the newly designated resident agent. If a registered limited-liability partnership 3 fails to file a certificate of acceptance within the period required by 4 5 this subsection, it is in default and is subject to the provisions of NRS 87.520. 6 7 **Sec. 171.** NRS 87.545 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8 87.545 A managing partner of a registered limited-liability 9 partnership may authorize the Secretary of State in writing to 10 replace any page of a [document] record submitted for filing on an expedited basis, before the actual filing, and to accept the page as if 11 it were part of the *[originally signed filing.]* original record. The 12 signed authorization of the managing partner to the Secretary of 13 State permits, but does not require, the Secretary of State to alter the 14 15 original [document] record as requested. Sec. 172. NRS 87.547 is hereby amended to read as follows: 16 87.547 1. A limited-liability partnership may correct a 17 [document filed by] record filed in the Office of the Secretary of 18 State with respect to the limited-liability partnership if the 19 20 [document] record contains an inaccurate [record] description of a partnership action [described in the document] or if the record was 21 defectively *[executed,]* signed, attested, sealed, verified or 22 23 acknowledged. 24 2. To correct a [document,] record, the limited-liability 25 partnership must: 26 (a) Prepare a certificate of correction that: 27 (1) States the name of the limited-liability partnership; 28 (2) Describes the [document,] record, including, without 29 limitation, its filing date; 30 (3) Specifies the inaccuracy or defect; (4) Sets forth the inaccurate or defective portion of the 31 32 [document] record in an accurate or corrected form; and 33 (5) Is signed by a managing partner of the limited-liability 34 partnership. (b) Deliver the certificate to the Secretary of State for filing. 35 (c) Pay a filing fee of \$150 to the Secretary of State. 36 3. A certificate of correction is effective on the effective date 37 of the **[document]** record it corrects except as to persons relying on 38 39 the uncorrected [document] record and adversely affected by the 40 correction. As to those persons, the certificate is effective when

- 41 filed.
- 42 Sec. 173. NRS 87.550 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 43 87.550 In addition to any other fees required by NRS 87.440 to 44 87.540, inclusive, and 87.560, the Secretary of State shall charge



1 and collect the following fees for services rendered pursuant to 2 those sections: 1. For certifying [documents] records required by NRS 87.440 3 to 87.540, inclusive, and 87.560, \$20 per certification. 4 2. For [executing] signing a certificate verifying the existence 5 of a registered limited-liability partnership, if the registered limited-6 liability partnership has not filed a certificate of amendment, \$40. 7 8 3. For *[executing] signing* a certificate verifying the existence 9 of a registered limited-liability partnership, if the registered limited-10 liability partnership has filed a certificate of amendment, \$40. 4. For [executing,] signing, certifying or filing any certificate 11 or [document] record not required by NRS 87.440 to 87.540, 12 13 inclusive, and 87.560, \$40. 5. For any copies made by the Office of the Secretary of State, 14 15 \$1 per page. 6. For examining and provisionally approving any [document] 16 *record* before the [document] *record* is presented for filing, \$100. 17 Sec. 174. Chapter 88 of NRS is hereby amended by adding 18 19 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 175 and 176 of this act. 20 Sec. 175. 1. For the purposes of this section, NRS 88.570 to 88.605, inclusive, and section 176 of this act, the following 21 22 activities do not constitute transacting business in this state: 23 (a) Maintaining, defending or settling any proceeding; 24 (b) Holding meetings of the managers or members or carrying 25 on other activities concerning internal company affairs: (c) Maintaining accounts in banks or credit unions; 26 27 (d) Maintaining offices or agencies for the transfer, exchange 28 and registration of the company's own securities or maintaining 29 trustees or depositaries with respect to those securities; 30 (e) Making sales through independent contractors; 31 (f) Soliciting or receiving orders outside this state through or 32 in response to letters, circulars, catalogs or other forms of 33 advertising, accepting those orders outside this state and filling them by shipping goods into this state; 34 (g) Creating or acquiring indebtedness, mortgages and 35 security interests in real or personal property; 36 (h) Securing or collecting debts or enforcing mortgages and 37 38 security interests in property securing the debts; 39 (i) Owning, without more, real or personal property; 40 (j) Isolated transactions completed within 30 days and not a 41 part of a series of similar transactions; 42 (k) The production of motion pictures as defined in 43 NRS 231.020: 44 (1) Transacting business as an out-of-state depository institution pursuant to the provisions of title 55 of NRS; and 45 B 4 3 6

(m) Transacting business in interstate commerce.

2. The list of activities in subsection 1 is not exhaustive.

3 3. A person who is not doing business in this state within the 4 meaning of this section need not qualify or comply with any 5 provision of this chapter, title 55 or 56 of NRS or chapter 645A, 6 645B or 645E of NRS unless he:

7 (a) Maintains an office in this state for the transaction of 8 business; or

9 (b) Solicits or accepts deposits in the State, except pursuant to 10 the provisions of chapter 666 or 666A of NRS.

4. As used in this section, "deposits" means demand deposits,
savings deposits and time deposits, as those terms are defined in
chapter 657 of NRS.

14 Sec. 176. 1. For the purposes of section 175 of this act, a 15 solicitation of a deposit is made in this state, whether or not either 16 party is present in this state, if the solicitation:

(a) Originates in this state; or

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18 (b) Is directed by the solicitor to a destination in this state and 19 received where it is directed, or at a post office in this state if the 20 solicitation is mailed.

21 2. A solicitation of a deposit is accepted in this state if 22 acceptance:

(a) Is communicated to the solicitor in this state; and

(b) Has not previously been communicated to the solicitor,
 orally or in writing, outside this state.

Acceptance is communicated to the solicitor in this state, whether or not either party is present in this state, if the depositor directs it to the solicitor reasonably believing the solicitor to be in this state and it is received where it is directed, or at any post office in this state if the acceptance is mailed.

31 3. A solicitation made in a newspaper or other publication of 32 general, regular and paid circulation is not made in this state if 33 the publication:

(a) Is not published in this state; or

(b) Is published in this state but has had more than two-thirds
of its circulation outside this state during the 12 months preceding
the solicitation.

If a publication is published in editions, each edition is a separate publication except for material common to all editions.

40 4. A solicitation made in a radio or television program or 41 other electronic communication received in this state which 42 originates outside this state is not made in this state. A radio or 43 television program or other electronic communication shall be 44 deemed to have originated in this state if the broadcast studio or

1 origin of the source of transmission is located within the state, 2 unless:

3 (a) The program or communication is syndicated and 4 distributed from outside this state for redistribution to the general 5 public in this state;

6 (b) The program is supplied by a radio, television or other 7 electronic network whose electronic signal originates outside this 8 state for redistribution to the general public in this state;

9 (c) The program or communication is an electronic signal that 10 originates outside this state and is captured for redistribution to 11 the general public in this state by a community antenna or cable, 12 radio, cable television or other electronic system; or

(d) The program or communication consists of an electronic
 signal which originates within this state, but which is not intended
 for redistribution to the general public in this state.

Sec. 177. NRS 88.315 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 88.315 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise 18 requires:

19 1. "Certificate of limited partnership" means the certificate 20 referred to in NRS 88.350, and the certificate as amended or 21 restated.

22 2. "Contribution" means any cash, property, services rendered, 23 or a promissory note or other binding obligation to contribute cash 24 or property or to perform services, which a partner contributes to a 25 limited partnership in his capacity as a partner.

3. "Event of withdrawal of a general partner" means an event
that causes a person to cease to be a general partner as provided in
NRS 88.450.

4. "Foreign limited partnership" means a partnership formed under the laws of any state other than this state and having as partners one or more general partners and one or more limited partners.

5. "General partner" means a person who has been admitted to a limited partnership as a general partner in accordance with the partnership agreement and named in the certificate of limited partnership as a general partner.

37 6. "Limited partner" means a person who has been admitted to 38 a limited partnership as a limited partner in accordance with the 39 partnership agreement.

40 7. "Limited partnership" and "domestic limited partnership" 41 mean a partnership formed by two or more persons under the laws 42 of this state and having one or more general partners and one or 43 more limited partners.

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44 8. "Partner" means a limited or general partner.



1 9. "Partnership agreement" means any valid agreement, written 2 or oral, of the partners as to the affairs of a limited partnership and 3 the conduct of its business.

4 10. "Partnership interest" means a partner's share of the profits 5 and losses of a limited partnership and the right to receive 6 distributions of partnership assets.

7 11. "Record" means information that is inscribed on a 8 tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium 9 and is retrievable in perceivable form.

10 **12.** "Registered office" means the office maintained at the 11 street address of the resident agent.

12 [12.] 13. "Resident agent" means the agent appointed by the 13 limited partnership upon whom process or a notice or demand 14 authorized by law to be served upon the limited partnership may be 15 served.

16 [13.] 14. "Sign" means to affix a signature to a [document.
17 -14.] record.

18 15. "Signature" means a name, word , symbol or mark
19 executed or otherwise adopted , or a record encrypted or similarly
20 processed in whole or in part, by a person with the present
21 [intention to authenticate a document.] intent to identify himself
22 and adopt or accept a record. The term includes, without limitation,
23 an electronic signature as defined in NRS 719.100.

24 [15.] 16. "State" means a state, territory or possession of the
25 United States, the District of Columbia or the Commonwealth of
26 Puerto Rico.

27 [16.] 17. "Street address" of a resident agent means the actual
28 physical location in this state at which a resident is available for
29 service of process.

30 Sec. 178. NRS 88.325 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 88.325 1. The exclusive right to the use of a name may be 32 reserved by:

(a) Any person intending to organize a limited partnership under
 this chapter and to adopt that name;

(b) Any domestic limited partnership or any foreign limited
 partnership registered in this state which, in either case, intends to
 adopt that name;

(c) Any foreign limited partnership intending to register in thisstate and adopt that name; and

40 (d) Any person intending to organize a foreign limited 41 partnership and intending to have it registered in this state and adopt 42 that name.

2. The reservation must be made by filing with the Secretary of
State an application, [executed] signed by the applicant, to reserve a
specified name. If the Secretary of State finds that the name is



available for use by a domestic or foreign limited partnership, he
 shall reserve the name for the exclusive use of the applicant for a
 period of 90 days. The right to the exclusive use of a reserved name
 may be transferred to any other person by filing in the Office of the
 Secretary of State a notice of the transfer, [executed] signed by the
 applicant for whom the name was reserved and specifying the name
 and address of the transferee.

Sec. 179. NRS 88.332 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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9 88.332 1. Any person who has been designated by a limited 10 partnership as its resident agent and who thereafter desires to resign shall file with the Secretary of State a signed statement that he is 11 unwilling to continue to act as the resident agent of the limited 12 13 partnership. A resignation is not effective until the signed statement 14 is filed with the Secretary of State. The statement of resignation may 15 contain a statement by the affected limited partnership appointing a successor resident agent for the limited partnership. A certificate of 16 acceptance [executed] signed by the new agent, stating the full 17 name, complete street address and, if different from the street 18 19 address, mailing address of the new agent, must accompany the 20 statement appointing the new agent.

Upon the filing of the statement with the Secretary of State 21 2. 22 the capacity of the person as resident agent terminates. If the statement of resignation does not contain a statement by the limited 23 24 partnership appointing a successor resident agent, the resigning 25 agent shall immediately give written notice, by mail, to the limited 26 partnership of the filing of the statement and the effect thereof. The notice must be addressed to a general partner of the partnership 27 28 other than the resident agent.

3. If a designated resident agent dies, resigns or removes from
the State, the limited partnership, within 30 days thereafter, shall file
with the Secretary of State a certificate of acceptance, [executed] *signed* by the new resident agent. The certificate must set forth the
full name, complete street address and, if different from the street
address, mailing address of the newly designated resident agent.

4. Each limited partnership which fails to file a certificate of acceptance [executed] *signed* by the new resident agent within 30 days after the death, resignation or removal of its resident agent as provided in subsection 3 shall be deemed in default and is subject to the provisions of NRS 88.400 and 88.405.

40 **Sec. 180.** NRS 88.335 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 88.335 1. A limited partnership shall keep at the office 42 referred to in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 88.330 the 43 following:



(a) A current list of the full name and last known business
 address of each partner separately identifying the general partners in
 alphabetical order and the limited partners in alphabetical order;

4 (b) A copy of the certificate of limited partnership and all 5 certificates of amendment thereto, together with [executed] signed 6 copies of any powers of attorney pursuant to which any certificate 7 has been [executed;] signed;

8 (c) Copies of the limited partnership's federal, state, and local 9 income tax returns and reports, if any, for the 3 most recent years;

(d) Copies of any then effective written partnership agreements
 and of any financial statements of the limited partnership for the 3
 most recent years; and

(e) Unless contained in a written partnership agreement, awriting setting out:

15 (1) The amount of cash and a description and statement of 16 the agreed value of the other property or services contributed by 17 each partner and which each partner has agreed to contribute;

18 (2) The times at which or events on the happening of which 19 any additional contributions agreed to be made by each partner are 20 to be made;

(3) Any right of a partner to receive, or of a general partner
to make, distributions to a partner which include a return of all or
any part of the partner's contribution; and

(4) Any events upon the happening of which the limitedpartnership is to be dissolved and its affairs wound up.

26 2. Records kept pursuant to this section are subject to
27 inspection and copying at the reasonable request, and at the expense,
28 of any partner during ordinary business hours.

29 Sec. 181. NRS 88.337 is hereby amended to read as follows:

88.337 A general partner of a limited partnership may 30 authorize the Secretary of State in writing to replace any page of a 31 [document] record submitted for filing on an expedited basis, before 32 the actual filing, and to accept the page as if it were part of the 33 [originally signed filing.] original record. The signed authorization 34 of the general partner to the Secretary of State permits, but does not 35 36 require, the Secretary of State to alter the original [document] 37 *record* as requested.

38 Sec. 182. NRS 88.338 is hereby amended to read as follows:

88.338 No [document] record which is written in a language other than English may be filed or submitted for filing in the Office of the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of this chapter unless it is accompanied by a verified translation of that [document] record into the English language.



Sec. 183. NRS 88.339 is hereby amended to read as follows: 1 2 88.339 1. A limited partnership may correct a [document filed by] record filed in the Office of the Secretary of State with 3 respect to the limited partnership if the [document] record contains 4 an inaccurate [record] description of a partnership action [described 5 in the document] or *if the record* was defectively [executed,] 6 7 *signed*, attested, sealed, verified or acknowledged. 8 2. To correct a [document,] record, the limited partnership 9 must: 10 (a) Prepare a certificate of correction that: (1) States the name of the limited partnership; 11 (2) Describes the [document,] record, including, without 12 13 limitation, its filing date; 14 (3) Specifies the inaccuracy or defect; (4) Sets forth the inaccurate or defective portion of the 15 [document] record in an accurate or corrected form; and 16 (5) Is signed by a general partner of the limited partnership. 17 (b) Deliver the certificate to the Secretary of State for filing. 18 (c) Pay a filing fee of \$150 to the Secretary of State. 19 20 3. A certificate of correction is effective on the effective date 21 of the [document] record it corrects except as to persons relying on the uncorrected [document] record and adversely affected by the 22 23 correction. As to those persons, the certificate is effective when 24 filed. **Sec. 184.** NRS 88.340 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25 26 88.340 The Secretary of State may microfilm any [document] 27 *record* which is filed in his office by or relating to a limited 28 partnership pursuant to this chapter and may return the original 29 [document] *record* to the filer. 30 **Sec. 185.** NRS 88.350 is hereby amended to read as follows: 88.350 1. In order to form a limited partnership, a certificate 31 of limited partnership must be *[executed]* signed and filed in the 32

Office of the Secretary of State. The certificate must set forth: 33

(a) The name of the limited partnership;

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(b) The address of the office which contains records and the 35 name and address of the resident agent required to be maintained by 36 37 NRS 88.330; 38

(c) The name and the business address of each general partner;

39 (d) The latest date upon which the limited partnership is to 40 dissolve; and

41 (e) Any other matters the general partners determine to include 42 therein.

43 2. A certificate of acceptance of appointment of a resident 44 agent, *[executed]* signed by the agent, must be filed with the 45 certificate of limited partnership.



3. A limited partnership is formed at the time of the filing of 1 2 the certificate of limited partnership and the certificate of acceptance in the Office of the Secretary of State or at any later time specified 3 in the certificate of limited partnership if, in either case, there has 4 been substantial compliance with the requirements of this section. 5 6

Sec. 186. NRS 88.355 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 88.355 1. A certificate of limited partnership is amended by 8 filing a certificate of amendment thereto in the Office of the 9 Secretary of State. The certificate must set forth: 10

(a) The name of the limited partnership; and

11 (b) The amendment.

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2. Within 30 days after the happening of any of the following 12 13 events an amendment to a certificate of limited partnership 14 reflecting the occurrence of the event or events must be filed: 15

(a) The admission of a new general partner;

(b) The withdrawal of a general partner; or

(c) The continuation of the business under NRS 88.550 after an 17 event of withdrawal of a general partner. 18

19 A general partner who becomes aware that any statement in 3. 20 a certificate of limited partnership was false when made or that any 21 arrangements or other facts described, except the address of its 22 office or the name or address of its resident agent, have changed, making the certificate inaccurate in any respect, shall promptly 23 24 amend the certificate.

4. A certificate of limited partnership may be amended at any 25 26 time for any other proper purpose the general partners determine.

27 5. No person has any liability because an amendment to a 28 certificate of limited partnership has not been filed to reflect the occurrence of any event referred to in subsection 2 if the amendment 29 30 is filed within the 30-day period specified in subsection 2.

6. A restated certificate of limited partnership may be 31 32 **[executed]** signed and filed in the same manner as a certificate of 33 amendment. If the certificate alters or amends the certificate of 34 limited partnership in any manner, it must be accompanied by: 35

(a) A resolution; or

(b) A form prescribed by the Secretary of State,

37 setting forth which provisions of the certificate of limited 38 partnership on file with the Secretary of State are being altered or 39 amended.

40 Sec. 187. NRS 88.365 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 88.365 If a person required by NRS 88.375 to [execute] sign a 42 certificate fails or refuses to do so, any other person who is 43 adversely affected by the failure or refusal may petition the district 44 court to direct the *[execution] signing* of the certificate. If the court finds that it is proper for the certificate to be *[executed] signed* and 45



that any person so designated has failed or refused to [execute] sign
 the certificate, it shall order the Secretary of State to record an
 appropriate certificate.

Sec. 188. NRS 88.375 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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5 88.375 1. Each certificate required by NRS 88.350 to 88.390,
6 inclusive, to be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State must be
7 [executed] signed in the following manner:

8 (a) An original certificate of limited partnership must be signed 9 by all general partners;

10 (b) A certificate of amendment must be signed by at least one 11 general partner and by each other general partner designated in the 12 certificate as a new general partner; and

13 (c) A certificate of cancellation must be signed by all general 14 partners.

15 2. Any person may sign a certificate by an attorney in fact, but 16 a power of attorney to sign a certificate relating to the admission of 17 a general partner must specifically describe the admission.

18 3. The **[execution]** *signing* of a certificate by a general partner 19 constitutes an affirmation under the penalties of perjury that the 20 facts stated therein are true.

Sec. 189. NRS 88.380 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 88.380 1. A signed copy of the certificate of limited partnership and of any certificates of amendment or cancellation or 23 24 of any judicial decree of amendment or cancellation must be delivered to the Secretary of State. A person who [executes] signs a 25 certificate as an agent or fiduciary need not exhibit evidence of his 26 27 authority as a prerequisite to filing. Unless the Secretary of State 28 finds that any certificate does not conform to law, upon receipt of all 29 filing fees required by law he shall file the certificate.

2. Upon the filing of a certificate of amendment or judicial decree of amendment in the Office of the Secretary of State, the certificate of limited partnership is amended as set forth therein, and upon the effective date of a certificate of cancellation or a judicial decree thereof, the certificate of limited partnership is cancelled.

35 Sec. 190. NRS 88.385 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 88.385 If any certificate of limited partnership or certificate of 37 amendment or cancellation contains a false statement, one who 38 suffers loss by reliance on the statement may recover damages for 39 the loss from:

Any person who [executes] signs the certificate, or causes
another to [execute] sign it on his behalf, and knew, and any general
partner who knew or should have known, the statement to be false at
the time the certificate was [executed;] signed; and

44 2. Any general partner who thereafter knows or should have 45 known that any arrangement or other fact described in the certificate



1 has changed, making the statement inaccurate in any respect within a sufficient time before the statement was relied upon reasonably to 2 have enabled that general partner to cancel or amend the certificate, 3 or to file a petition for its cancellation or amendment under 4 NRS 88.365. 5 **Sec. 191.** NRS 88.415 is hereby amended to read as follows: 6 7 88.415 The Secretary of State, for services relating to his 8 official duties and the records of his office, shall charge and collect 9 the following fees: 10 1. For filing a certificate of limited partnership, or for registering a foreign limited partnership, \$175. 11

2. For filing a certificate of amendment of limited partnership
 or restated certificate of limited partnership, \$150.

14 3. For filing a certificate of a change of location of the records 15 office of a limited partnership or the office of its resident agent, or a 16 designation of a new resident agent, \$30.

4. For certifying a certificate of limited partnership, an amendment to the certificate, or a certificate as amended where a copy is provided, \$20 per certification.

20 5. For certifying an authorized printed copy of the limited 21 partnership law, \$20.

For reserving a limited partnership name, or for [executing,]
 signing, filing or certifying any other [document,] record, \$20.

7. For copies made at the Office of the Secretary of State, \$1per page.

26 8. For filing a certificate of cancellation of a limited 27 partnership, \$60.

Except as otherwise provided in this section, the fees set forth inNRS 78.785 apply to this chapter.

30 Sec. 192. NRS 88.435 is hereby amended to read as follows:

88.435 1. Except as provided in subsection 2, a person who makes a contribution to a business enterprise and erroneously but in good faith believes that he has become a limited partner in the enterprise is not a general partner in the enterprise and is not bound by its obligations by reason of making the contribution, receiving distributions from the enterprise, or exercising any rights of a limited partner, if, on ascertaining the mistake, he:

(a) Causes an appropriate certificate of limited partnership or a
 certificate of amendment to be [executed] signed and filed; or

(b) Withdraws from future equity participation in the enterprise
by [executing] signing and filing in the Office of the Secretary of
State a certificate declaring withdrawal under this section.

43 2. A person who makes a contribution of the kind described in
44 subsection 1 is liable as a general partner to any third party who
45 transacts business with the enterprise:



1 (a) Before the person withdraws and an appropriate certificate is 2 filed to show withdrawal; or

3 (b) Before an appropriate certificate is filed to show that he is 4 not a general partner,

5 but in either case only if the third party actually believed in good 6 faith that the person was a general partner at the time of the 7 transaction.

Sec. 193. NRS 88.535 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 88.535 1. On application to a court of competent jurisdiction 10 by any judgment creditor of a partner, the court may charge the 11 partnership interest of the partner with payment of the unsatisfied 12 amount of the judgment with interest. To the extent so charged, the 13 judgment creditor has only the rights of an assignee of the 14 partnership interest.

15 2. The court may appoint a receiver of the share of the 16 distributions due or to become due to the judgment debtor in respect 17 of the partnership. The receiver has only the rights of an assignee. 18 The court may make all other orders, directions, accounts and 19 inquiries that the judgment debtor might have made or which the 20 circumstances of the case may require.

3. A charging order constitutes a lien on the partnership
interest of the judgment debtor. The court may order a foreclosure
of the partnership interest subject to the charging order at any time.
The purchaser at the foreclosure sale has only the rights of an
assignee.

4. Unless otherwise provided in the [articles of organization or operating] *certificate of partnership or partnership* agreement, at any time before foreclosure, a partnership interest charged may be redeemed:

30 (a) By the judgment debtor;

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31 (b) With property other than property of the limited partnership,
32 by one or more of the other partners; or

(c) By the limited partnership with the consent of all of thepartners whose interests are not so charged.

5. This section provides the exclusive remedy by which a judgment creditor of a partner or an assignee of a partner may satisfy a judgment out of the partnership interest of the judgment debtor.

6. No creditor of a partner has any right to obtain possession
of, or otherwise exercise legal or equitable remedies with respect to,
the property of the limited partnership.

42 7. This section does not deprive any partner of the benefit of 43 any exemption laws applicable to his partnership interest.



Sec. 194. NRS 88.605 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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2 88.605 The Attorney General may bring an action to restrain a
3 foreign limited partnership from transacting business in this state in
4 violation of NRS 88.570 to 88.605, inclusive [.], and sections 175
5 and 176 of this act.

6 **Sec. 195.** Chapter 88A of NRS is hereby amended by adding 7 thereto a new section to read as follows:

8 "Record" means information that is inscribed on a tangible 9 medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is 10 retrievable in perceivable form.

11 Sec. 196. NRS 88A.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 88A.010 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
13 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 88A.020 to 88A.110,
14 inclusive, *and section 195 of this act* have the meanings ascribed to
15 them in those sections.

Sec. 197. NRS 88A.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 88A.050 "Governing instrument" means the trust instrument

that creates a [business] trust and provides for the governance of its affairs and the conduct of its business.

Sec. 198. NRS 88A.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 88A.080 "Sign" means to affix a signature to a [document.]
 record.

Sec. 199. NRS 88A.090 is hereby amended to read as follows: 88A.090 "Signature" means a name, word , *symbol* or mark executed or *otherwise* adopted , *or a record encrypted or similarly processed in whole or in part*, by a person with the present [intention to authenticate a document.] *intent to identify himself and adopt or accept a record.* The term includes, without limitation, an electronic signature as defined in NRS 719.100.

Sec. 200. NRS 88A.210 is hereby amended to read as follows: 88A.210 1. One or more persons may [form] create a business trust by executing and filing with the Secretary of State a certificate of trust and a certificate of acceptance of appointment signed by the resident agent of the business trust. The certificate of trust must set forth:

(a) The name of the business trust;

(b) The name and the [post office box] mailing or street address,
either residence or business, of at least one trustee;

(c) The name of the person designated as the resident agent for
the business trust, the street address of the resident agent where
process may be served upon the business trust and the mailing
address of the resident agent if different from the street address;

(d) The name and [post office box] mailing or street address,
either residence or business, of each person signing the certificate of
trust; and



(e) Any other information the trustees determine to include.

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2 2. Upon the filing of the certificate of trust and the certificate of acceptance with the Secretary of State and the payment to him of 3 the required filing fee, the Secretary of State shall issue to the 4 business trust a certificate that the required [documents] records 5 with the required content have been filed. From the date of that 6 7 filing, the business trust is legally formed pursuant to this chapter.

8 Sec. 201. NRS 88A.240 is hereby amended to read as follows: 9 88A.240 1. The Secretary of State, when requested to do so, 10 shall reserve, for a period of 90 days, the right to use a name available pursuant to NRS 88A.230 for the use of a proposed 11 business trust. During the period, the name so reserved is not 12 13 available for use or reservation by any other artificial person 14 forming, organizing, registering or qualifying in the Office of the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of this title without the 15 [written, acknowledged] signed consent of the person at whose 16 17 request the reservation was made.

2. The use by any artificial person of a name in violation of 18 subsection 1 or NRS 88A.230 may be enjoined, even if the 19 [document] record under which the artificial person is formed, 20 organized, registered or qualified has been filed by the Secretary of 21 22 State.

23 **Sec. 202.** NRS 88A.510 is hereby amended to read as follows: 24 88A.510 1. Within 30 days after changing the location of his 25 office from one address to another in this state, a resident agent shall [execute] *sign* a certificate setting forth: 26 27

(a) The names of all the business trusts represented by him;

28 (b) The address at which he has maintained the registered office 29 for each of those business trusts; and

(c) The new address to which his office is transferred and at 30 31 which he will maintain the registered office for each of those 32 business trusts.

2. Upon the filing of the certificate with the Secretary of State, 33 34 the registered office of each of the business trusts listed in the 35 certificate is located at the new address set forth in the certificate.

Sec. 203. NRS 88A.530 is hereby amended to read as follows: 36 88A.530 1. A resident agent who desires to resign shall file 37 38 with the Secretary of State a signed statement for each business trust for which he is unwilling to continue to act. A resignation is not 39 40 effective until the signed statement is so filed.

41 2. The statement of resignation may contain a statement of the 42 affected business trust appointing a successor resident agent. A 43 certificate of acceptance [executed] signed by the new resident 44 agent, stating the full name, complete street address and, if different from the street address, mailing address of the new resident agent, 45



1 must accompany the statement appointing a successor resident 2 agent.

3. Upon the filing of the statement of resignation with the 3 Secretary of State, the capacity of the resigning person as resident 4 agent terminates. If the statement of resignation contains no 5 statement by the business trust appointing a successor resident 6 7 agent, the resigning agent shall immediately give written notice, by 8 mail, to the business trust of the filing of the statement of 9 resignation and its effect. The notice must be addressed to a trustee 10 of the business trust other than the resident agent.

4. If its resident agent dies, resigns or removes from the State, a business trust, within 30 days thereafter, shall file with the Secretary of State a certificate of acceptance [executed] *signed* by a new resident agent. The certificate must set forth the full name and complete street address of the new resident agent, and may contain a mailing address, such as a post office box, different from the street address.

5. A business trust that fails to file a certificate of acceptance [executed] *signed* by its new resident agent within 30 days after the death, resignation or removal of its former resident agent shall be deemed in default and is subject to the provisions of NRS 88A.630 to 88A.660, inclusive.

Sec. 204. NRS 88A.540 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 88A.540 1. If a business trust formed pursuant to this chapter
 desires to change its resident agent, the change may be effected by
 filing with the Secretary of State a certificate of change, signed by at

27 least one trustee of the business trust, setting forth:

(a) The name of the business trust;

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(b) The name and street address of the present resident agent;and

(c) The name and street address of the new resident agent.

32 2. A certificate of acceptance [executed] *signed* by the new 33 resident agent must be a part of or attached to the certificate of 34 change.

35 3. The change authorized by this section becomes effective 36 upon the filing of the certificate of change.

Sec. 205. NRS 88A.620 is hereby amended to read as follows: 88A.620 1. Each list required to be filed pursuant to the provisions of NRS 88A.600 to 88A.660, inclusive, must, after the name of each trustee listed thereon, set forth his [post office box] *mailing* or street address, either residence or business.

42 2. If the addresses are not stated on a list offered for filing, the
43 Secretary of State may refuse to file the list, and the business trust
44 for which the list has been offered for filing is subject to all the
45 provisions of NRS 88A.600 to 88A.660, inclusive, relating to failure



1 to file the list when or at the times therein specified, unless a list is 2 subsequently submitted for filing which conforms to the provisions of those sections. 3 Sec. 206. NRS 88A.900 is hereby amended to read as follows: 4 5 88A.900 The Secretary of State shall charge and collect the 6 following fees for: 7 1. Filing an original certificate of trust, or for registering a 8 foreign business trust, \$175. 9 2. Filing an amendment or restatement, or a combination 10 thereof, to a certificate of trust, \$150. 3. Filing a certificate of cancellation, \$175. 11 4. Certifying a copy of a certificate of trust or an amendment or 12 13 restatement, or a combination thereof, \$20 per certification. 14 5. Certifying an authorized printed copy of this chapter, \$20. 15 6. Reserving a name for a business trust, \$20. **[Executing]** Signing a certificate of existence of a business 16 7. trust which does not list the previous [documents] records relating 17 to it, or a certificate of change in the name of a business trust, \$40. 18 19 8. **[Executing]** Signing a certificate of existence of a business 20 trust which lists the previous [documents] records relating to it, \$40. 9. Filing a statement of change of address of the registered 21 22 office for each business trust, \$30. 10. Filing a statement of change of the registered agent, \$30. 23 24 11. [Executing,] Signing, certifying or filing any certificate or [document] *record* not otherwise provided for in this section, \$40. 25 12. Examining and provisionally approving a [document] 26 27 *record* before the [document] *record* is presented for filing, \$100. 28 13. Copying a [document] record on file with him, for each 29 page, \$1. 30 **Sec. 207.** NRS 88A.910 is hereby amended to read as follows: 31 88A.910 [A signature on any certificate authorized to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to a provision of this chapter 32 may be a facsimile. The certificate] A record may be filed by 33 telecopy, *facsimile* or similar electronic transmission, but the 34 35 Secretary of State need not accept [the filing if the certificate] any *record that* is illegible or otherwise unsuitable for the procedures of 36 37 his office. 38 **Sec. 208.** NRS 88A.920 is hereby amended to read as follows: 88A.920 A trustee of a business trust may authorize the 39 40 Secretary of State in writing to replace any page of a [document] 41 *record* submitted for filing [,] on an expedited basis, before the

42 actual filing, and to accept the page as if it were part of the 43 [originally signed filing.] original record.



Sec. 209. NRS 88A.930 is hereby amended to read as follows: 1 88A.930 1. A business trust may correct a [document filed 2 by] record filed in the Office of the Secretary of State with respect 3 4 to the business trust if the **[document]** record contains an inaccurate [record] description of a trust action [described in the document] or 5 *if the record* was defectively *[executed,] signed*, attested, sealed, 6 7 verified or acknowledged. 8

2. To correct a **[document,]** *record*, the business trust must:

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(a) Prepare a certificate of correction that: (1) States the name of the business trust;

(2) Describes the [document,] record, including, without 11 limitation, its filing date; 12

(3) Specifies the inaccuracy or defect;

(4) Sets forth the inaccurate or defective portion of the 14 [document] record in an accurate or corrected form; and 15

(5) Is signed by a trustee of the business trust.

(b) Deliver the certificate to the Secretary of State for filing.

(c) Pay a filing fee of \$150 to the Secretary of State.

3. A certificate of correction is effective on the effective date 19 20 of the **[document]** record it corrects except as to persons relying on the uncorrected [document] record and adversely affected by the 21 correction. As to those persons, the certificate is effective when 22 filed. 23

Sec. 210. NRS 89.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

89.020 As used in this chapter, unless the context requires 25 26 otherwise:

1. "Employee" means a person licensed or otherwise legally 27 28 authorized to render professional service within this state who 29 renders such service through a professional corporation or a 30 professional association, but does not include clerks, bookkeepers, 31 technicians or other persons who are not usually considered by custom and practice of the profession to be rendering professional 32 services to the public. 33

34 2. "Licensed" means legally authorized by the appropriate regulating board of this state to engage in a regulated profession in 35 36 this state.

3. "Professional association" means a common-law association 37 38 of two or more persons licensed or otherwise legally authorized to render professional service within this state when created by written 39 40 articles of association which contain in substance the following 41 provisions characteristic of corporate entities:

42 (a) The death, insanity, bankruptcy, retirement, resignation, expulsion or withdrawal of any member of the association does not 43 44 cause its dissolution.



1 (b) The authority to manage the affairs of the association is 2 vested in a board of directors or an executive board or committee, elected by the members of the association. 3

(c) The members of the association are employees of the 4 5 association.

(d) Members' ownership is evidenced by certificates.

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7 4. "Professional corporation" means a corporation organized 8 under this chapter to render a professional service.

9 "Professional service" means any type of personal service 5. 10 which may legally be performed only pursuant to a license, certificate of registration or other legal authorization. 11

6. "Record" means information that is inscribed on a 12 13 tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium 14 and is retrievable in perceivable form.

7. "Regulating board" means the body which regulates and 15 authorizes the admission to the profession which a professional 16 corporation or a professional association is authorized to perform. 17 18

"Sign" means to affix a signature to a record. 8.

"Signature" means a name, word, symbol or mark 19 9. 20 executed or otherwise adopted, or a record encrypted or similarly processed in whole or in part, by a person with the present intent 21 22 to identify himself and adopt or accept a record. The term includes, without limitation, an electronic signature as defined in 23 NRS 719.100. 24

Sec. 211. NRS 89.027 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 89.027 No [document] record which is written in a language 27 other than English may be filed or submitted for filing in the Office 28 of the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of this chapter unless it is accompanied by a verified translation of that [document] 29 30 *record* into the English language.

Sec. 212. NRS 89.040 is hereby amended to read as follows: 31

32 89.040 1. One or more persons may organize a professional corporation in the manner provided for organizing a private 33 corporation pursuant to chapter 78 of NRS. Each person organizing 34 the corporation must, except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 35 of NRS 89.050, be authorized to perform the professional service 36 37 for which the corporation is organized. The articles of incorporation 38 must contain the following additional information:

39 (a) The profession to be practiced by means of the professional 40 corporation.

(b) The names and [post office boxes] mailing or street 41 42 addresses, either residence or business, of the original stockholders 43 and directors of the professional corporation.

44 (c) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (d) of this subsection, a certificate from the regulating board of the profession 45



to be practiced showing that each of the directors, and each of thestockholders who is a natural person, is licensed to practice theprofession.

(d) For a professional corporation organized pursuant to this 4 5 chapter and practicing pursuant to the provisions of NRS 623.349, a certificate from the regulating board or boards of the profession or 6 7 professions to be practiced showing that control and two-thirds 8 ownership of the corporation is held by persons registered or 9 licensed pursuant to the applicable provisions of chapter 623, 623A 10 or 625 of NRS. As used in this paragraph, "control" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 623.349. 11

2. The corporate name of a professional corporation must 12 13 contain the words "Professional Corporation" or the abbreviation "Prof. Corp.," "P.C." or "PC," or the word "Chartered" or "Limited" or the abbreviation "Ltd." The corporate name must 14 15 16 contain the last name of one or more of its *current or former* stockholders. The corporation may render professional services and 17 18 exercise its authorized powers under a fictitious name if the 19 corporation has first registered the name in the manner required by 20 chapter 602 of NRS.

21 Sec. 213. NRS 89.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

89.060 The provisions of this chapter relating to professional corporations do not modify any law applicable to the relationship between a person furnishing professional service and a person receiving such service, including liability arising out of such professional service, [;] but nothing contained in this section [shall render:] renders:

A person personally liable in tort for any act in which he has
 not personally participated.

2. A director, officer or employee of a professional corporation
liable in contract for any contract which he <u>[executes]</u> signs on
behalf of a professional corporation within the limits of his actual
authority.

34 Sec. 214. NRS 89.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

89.210 1. Within 30 days after the organization of a 35 professional association under this chapter, the association shall file 36 37 with the Secretary of State a copy of the articles of association, duly 38 [executed,] signed, and shall pay at that time a filing fee of \$175. 39 Any such association formed as a common-law association before 40 July 1, 1969, shall file, within 30 days after July 1, 1969, a certified 41 copy of its articles of association, with any amendments thereto, 42 with the Secretary of State, and shall pay at that time a filing fee of 43 \$25. A copy of any amendments to the articles of association 44 adopted after July 1, 1969, must also be filed with the Secretary of 45 State within 30 days after the adoption of such amendments. Each



copy of amendments so filed must be certified as true and correct
 and be accompanied by a filing fee of \$150.

2. The name of such a professional association must contain the words "Professional Association," "Professional Organization" or the abbreviations "Prof. Ass'n" or "Prof. Org." The association may render professional services and exercise its authorized powers under a fictitious name if the association has first registered the name in the manner required under chapter 602 of NRS.

9 Sec. 215. NRS 89.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 89.220 The provisions of this chapter relating to professional 11 associations do not modify any law applicable to the relationship 12 between a person furnishing professional service and a person 13 receiving such service, including liability arising out of such 14 professional service, but:

15 1. A member or employee of a professional association shall 16 not be personally liable in tort for any act in which he has not 17 personally participated.

18 2. A member or employee of a professional association shall 19 not be personally liable in contract for any contract which he 20 [executes] *signs* on behalf of a professional association within the 21 limits of his actual authority.

Sec. 216. NRS 89.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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89.250 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a 23 professional association shall, on or before the first day of the 24 second month after the filing of its articles of association with the 25 Secretary of State, and annually thereafter on or before the last day 26 of the month in which the anniversary date of its organization occurs 27 28 in each year, furnish a statement to the Secretary of State showing 29 the names and residence addresses of all members and employees in 30 the association and certifying that all members and employees are 31 licensed to render professional service in this state.

2. A professional association organized and practicing pursuant to the provisions of this chapter and NRS 623.349 shall, on or before the first day of the second month after the filing of its articles of association with the Secretary of State, and annually thereafter on or before the last day of the month in which the anniversary date of its organization occurs in each year, furnish a statement to the Secretary of State:

(a) Showing the names and residence addresses of all members
and employees of the association who are licensed or otherwise
authorized by law to render professional service in this state;

42 (b) Certifying that all members and employees who render 43 professional service are licensed or otherwise authorized by law to 44 render professional service in this state; and



1 (c) Certifying that all members who are not licensed to render 2 professional service in this state do not render professional service 3 on behalf of the association except as authorized by law.

3. Each statement filed pursuant to this section must be:

5 (a) Made on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State and 6 must not contain any fiscal or other information except that 7 expressly called for by this section.

(b) Signed by the chief executive officer of the association.

9 (c) Accompanied by a declaration under penalty of perjury that 10 the professional association has complied with the provisions of 11 chapter 364A of NRS.

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(a) The initial statement required by this section, the associationshall pay to the Secretary of State a fee of \$165.

15 (b) Each annual statement required by this section, the 16 association shall pay to the Secretary of State a fee of \$85.

17 [5. As used in this section, "signed" means to have executed or
adopted a name, word or mark, including, without limitation, an
electronic signature as defined in NRS 719.100, with the present
intention to authenticate a document.]

21 Sec. 217. Chapter 90 of NRS is hereby amended by adding 22 thereto a new section to read as follows:

23 "Record" means information that is inscribed on a tangible
24 medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is
25 retrievable in perceivable form.

Sec. 218. NRS 90.211 is hereby amended to read as follows:

90.211 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 90.215 to 90.305,
inclusive, *and section 217 of this act* have the meanings ascribed to

30 them in those sections.

31 Sec. 219. NRS 90.235 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 90.235 1. "Filing" means:

(a) The actual delivery of a [document] record or application to
 the Administrator or his designee or to the principal office of the
 Administrator; or

(b) The electronic delivery of a [document] record or
application to the Administrator or his designee or to the principal
office of the Administrator using a system that has been approved
by the Administrator.

2. "File" has a corresponding meaning.

41 Sec. 220. NRS 90.390 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 90.390 1. The Administrator by regulation may require that:

43 (a) A licensed broker-dealer who is not registered under the 44 Securities Exchange Act of 1934 maintain minimum net capital and



a prescribed ratio between net capital and aggregate indebtedness,
 which may vary with type or class of broker-dealer; or

3 (b) A licensed investment adviser who is not registered under 4 the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 maintain a minimum net 5 worth.

6 2. If a licensed broker-dealer or investment adviser knows, or 7 has reasonable cause to know, that a requirement imposed on it 8 under this section is not being met, the broker-dealer or investment 9 adviser shall promptly notify the Administrator of its current 10 financial condition.

3. The Administrator by regulation may require a fidelity bond
from a broker-dealer who is not registered under the Securities
Exchange Act of 1934.

4. A licensed broker-dealer or investment adviser shall file financial and other reports that the Administrator determines by regulation or order are necessary, but filing a copy of the financial reports filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, in the case of a broker-dealer, or the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, in the case of an investment adviser, satisfies the requirements regarding the filing of financial reports pursuant to this subsection.

21 5. A licensed broker-dealer, sales representative, investment 22 adviser or representative of an investment adviser shall make and 23 maintain records that the Administrator determines by regulation are 24 necessary and appropriate, but compliance with the recordkeeping 25 requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, in the case of a broker-dealer, or the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, in the case 26 27 of an investment adviser, satisfies the requirements of this subsection. 28

6. Required records may be maintained in any form of data storage if they are readily accessible to the Administrator. Required records must be preserved for 5 years unless the Administrator by regulation specifies a different period for a particular type or class of records.

7. If the information contained in a [document] *record* filed with the Administrator as part of the application for licensing or under the section, except information the Administrator by regulation or order excludes, is or becomes inaccurate or incomplete in a material respect, the licensed person shall promptly file correcting information, unless notification of termination has been given pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 90.380.

41 Sec. 221. NRS 90.470 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 90.470 1. Securities for which a registration statement has 43 been filed under the Securities Act of 1933 in connection with the 44 offering of the securities may be registered by filing, whether or not



they are also eligible for registration under NRS 90.480 or 90.490,if:

3 (a) The issuer is organized under the laws of the United States or
4 a state or, if the issuer is not organized under the laws of the United
5 States or a state, it has appointed a duly authorized agent in the
6 United States for service of process;

7 (b) The issuer has actively engaged in business operations in the
8 United States for a period of at least 36 consecutive calendar months
9 immediately before the filing of the federal registration statement;

10 (c) The issuer has registered a class of equity securities under 11 section 12(b) or 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and 12 the class of securities is held of record by 500 or more persons;

(d) The issuer has:

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14 (1) Either a total net worth of \$4,000,000 or a total net worth 15 of \$2,000,000 and net pretax income from operations before 16 allowances for extraordinary items, for at least 2 of the 3 preceding 17 fiscal years;

18 (2) Not less than 400,000 units of the class of security 19 registered under section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 20 held by the public, excluding securities held by officers and 21 directors of the issuer, underwriters and persons beneficially owning 22 10 percent or more of that class of security; and

(3) No outstanding warrants and options held by the
underwriters and executive officers and directors of the issuer in an
amount exceeding 10 percent of the total number of shares to be
outstanding after completion of the offering of the securities being
registered;

(e) The issuer has been subject to the requirements of section 12
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and has filed all the material
required to be filed under sections 13 and 14 of that act for at least
36 consecutive calendar months immediately before the filing of the
statement and the issuer has filed in a timely manner all reports
required to be filed during the 12 calendar months next preceding
the filing of the federal registration statement;

(f) For at least 30 days during the 3 months next preceding the
offering of the securities registered there have been at least four
market makers for the class of equity securities registered under
section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934;

(g) Each of the underwriters participating in the offering of the security and each broker-dealer who will offer the security in this state is a member of or is subject to the regulations of fair practice of a national association of securities dealers with respect to the offering and the underwriters have contracted to purchase the securities offered in a principal capacity;



(h) The aggregate commissions or discounts to be received by 1 2 the underwriters will not exceed 10 percent of the aggregate price at which the securities being registered are offered to the public; 3

(i) Neither the issuer nor any of its subsidiaries, since the end of 4 5 the fiscal year next preceding the filing of the registration statement, 6 have:

7 (1) Failed to pay a dividend or sinking fund installment on preferred stock: 8 9

(2) Defaulted on indebtedness for borrowed money; or

10 (3) Defaulted on the rental on one or more long-term leases, and the defaults in the aggregate are material to the financial 11 position of the issuer and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole; and 12

13 (j) In the case of an equity security, the price at which the 14 security will be offered to the public is not less than \$5 per share.

2. A registration statement under this section must contain the 15 following information and be accompanied by the following 16 [documents] records in addition to the information specified in 17 subsection 4 of NRS 90.500 and the consent to service of process 18 19 required by NRS 90.770:

20 (a) A statement demonstrating eligibility for registration by filing; 21 22

(b) The name, address and form of organization of the issuer;

(c) With respect to a person on whose behalf a part of the 23 offering is to be made in a nonissuer distribution: 24

(1) Name and address;

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26 (2) The amount of securities of the issuer held by the person 27 as of the date of the filing of the registration statement; and 28

(3) A statement of the reasons for making the offering;

(d) A description of the security being registered; and

(e) A copy of the latest prospectus filed with the registration 30 31 statement under and satisfying the requirements of section 10 of the 32 Securities Act of 1933.

3. If the information and [documents] records required to be 33 filed by subsection 2 have been on file with the Administrator for at 34 35 least 5 business days, or any shorter period the Administrator allows by regulation or order, and the applicable registration fee has been 36 paid before the effectiveness of the federal registration statement, a 37 38 registration statement under this section automatically becomes effective concurrently with the effectiveness of the federal 39 40 registration statement. If the federal statement becomes effective 41 before the conditions in this section are satisfied and they are not 42 waived, the registration statement becomes effective when the 43 conditions are satisfied. The registrant shall promptly notify the 44 Administrator by telephone or telegram of the date and time when the federal registration statement became effective and the content 45



of the price amendment, if any, and shall file promptly a 1 2 amendment containing the information posteffective and [documents] records in the price amendment. The Administrator 3 shall promptly acknowledge receipt of notification and effectiveness 4 of the registration statement as of the date and time the registration 5 statement became effective with the Securities and Exchange 6 7 Commission.

Sec. 222. NRS 90.480 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 9 90.480 1. Securities for which a registration statement has 10 been filed under the Securities Act of 1933 in connection with the offering of the securities may be registered by coordination. 11

2. A registration statement under this section must contain the 12 13 following information and be accompanied by the following 14 [documents] records in addition to the information specified in subsection 4 of NRS 90.500 and the consent to service of process 15 required by NRS 90.770: 16

(a) One copy of the latest form of prospectus filed under the 17 Securities Act of 1933; 18

(b) If the Administrator by regulation or order requires:

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20 (1) A copy of the articles of incorporation and bylaws, or 21 their substantial equivalents, currently in effect;

(2) A copy of any agreement with or among underwriters;

(3) A copy of any indenture or other instrument governing 23 24 the issuance of the security to be registered; and

(4) A copy, specimen or description of the security;

26 (c) If the Administrator requests and subject to the provisions of 27 NRS 90.730, any other information or copies of any other 28 [documents] records filed under the Securities Act of 1933; and

29 (d) An undertaking to forward promptly and in any event not 30 later than the first business day after the day they are forwarded to 31 or filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, all future amendments to the federal prospectus, other than an amendment that 32 33 delays the effective date of the registration statement, whichever 34 occurs first.

35 3. A registration statement under this section becomes effective when the federal registration statement becomes effective and all the 36 37 following conditions are satisfied:

38 (a) No order is in effect, and no proceeding is pending, under NRS 90.510: 39

40 (b) The registration statement has been on file with the 41 Administrator for at least 10 days, but if the registration statement is 42 not filed with the Administrator within 5 days after the initial filing

43 under the Securities Act of 1933, the registration statement must

44 have been on file with the Administrator for 30 days or any shorter

45 period as the Administrator by regulation or order specifies; and



1 (c) A statement of the maximum and minimum proposed 2 offering prices and the maximum underwriting discounts and 3 commissions has been on file for 2 full business days or any shorter 4 period the Administrator permits and the offering is made within 5 those limitations.

6 4. The registrant shall promptly notify the Administrator of the 7 date and time when the federal registration statement became 8 effective and the content of the price amendment, if any, and shall 9 promptly file a posteffective amendment containing the information 10 and [documents] *records* in the price amendment.

5. Upon failure to receive the required notification and 11 posteffective amendment with respect to the price amendment, the 12 Administrator may enter an order, retroactively denying effectiveness to the registration statement or suspending its 13 14 15 effectiveness until the registrant complies with subsection 4. The Administrator shall promptly notify the registrant of the issuance of 16 17 the order. If the registrant proves compliance with the requirements of subsection 4 as to notice and posteffective amendment, the order 18 19 is void as of its entry.

6. The Administrator by regulation or order may waive either or both of the conditions specified in paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection 3.

23 7. If the federal registration statement becomes effective before 24 all the conditions in subsection 3 are satisfied and they are not 25 waived, the registration statement automatically becomes effective when all the conditions are satisfied. If the registrant advises the 26 27 Administrator of the date when the federal registration statement is 28 expected to become effective, the Administrator shall promptly 29 advise the registrant, at the registrant's expense, whether all 30 conditions are satisfied and whether the Administrator then 31 contemplates the institution of a proceeding under NRS 90.510, but the advice by the Administrator does not preclude the institution of a 32 33 proceeding for an order suspending the effectiveness of the registration statement. An order issued under this subsection is not 34 35 retroactive.

36 8. The Administrator by regulation or order may waive or 37 modify the application of a requirement of this section if a provision 38 or an amendment, repeal or other alteration of the provisions of the 39 Securities Act of 1933 for the registration of securities or of the 40 regulations adopted under that act renders the waiver or 41 modification appropriate for further coordination of state and federal 42 registration.

43 Sec. 223. NRS 90.490 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 90.490 1. A security may be registered by qualification.



following information and be accompanied by the following 2 [documents] records in addition to the information specified in 3 subsection 4 of NRS 90.500 and the consent to service of process 4 5 required by NRS 90.770: (a) With respect to the issuer and any significant subsidiary: 6 7 (1) Its name, address and form of organization: (2) The state or foreign jurisdiction and date of its 8 9 organization; 10 (3) The general character and location of its business; (4) A description of its physical property and equipment; and 11 (5) A statement of the general competitive conditions in the 12 13 industry or business in which it is or will be engaged; (b) With respect to every director and officer of the issuer or 14 15 person occupying a similar status or performing similar functions: (1) Name, address and principal occupation for the last 5 16 17 years; (2) The amount of securities of the issuer held by the person 18 19 as of a specified date within 30 days before the filing of the 20 registration statement: (3) The amount of the securities covered by the registration 21 22 statement to which the person has indicated an intention to 23 subscribe; and (4) A description of any material interest in any material 24 25 transaction with the issuer or any significant subsidiary effected within the past 3 years or proposed to be effected; 26 27 (c) With respect to persons covered by paragraph (b), the compensation paid or given, directly or indirectly, during the last 12 28 months and estimated to be paid during the next 12 months by the 29 30 issuer together with all predecessors, parents, subsidiaries and 31 affiliates, to all those persons in the aggregate; 32 (d) With respect to any person owning of record, or beneficially if known, 10 percent or more of the outstanding shares of a class of 33 equity security of the issuer, the information specified in paragraph 34 35 (b) other than occupation; (e) With respect to a promoter, if the issuer was organized 36 37 within the last 3 years: 38 (1) The information specified in paragraph (b); (2) The amount paid to the person within that period or 39 40 intended to be paid; and 41 (3) The consideration for the payment; (f) With respect to a person on whose behalf a part of the 42 43 offering is to be made in a nonissuer distribution: 44 (1) Name and address;



2. A registration statement under this section must contain the

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(2) The amount of securities of the issuer held by the person as of the date of the filing of the registration statement;

(3) A description of any material interest in any material 3 transaction with the issuer or any significant subsidiary effected 4 5 within the past 3 years or proposed to be effected; and 6

(4) A statement of the reasons for making the offering;

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7 (g) The capitalization and long-term debt, on both a current and 8 a pro forma basis, of the issuer and any significant subsidiary, 9 including a description of each security outstanding or being registered or otherwise offered, and a statement of the amount and 10 kind of consideration, whether in the form of cash, physical assets, 11 services, patents, goodwill or anything else, for which the issuer or a 12 13 subsidiary has issued its securities within the last 2 years or is 14 obligated to issue its securities;

15 (h) The kind and amount of securities to be offered, the proposed offering price or the method by which it is to be computed, 16 17 any variation therefrom at which a proportion of the offering is to be made to a person or class of persons other than the underwriters, 18 19 with a specification of the person or class, the basis upon which the 20 offering is to be made if otherwise than for cash, the estimated 21 aggregate underwriting and selling discounts or commissions and 22 finder's fees, including separately cash, securities, contracts or 23 anything else of value to accrue to the underwriters or finders in connection with the offering or, if the selling discounts or 24 25 commissions are variable, the basis of determining them and their 26 maximum and minimum amounts, the estimated amounts of other 27 selling expenses, including legal, engineering and accounting 28 charges, the name and address of every underwriter and every 29 recipient of a finder's fee, a copy of any underwriting or selling-30 group agreement pursuant to which the distribution is to be made, or 31 the proposed form of the agreement whose terms have not yet been determined, and a description of the plan of distribution of securities 32 33 that are to be offered otherwise than through an underwriter;

34 (i) The estimated cash proceeds to be received by the issuer 35 from the offering, the purposes for which the proceeds are to be used by the issuer, the amount to be used for each purpose, the order 36 37 of priority in which the proceeds will be used for the purposes 38 stated, the amounts of funds to be raised from other sources to 39 achieve the purposes stated, the sources of the funds, and, if part of 40 the proceeds is to be used to acquire property, including goodwill, 41 otherwise than in the ordinary course of business, the names and 42 addresses of the vendors, the purchase price, the names of the 43 persons who have received commissions in connection with the 44 acquisition and the amounts of commissions and any other expense



in connection with the acquisition, including the cost of borrowing
 money to finance the acquisition;

3 (j) A description of the stock options or other security options 4 outstanding or to be created in connection with the offering and the 5 amount of the options held or to be held by every person required to 6 be named in paragraph (b), (d), (e), (f) or (h) and by a person who 7 holds or will hold 10 percent or more in the aggregate of the 8 options;

9 (k) The dates of, parties to and general effect, concisely stated, 10 of every management or other material contract made or to be made 11 otherwise than in the ordinary course of business if it is to be 12 performed in whole or in part at or after the filing of the registration 13 statement or was made within the last 2 years, and a copy of the 14 contract;

15 (1) A description of any pending litigation or proceedings to 16 which the issuer is a party and that materially affect its business or 17 assets, including any litigation or proceeding known to be 18 contemplated by a governmental authority;

19 (m) A copy of any prospectus, pamphlet, circular, form letter, 20 advertisement or other sales literature intended as of the effective 21 date to be used in connection with the offering;

(n) A copy, specimen or description of the security being
registered, a copy of the issuer's articles of incorporation and
bylaws or their substantial equivalents, as currently in effect, and a
copy of any indenture or other instrument covering the security to be
registered;

27 (o) A signed or conformed copy of an opinion of counsel as to 28 the legality of the security being registered, with an English 29 translation if it is in a foreign language, which states whether the 30 security when sold will be legally issued, fully paid and 31 nonassessable and, if a debt security, a binding obligation of the 32 issuer;

(p) The written consent of an accountant, engineer, appraiser or
other person whose profession gives authority to a statement made
by the person, if the person is named as having prepared or certified
a report or valuation, other than a public and official [document] *record* or statement, which is used in connection with the
registration statement;

(q) A statement of financial condition of the issuer as of a date within 4 months before the filing of the registration statement, a statement of results of operations and analysis of surplus for each of the 3 fiscal years preceding the date of the statement of financial condition and for any period between the close of the last fiscal year and the date of the statement of financial condition, or for the period of the issuer's and any predecessors' existence if less than 3 years,



and, if part of the proceeds of the offering is to be applied to the 1 2 purchase of a business, the same financial statements which would be required if that business were the registrant; and 3

(r) Any additional information the Administrator by regulation 4 5 or order specifies.

3. A statement under this section becomes effective 30 6 7 calendar days, or any shorter period as the Administrator by 8 regulation or order specifies, after the date the registration statement 9 or the last amendment other than a price amendment is filed, if:

10 (a) No order is in effect and no proceeding is pending under NRS 90.510: 11

(b) The Administrator has not, under subsection 4, ordered that 12 13 effectiveness be delayed; and

14 (c) The registrant has not requested that effectiveness be 15 delayed.

4. The Administrator may delay effectiveness for a single 16 period of not more than 90 days if the Administrator determines the 17 registration statement is not complete in all material respects and 18 19 promptly notifies the registrant of that determination. The 20 Administrator may delay effectiveness for a single period of not 21 more than 30 days if the Administrator determines that the delay is 22 necessary, whether or not the Administrator previously delayed effectiveness under this subsection. 23 24

Sec. 224. NRS 90.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 90.500 1. A registration statement may be filed by the issuer, 26 any other person on whose behalf the offering is to be made, or a 27 broker-dealer licensed under this chapter.

28 2. Except as provided in subsection 3, a person filing a 29 registration statement shall pay a filing fee of one-tenth of 1 percent 30 of the maximum aggregate offering price at which the registered 31 securities are to be offered in this state, but not less than \$350 or more than \$2,500. If a registration statement is withdrawn before the 32 33 effective date or a pre-effective order is entered under NRS 90.510, the Administrator shall retain the fee. 34

35 3. An open-end management company, a face amount certificate company or a unit investment trust, as defined in the 36 Investment Company Act of 1940, may register an indefinite 37 38 amount of securities under a registration statement. The registrant 39 shall pay:

(a) A fee of \$500 at the time of filing; and

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(b) Within 60 days after the registrant's fiscal year during which 41 42 its statement is effective, a fee of \$2,000, or file a report on a form 43 the Administrator adopts, specifying its sale of securities to persons 44 in this state during the fiscal year and pay a fee of one-tenth of 1 percent of the aggregate sales price of the securities sold to persons 45



1 in this state, but the latter fee must not be less than \$350 or more2 than \$2,500.

3 4. Except as otherwise permitted by subsection 3, a statement4 must specify:

5 (a) The amount of securities to be offered in this state and the 6 states in which a statement or similar [document] record in 7 connection with the offering has been or is to be filed; and

8 (b) Any adverse order, judgment or decree entered by a 9 securities agency or administrator in any state or by a court or the 10 Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the 11 offering.

12 5. A <u>[document]</u> *record* filed under this chapter as now or 13 previously in effect, within 5 years before the filing of a registration 14 statement, may be incorporated by reference in the registration 15 statement if the <u>[document]</u> *record* is currently accurate.

16 6. The Administrator by regulation or order may permit the 17 omission of an item of information or [document] record from a 18 statement.

19 7. In the case of a nonissuer offering, the Administrator may 20 not require information under NRS 90.510 or subsection 13 of this 21 section unless it is known to the person filing the registration 22 statement or to the person on whose behalf the offering is to be 23 made, or can be furnished by one of them without unreasonable 24 effort or expense.

8. In the case of a registration under NRS 90.480 or 90.490 by an issuer who has no public market for its shares and no significant earnings from continuing operations during the last 5 years or any shorter period of its existence, the Administrator by regulation or order may require as a condition of registration that the following securities be deposited in escrow for not more than 3 years:

(a) A security issued to a promoter within the 3 years
immediately before the offering or to be issued to a promoter for a
consideration substantially less than the offering price; and

(b) A security issued to a promoter for a consideration other than cash, unless the registrant demonstrates that the value of the noncash consideration received in exchange for the security is substantially equal to the offering price for the security.

The Administrator by regulation may determine the conditions of an escrow required under this subsection, but the Administrator may not reject a depository solely because of location in another state.

9. The Administrator by regulation may require as a condition
of registration under NRS 90.480 or 90.490 that the proceeds from
the sale of the registered security in this state be impounded until the
issuer receives a specified amount from the sale of the security. The
Administrator by regulation or order may determine the conditions



of an impounding arrangement required under this subsection, but
 the Administrator may not reject a depository solely because of its
 location in another state.

If a security is registered pursuant to NRS 90.470 or
90.480, the prospectus filed under the Securities Act of 1933 must
be delivered to each purchaser in accordance with the requirements
of that act for the delivery of a prospectus.

8 11. If a security is registered pursuant to NRS 90.490, an 9 offering [document] record containing information the 10 Administrator by regulation or order designates must be delivered to 11 each purchaser with or before the earliest of:

(a) The first written offer made to the purchaser by or for the
account of the issuer or another person on whose behalf the offering
is being made or by an underwriter or broker-dealer who is offering
part of an unsold allotment or subscription taken by it as a
participant in the distribution;

17 (b) Confirmation of a sale made by or for the account of a 18 person named in paragraph (a);

19 (c) Payment pursuant to a sale; or

20 (d) Delivery pursuant to a sale.

21 12. Except for a registration statement under which an 22 indefinite amount of securities are registered as provided in subsection 3, a statement remains effective for 1 year after its 23 24 effective date unless the Administrator by regulation extends the 25 period of effectiveness. A registration statement under which an indefinite amount of securities are registered remains effective until 26 27 60 days after the beginning of the registrant's next fiscal year 28 following the date the statement was filed. All outstanding securities 29 of the same class as a registered security are considered to be 30 registered for the purpose of a nonissuer transaction while the 31 registration statement is effective, unless the Administrator by regulation or order provides otherwise. A registration statement may 32 not be withdrawn after its effective date if any of the securities 33 registered have been sold in this state, unless the Administrator by 34 35 regulation or order provides otherwise. No registration statement is effective while an order is in effect under subsection 1 of 36 37 NRS 90.510.

13. During the period that an offering is being made pursuant to an effective registration statement, the Administrator by regulation or order may require the person who filed the registration statement to file reports, not more often than quarterly, to keep reasonably current the information contained in the registration statement and to disclose the progress of the offering.

44 14. A registration statement filed under NRS 90.470 or 90.480 45 may be amended after its effective date to increase the securities



specified to be offered and sold. The amendment becomes effective upon filing of the amendment and payment of an additional filing fee of 3 times the fee otherwise payable, calculated in the manner specified in subsection 2, with respect to the additional securities to be offered and sold. The effectiveness of the amendment relates back to the date or dates of sale of the additional securities being registered.

8 15. A registration statement filed under NRS 90.490 may be 9 amended after its effective date to increase the securities specified to be offered and sold, if the public offering price and underwriters' 10 discounts and commissions are not changed from the respective 11 amounts which the Administrator was informed. The amendment 12 becomes effective when the Administrator so orders and relates 13 14 back to the date of sale of the additional securities being registered. A person filing an amendment shall pay an additional filing fee of 3 15 times the fee otherwise payable, calculated in the manner specified 16 in subsection 2, with respect to the additional securities to be offered 17 18 and sold.

Sec. 225. NRS 90.530 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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20 90.530 The following transactions are exempt from NRS 21 90.460 and 90.560:

1. An isolated nonissuer transaction, whether or not effected through a broker-dealer.

24 2. A nonissuer transaction in an outstanding security if the 25 issuer of the security has a class of securities subject to registration under section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. 26 27 § 781, and has been subject to the reporting requirements of section 28 13 or 15(c) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. §§ 78m and 78o(d), for not less than 90 days next preceding the 29 30 transaction, or has filed and maintained with the Administrator for 31 not less than 90 days preceding the transaction information, in such form as the Administrator, by regulation, specifies, substantially 32 33 comparable to the information the issuer would be required to file 34 under section 12(b) or 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. §§ 781(b) and 781(g), were the issuer to have a class of its 35 securities registered under section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act 36 37 of 1934, 15 U.S.C. § 781, and paid a fee with the filing of \$150.

38 3. A nonissuer transaction by a sales representative licensed in39 this state, in an outstanding security if:

40 (a) The security is sold at a price reasonably related to the 41 current market price of the security at the time of the transaction;

42 (b) The security does not constitute all or part of an unsold 43 allotment to, or subscription or participation by, a broker-dealer as 44 an underwriter of the security;



1 (c) At the time of the transaction, a recognized securities manual 2 designated by the Administrator by regulation or order contains the names of the issuer's officers and directors, a statement of the 3 financial condition of the issuer as of a date within the preceding 18 4 5 months, and a statement of income or operations for each of the last 2 years next preceding the date of the statement of financial 6 7 condition, or for the period as of the date of the statement of 8 financial condition if the period of existence is less than 2 years;

9 (d) The issuer of the security has not undergone a major 10 reorganization, merger or acquisition within the preceding 30 days 11 which is not reflected in the information contained in the manual; 12 and

(e) At the time of the transaction, the issuer of the security has a
class of equity security listed on the New York Stock Exchange,
American Stock Exchange or other exchange designated by the
Administrator, or on the National Market System of the National
Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation System. The
requirements of this paragraph do not apply if:

(1) The security has been outstanding for at least 180 days;

20 (2) The issuer of the security is actually engaged in business 21 and is not developing his business, in bankruptcy or in receivership; 22 and

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(3) The issuer of the security has been in continuousoperation for at least 5 years.

4. A nonissuer transaction in a security that has a fixed maturity or a fixed interest or dividend provision if there has been no default during the current fiscal year or within the 3 preceding years, or during the existence of the issuer, and any predecessors if less than 3 years, in the payment of principal, interest or dividends on the security.

5. A nonissuer transaction effected by or through a registered broker-dealer pursuant to an unsolicited order or offer to purchase.

6. A transaction between the issuer or other person on whose
behalf the offering of a security is made and an underwriter, or a
transaction among underwriters.

36 7. A transaction in a bond or other evidence of indebtedness 37 secured by a real estate mortgage, deed of trust, personal property 38 security agreement, or by an agreement for the sale of real estate or 39 personal property, if the entire mortgage, deed of trust or agreement, 40 together with all the bonds or other evidences of indebtedness 41 secured thereby, is offered and sold as a unit.

42 8. A transaction by an executor, administrator, sheriff, marshal,
43 receiver, trustee in bankruptcy, guardian or conservator.

44 9. A transaction executed by a bona fide secured party without45 the purpose of evading this chapter.



1 10. An offer to sell or sale of a security to a financial or 2 institutional investor or to a broker-dealer.

3 11. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a 4 transaction pursuant to an offer to sell securities of an issuer if:

5 (a) The transaction is part of an issue in which there are not 6 more than 25 purchasers in this state, other than those designated in 7 subsection 10, during any 12 consecutive months;

8 (b) No general solicitation or general advertising is used in 9 connection with the offer to sell or sale of the securities;

10 (c) No commission or other similar compensation is paid or 11 given, directly or indirectly, to a person, other than a broker-dealer 12 licensed or not required to be licensed under this chapter, for 13 soliciting a prospective purchaser in this state; and

(d) One of the following conditions is satisfied:

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15 (1) The seller reasonably believes that all the purchasers in 16 this state, other than those designated in subsection 10, are 17 purchasing for investment; or

(2) Immediately before and immediately 18 after the transaction, the issuer reasonably believes that the securities of the 19 20 issuer are held by 50 or fewer beneficial owners, other than those designated in subsection 10, and the transaction is part of an 21 22 aggregate offering that does not exceed \$500,000 during any 12 23 consecutive months.

The Administrator by rule or order as to a security or transaction or a type of security or transaction, may withdraw or further condition the exemption set forth in this subsection or waive one or more of the conditions of the exemption.

12. An offer to sell or sale of a preorganization certificate orsubscription if:

30 (a) No commission or other similar compensation is paid or 31 given, directly or indirectly, for soliciting a prospective subscriber;

32 (b) No public advertising or general solicitation is used in 33 connection with the offer to sell or sale;

(c) The number of offers does not exceed 50;

35 (d) The number of subscribers does not exceed 10; and

(e) No payment is made by a subscriber.

13. An offer to sell or sale of a preorganization certificate or 37 subscription issued in connection with the organization of a 38 depository institution if that organization is under the supervision of 39 40 an official or agency of a state or of the United States which has and 41 exercises the authority to regulate and supervise the organization of 42 the depository institution. For the purpose of this subsection, "under the supervision of an official or agency" means that the official or 43 44 agency by law has authority to require disclosures to prospective investors similar to those required under NRS 90.490, impound 45



proceeds from the sale of a preorganization certificate or
 subscription until organization of the depository institution is
 completed, and require refund to investors if the depository
 institution does not obtain a grant of authority from the appropriate
 official or agency.

6 14. A transaction pursuant to an offer to sell to existing 7 security holders of the issuer, including persons who at the time of 8 the transaction are holders of transferable warrants exercisable 9 within not more than 90 days after their issuance, convertible 10 securities or nontransferable warrants, if:

(a) No commission or other similar compensation other than a
 standby commission, is paid or given, directly or indirectly, for
 soliciting a security holder in this state; or

14 (b) The issuer first files a notice specifying the terms of the offer 15 to sell, together with a nonrefundable fee of \$150, and the 16 Administrator does not by order disallow the exemption within the 17 next 5 full business days.

18 15. A transaction involving an offer to sell, but not a sale, of a 19 security not exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 20 1933, 15 U.S.C. §§ 77a et seq., if:

(a) A registration or offering statement or similar [document]
 record as required under the Securities Act of 1933, 15 U.S.C. §§
 77a et seq., has been filed, but is not effective;

24 (b) A registration statement, if required, has been filed under 25 this chapter, but is not effective; and

(c) No order denying, suspending or revoking the effectiveness
of registration, of which the offeror is aware, has been entered by
the Administrator or the Securities and Exchange Commission, and
no examination or public proceeding that may culminate in that kind
of order is known by the offeror to be pending.

16. A transaction involving an offer to sell, but not a sale, of a
security exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933,
15 U.S.C. §§ 77a et seq., if:

(a) A registration statement has been filed under this chapter, butis not effective; and

(b) No order denying, suspending or revoking the effectiveness
of registration, of which the offeror is aware, has been entered by
the Administrator and no examination or public proceeding that may
culminate in that kind of order is known by the offeror to be
pending.

41 17. A transaction involving the distribution of the securities of
42 an issuer to the security holders of another person in connection
43 with a merger, consolidation, exchange of securities, sale of assets
44 or other reorganization to which the issuer, or its parent or



subsidiary, and the other person, or its parent or subsidiary, are
 parties, if:

3 (a) The securities to be distributed are registered under the 4 Securities Act of 1933, 15 U.S.C. §§ 77a et seq., before the 5 consummation of the transaction; or

(b) The securities to be distributed are not required to be 6 7 registered under the Securities Act of 1933, 15 U.S.C. §§ 77a et 8 seq., written notice of the transaction and a copy of the materials, if any, by which approval of the transaction will be solicited, together 9 with a nonrefundable fee of \$150, are given to the Administrator at 10 least 10 days before the consummation of the transaction and the 11 Administrator does not, by order, disallow the exemption within the 12 13 next 10 days.

14 18. A transaction involving the offer to sell or sale of one or 15 more promissory notes each of which is directly secured by a first 16 lien on a single parcel of real estate, or a transaction involving the 17 offer to sell or sale of participation interests in the notes if the notes 18 and participation interests are originated by a depository institution 19 and are offered and sold subject to the following conditions:

(a) The minimum aggregate sales price paid by each purchasermay not be less than \$250,000;

(b) Each purchaser must pay cash either at the time of the sale orwithin 60 days after the sale; and

(c) Each purchaser may buy for his own account only.

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25 19. A transaction involving the offer to sell or sale of one or 26 more promissory notes directly secured by a first lien on a single parcel of real estate or participating interests in the notes, if the 27 28 notes and interests are originated by a mortgagee approved by the 29 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development under sections 203 30 and 211 of the National Housing Act, 12 U.S.C. §§ 1709 and 1715b, 31 and are offered or sold, subject to the conditions specified in subsection 18, to a depository institution or insurance company, the 32 33 Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the Federal National Mortgage Association or the Government National Mortgage 34 35 Association.

20. A transaction between any of the persons described in subsection 19 involving a nonassignable contract to buy or sell the securities described in subsection 18 if the contract is to be completed within 2 years and if:

40 (a) The seller of the securities pursuant to the contract is one of 41 the parties described in subsection 18 or 19 who may originate 42 securities;

43 (b) The purchaser of securities pursuant to a contract is any 44 other person described in subsection 19; and

45 (c) The conditions described in subsection 18 are fulfilled.



1 21. A transaction involving one or more promissory notes 2 secured by a lien on real estate, or participating interests in those notes, by: 3

(a) A mortgage company licensed pursuant to chapter 645E of 4 5 NRS to engage in those transactions; or

(b) A mortgage broker licensed pursuant to chapter 645B of 6 7 NRS to engage in those transactions. 8

Sec. 226. NRS 90.600 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 90.600 It is unlawful for a person to make or cause to be made, in a [document] record filed with the Administrator or in a 10 proceeding under this chapter a statement that the person knows or 11 12 has reasonable grounds to know is, at the time and in the light of the 13 circumstances under which it is made, false or misleading in a 14 material respect.

Sec. 227. NRS 90.610 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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90.610 1. Neither the fact that an application for licensing or 16 a statement has been filed under this chapter, nor the fact that a 17 person is licensed or a security is registered under this chapter 18 19 constitutes a finding by the Administrator that any [document] 20 *record* filed under this chapter is true, complete and not misleading. 21 Neither of those facts nor the fact that an exemption or exception is 22 available for a security or a transaction means that the Administrator 23 has passed upon the merits or qualifications of, or recommended or 24 given approval to, any person, security or transaction.

25 2. It is unlawful to make, or cause to be made, to a purchaser, 26 customer or client a representation inconsistent with subsection 1. 27

Sec. 228. NRS 90.620 is hereby amended to read as follows:

90.620 1. The Administrator may make an investigation, 28 within or outside of this state, as he finds necessary to determine 29 30 whether a person has violated or is about to violate this chapter or 31 any regulation or order of the Administrator under this chapter or to aid in enforcement of this chapter. 32

33 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 of NRS 90.730, the Administrator may publish information concerning a 34 violation of this chapter or a regulation or order of the Administrator 35 36 under this chapter or concerning types of securities or acts or 37 practices in the offer, sale or purchase of types of securities which 38 may operate as a fraud or deceit.

39 3. For the purposes of an investigation or proceeding under this 40 chapter the Administrator or any officer or employee designated by 41 the Administrator by regulation, order or written direction may 42 conduct hearings, administer oaths and affirmations, render findings 43 of fact and conclusions of law, subpoena witnesses, compel their 44 attendance, take evidence and require the production, by subpoena or otherwise, of books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, 45



agreements or other [documents or] records which the Administrator 1 2 determines to be relevant or material to the investigation or proceeding. A person whom the Administrator does not consider to 3 be the subject of an investigation is entitled to reimbursement at the 4 5 rate of 25 cents per page for copies of [documents] records which he is required by subpoena to produce. The Administrator may 6 7 require or permit a person to file a statement, under oath or 8 otherwise as the Administrator determines, as to the facts and 9 circumstances concerning the matter to be investigated.

4. If the activities constituting an alleged violation for which the information is sought would be a violation of this chapter had the activities occurred in this state, the Administrator may issue and apply to enforce subpoenas in this state at the request of a securities agency or administrator of another state.

15 5. If a person does not testify or produce the [documents] 16 *records* required by the Administrator or a designated officer or 17 employee pursuant to subpoena, the Administrator or designated 18 officer or employee may apply to the court for an order compelling 19 compliance. A request for an order of compliance may be addressed 20 to:

(a) The district court in and for the county where service may be
obtained on the person refusing to testify or produce, if the person is
subject to service of process in this state; or

(b) A court of another state having jurisdiction over the person
refusing to testify or produce, if the person is not subject to service
of process in this state.

6. Not later than the time the Administrator requests an order for compliance, the Administrator shall either send notice of the request by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the respondent at the last known address or take other steps reasonably calculated to give the respondent actual notice.

32 Sec. 229. NRS 90.730 is hereby amended to read as follows:

90.730 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2,
 information and [documents] records filed with or obtained by the
 Administrator are public information and are available for public
 examination.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 and 4, the following information and [documents] *records* do not constitute public information under subsection 1 and are confidential:

40 (a) Information or [documents] *records* obtained by the 41 Administrator in connection with an investigation concerning 42 possible violations of this chapter; and

43 (b) Information or **[documents]** *records* filed with the 44 Administrator in connection with a registration statement filed under 45 this chapter or a report under NRS 90.390 which constitute trade



secrets or commercial or financial information of a person for which
 that person is entitled to and has asserted a claim of privilege or
 confidentiality authorized by law.

3. The Administrator may submit any information or evidence
obtained in connection with an investigation to the Attorney General
or appropriate district attorney for the purpose of prosecuting a
criminal action under this chapter.

4. The Administrator may disclose any information obtained in connection with an investigation pursuant to NRS 90.620 to the agencies and administrators specified in subsection 1 of NRS 90.740 but only if disclosure is provided for the purpose of a civil, administrative or criminal investigation or proceeding, and the receiving agency or administrator represents in writing that under applicable law protections exist to preserve the integrity, confidentiality and security of the information.

16 5. This chapter does not create any privilege or diminish any 17 privilege existing at common law, by statute, regulation or 18 otherwise.

19 Sec. 230. NRS 90.740 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 90.740 1. To encourage uniform interpretation and 21 administration of this chapter and effective securities regulation and 22 enforcement, the Administrator and the employees of the Division 23 may cooperate with the securities agencies or administrator of one 24 or more states, Canadian provinces or territories, or another country, 25 the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the Securities Investor Protection 26 27 Corporation, any self-regulatory organization, any national or 28 international organization of securities officers or agencies and any 29 governmental law enforcement or regulatory agency.

2. The cooperation authorized by subsection 1 includes:

(a) Establishing a central depository for licensing or registration
 under this chapter and for [documents or] records required or
 allowed to be maintained under this chapter;

(b) Making a joint examination or investigation for licensing orregistration;

36 (c) Holding a joint administrative hearing;

37 (d) Filing and prosecuting a joint civil or administrative 38 proceeding;

39 (e) Sharing and exchanging personnel;

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40 (f) Sharing and exchanging information and [documents] 41 *records* subject to the restrictions of NRS 90.730; and

(g) Formulating, in accordance with chapter 233B of NRS,
regulations or proposed regulations on matters, statements of policy,
guidelines and interpretative opinions and releases.



Sec. 231. NRS 90.820 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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2 90.820 1. The Administrator mav use emergency administrative proceedings in a situation involving an immediate 3 4 danger to the public welfare requiring immediate action.

2. The Administrator may take only such action as is necessary 5 to prevent or avoid the immediate danger to the public welfare that 6 justifies use of emergency administrative proceedings. 7

8 3. The Administrator shall issue an order, including a brief 9 statement of findings of fact, conclusions of law, and if it is an exercise of the agency's discretion, reasons of policy for the 10 decision to justify the determination of an immediate danger and his 11 decision to take the specific action. 12

13 4. The Administrator shall give such notice as is practicable to 14 persons who are required to comply with the order. The order is 15 effective when issued.

5. After issuing an order under this section, the Administrator 16 shall proceed as quickly as feasible to complete proceedings that 17 would be required under chapter 233B of NRS if the matter did not 18 involve an immediate danger. 19

20 6. The record of the Administrator consists of the [documents] records regarding the matter that were considered or prepared by 21 22 him. He shall maintain these [documents] records as the official 23 record.

24 7. Unless otherwise required by law, the Administrator's 25 record need not constitute the exclusive basis for his action in 26 emergency administrative proceedings or for judicial review of the 27 action.

28 8. An order issued under this section is subject to judicial 29 review in the manner provided in chapter 233B of NRS for the final 30 decision in a contested case.

Sec. 232. NRS 90.847 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 90.847 The Administrator may, by regulation or order, approve systems for the electronic delivery of [documents] records and 33 applications to the Administrator or his designee or to the principal 34 35 office of the Administrator.

Sec. 233. Chapter 91 of NRS is hereby amended by adding 36 thereto a new section to read as follows: 37

38 "Record" means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is 39 40 retrievable in perceivable form. 41

Sec. 234. NRS 91.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 91.020 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise 43 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 91.030 to 91.150,

44 inclusive, and section 233 of this act have the meanings ascribed to 45 them in those sections.



Sec. 235. NRS 91.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 91.160 1. This chapter must be administered by the Administrator of the Securities Division of the Office of the 3 4 Secretary of State.

5 2. It is unlawful for the Administrator or any employee of the Administrator to use for personal benefit any information which is 6 7 filed with or obtained by the Administrator and which is not made 8 public. It is unlawful for the Administrator or any employee of the 9 Administrator to conduct any dealings regarding a security or commodity based upon any such information, even though made 10 public, if there has not been a sufficient period of time for the 11 securities or commodity markets to assimilate such information. 12

13 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, all 14 information and materials collected, assembled or maintained by the 15 Administrator are public records.

4. The following information is confidential:

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17 (a) Information obtained in private investigations pursuant to NRS 91.300: and 18

(b) Information obtained from federal agencies which may not 19 20 be disclosed under federal law.

21 5. The Administrator in his discretion may disclose any 22 information made confidential under subsection 4 to persons identified in subsection 1 of NRS 91.170. 23

24 6. No provision of this chapter either creates or derogates any 25 privilege which exists at common law, by statute or otherwise when any [documentary] record or other evidence is sought under 26 27 subpoena directed to the Administrator or any employee of the 28 Administrator. 29

Sec. 236. NRS 91.170 is hereby amended to read as follows:

91.170 1. To 30 encourage uniform application and 31 interpretation of this chapter and regulation and enforcement of securities laws in general, the Administrator and the employees of 32 33 the Administrator may cooperate, including bearing the expense of the cooperation, with the securities agency or administrator of 34 35 another jurisdiction, Canadian province or territory, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the Securities and Exchange 36 37 Commission, any self-regulatory organization established under the 38 Commodity Exchange Act or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 39 any national or international organization of officers or agencies 40 which regulate commodities or securities, and any governmental law 41 enforcement agency.

42 2. The cooperation authorized by subsection 1 includes, but is 43 not limited to, the following:

44 (a) Making joint examinations or investigations;

45 (b) Holding joint administrative hearings;



(c) Filing and prosecuting joint litigation;

(d) Sharing and exchanging personnel;

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3 (e) Sharing and exchanging information and [documents;] 4 *records*;

5 (f) Formulating and adopting mutual regulations, statements of 6 policy, guidelines, proposed statutory changes and releases; and

7 (g) Issuing and enforcing subpoenas at the request of the agency 8 administering this chapter in another jurisdiction, the securities 9 agency of another jurisdiction, the Commodity Futures Trading 10 Commission or the Securities and Exchange Commission if the 11 information sought would also be subject to lawful subpoena for 12 conduct occurring in this state.

Sec. 237. NRS 91.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 91.210 1. The prohibitions in NRS 91.190 do not apply to the 15 following:

(a) An account, agreement or transaction within the exclusive
jurisdiction of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission granted
under the Commodity Exchange Act.

(b) A commodity contract for the purchase of one or more 19 20 precious metals which requires, and under which the purchaser receives, within 7 calendar days after the payment of any portion of 21 the purchase price, physical delivery of the quantity of the precious 22 metals purchased by the payment. For purposes of this paragraph, 23 24 physical delivery shall be deemed to have occurred if, within the 7-25 day period, the quantity of precious metals purchased by the 26 payment is delivered, whether in specifically segregated or fungible 27 bulk form, into the possession of a depository other than the seller 28 which is either:

(1) A financial institution;

(2) A depository the warehouse receipts of which are
recognized for delivery purposes for any commodity on a contract
market designated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission;
(3) A storage facility licensed or regulated by the United

34 States or any agency thereof; or 35 (4) A depository designate

(4) A depository designated by the Administrator,

and the depository issues, and the purchaser receives, a certificate, 36 [document] record of title, confirmation or other instrument 37 38 evidencing that such a quantity of precious metals has been delivered to the depository and is being and will continue to be held 39 40 by the depository on the purchaser's behalf, free and clear of all 41 liens and encumbrances, other than liens of the purchaser, tax liens, 42 liens agreed to by the purchaser, or liens of the depository for fees 43 and expenses, which have previously been disclosed to the 44 purchaser.



1 (c) A commodity contract solely between persons engaged in 2 producing, processing, using commercially or handling as 3 merchants, each commodity subject thereto, or any by-product 4 thereof.

5 (d) A commodity contract under which the offeree or the 6 purchaser is a person referred to in NRS 91.200, an insurance 7 company, an investment company as defined in the Investment 8 Company Act of 1940, or an employee pension and profit-sharing or 9 benefit plan, other than a self-employed individual retirement plan 10 or individual retirement account.

2. The Administrator may adopt regulations or issue orders 11 prescribing the terms and conditions of all transactions and contracts 12 13 covered by the provisions of this chapter which are not within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Commodity Futures Trading 14 Commission granted by the Commodity Exchange Act, exempting 15 any person or transaction from any provision of this chapter 16 17 conditionally or unconditionally and otherwise implementing the provisions of this chapter for the protection of purchasers and sellers 18 19 of commodities.

Sec. 238. NRS 91.300 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 91.300 1. The Administrator may make investigations, within 22 or outside of this state, as he finds necessary or appropriate to:

(a) Determine whether any person has violated, or is about to
 violate, any provision of this chapter or any regulation or order of
 the Administrator; or

(b) Aid in the enforcement of this chapter.

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27 2. The Administrator may publish information concerning any 28 violation of this chapter or any regulation or order of the 29 Administrator.

30 3. For the purposes of any investigation or proceeding under 31 this chapter, the Administrator, or an officer or employee designated 32 by the Administrator, may administer oaths and affirmations, 33 subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance, take evidence and 34 require the production of any books, papers, correspondence, 35 memoranda, agreements or other [documents or] records which the 36 Administrator finds to be relevant or material to the inquiry.

4. If a person does not give testimony or produce the **[documents]** *records* required by the Administrator or a designated officer or employee pursuant to an administrative subpoena, the Administrator or designated officer or employee may apply for a court order compelling compliance with the subpoena or the giving of the required testimony.

43 5. The request for an order of compliance may be addressed to 44 either:

45 (a) The District Court for the First Judicial District;



1 (b) The district court for any judicial district where service may 2 be obtained on the person refusing to testify or produce, if the 3 person is within this state; or

4 (c) The appropriate court of the state having jurisdiction over the 5 person refusing to testify or produce, if the person is outside of this 6 state.

6. If the activities constituting an alleged violation for which the information is sought would be a violation of this chapter had the activities occurred in this state, the Administrator may issue and apply to enforce subpoenas, in the manner set forth in subsection 5, in this state at the request of a securities agency or administrator of another state.

13 Sec. 239. Chapter 92A of NRS is hereby amended by adding 14 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 240 to 244, inclusive, of 15 this act.

Sec. 240. "Articles," "articles of incorporation" and 16 "certificate of incorporation" are synonymous terms and unless 17 the context otherwise requires, include all certificates filed 18 pursuant to NRS 78.030, 78.1955, 78.209, 78.380, 78.385 and 19 20 78.390 and any articles of merger, conversion, exchange or domestication filed pursuant to NRS 92A.200 to 92A.240, 21 inclusive, or 92A.270. Unless the context otherwise requires, these 22 23 terms include restated articles and certificates of incorporation.

24 Sec. 241. "Charter document" means the articles of 25 incorporation of a foreign corporation, whether or not for profit, 26 the articles of incorporation of a domestic corporation and a 27 domestic nonprofit corporation, the articles of organization of a 28 limited-liability company, the certificate of limited partnership of a 29 limited partnership or the certificate of trust of a business trust 30 and all amendments thereto.

Sec. 242. "Record" means information that is inscribed on a
 tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium
 and is retrievable in perceivable form.

34 Sec. 243. "Sign" means to affix a signature to a record.

35 Sec. 244. "Signature" means a name, word, symbol or mark 36 executed or otherwise adopted, or a record encrypted or similarly 37 processed in whole or in part, by a person with the present intent 38 to identify himself and adopt or accept a record. The term 39 includes, without limitation, an electronic signature as defined in 40 NRS 719.100.

41 Sec. 245. NRS 92A.005 is hereby amended to read as follows:
42 92A.005 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
43 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 92A.007 to 92A.090,
44 inclusive, *and sections 240 to 244, inclusive, of this act* have the
45 meanings ascribed to them in those sections.



Sec. 246. NRS 92A.045 is hereby amended to read as follows: 1 92A.045 "Entity" means a foreign or domestic [corporation,]: 2 1. Corporation, whether or not for profit [, limited liability 3 4 company, limited]; 5 2. Limited-liability company; 3. *Limited* partnership; or [business] 6 7 4. **Business** trust. 8 **Sec. 247.** NRS 92A.100 is hereby amended to read as follows: 9 92A.100 1. Except as limited by NRS 78.411 to 78.444, 10 inclusive, one or more domestic entities may merge into another entity if the plan of merger is approved pursuant to the provisions of 11 12 this chapter. 13 2. [The] Except as otherwise provided in NRS 92A.180, the 14 plan of merger must set forth: (a) The name, address and jurisdiction of organization and 15 governing law of each constituent entity; 16 (b) The name, jurisdiction of organization and kind of entity or 17 entities that will survive the merger; 18 (c) The terms and conditions of the merger; and 19 20 (d) The manner and basis of converting the owner's interests of each constituent entity into owner's interests, rights to purchase 21 owner's interests, or other securities of the surviving or other entity 22 23 or into cash or other property in whole or in part. 24 3. The plan of merger may set forth: (a) Amendments to the constituent documents of the surviving 25 26 entity; and 27 (b) Other provisions relating to the merger. 28 4. The plan of merger must be in writing. 29 Sec. 248. NRS 92A.105 is hereby amended to read as follows: 92A.105 1. Except as limited by NRS 78.411 to 78.444, 30 inclusive, one domestic general partnership or one domestic entity, 31 except a domestic nonprofit corporation, may convert into a 32 domestic entity of a different type or a foreign entity if the plan of 33 34 conversion is approved pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. 35 The plan of conversion must be in writing and set forth the: 2. 36 (a) Name of the constituent entity and the proposed name for the 37 resulting entity; 38 (b) Address of the constituent entity and the resulting entity; 39 (c) Jurisdiction of the law that governs the constituent entity; 40 (d) Jurisdiction of the law that will govern the resulting entity; 41 (e) Terms and conditions of the conversion; 42 (f) Manner and basis of converting the owner's interest or the 43 interest of a partner in a general partnership of the constituent entity 44 into owner's interests, rights of purchase and other securities in the 45 resulting entity; and

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(g) Full text of the constituent documents of the resulting entity.

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3. The plan of conversion may set forth other provisions relating to the conversion.

Sec. 249. NRS 92A.120 is hereby amended to read as follows: 4 5 92A.120 1. After adopting a plan of merger, exchange or conversion, the board of directors of each domestic corporation that 6 7 is a constituent entity in the merger or conversion, or the board of directors of the domestic corporation whose shares will be acquired 8 9 in the exchange, must submit the plan of merger, except as otherwise provided in NRS 92A.130, the plan of conversion or the 10 plan of exchange for approval by its stockholders who are entitled to 11 12 vote on the plan.

13 2. For a plan of merger, conversion or exchange to be 14 approved:

(a) The board of directors must recommend the plan of merger,
conversion or exchange to the stockholders, unless the board of
directors determines that because of a conflict of interest or other
special circumstances it should make no recommendation and it
communicates the basis for its determination to the stockholders
with the plan; and

(b) The stockholders entitled to vote must approve the plan.

3. The board of directors may condition its submission of the
proposed merger, conversion or exchange on any basis.

24 4. Unless the plan of merger, conversion or exchange is approved by the written consent of stockholders pursuant to subsection [8,] 7, the domestic corporation must notify each 25 26 27 stockholder, whether or not he is entitled to vote, of the proposed 28 stockholders' meeting in accordance with NRS 78.370. The notice 29 must also state that the purpose, or one of the purposes, of the 30 meeting is to consider the plan of merger, conversion or exchange 31 and must contain or be accompanied by a copy or summary of the 32 plan.

5. Unless this chapter, the articles of incorporation, the resolutions of the board of directors establishing the class or series of stock [, subsection 6] or the board of directors acting pursuant to subsection 3 require a greater vote or a vote by classes of stockholders, the plan of merger or conversion must be approved by a majority of the voting power of the stockholders.

6. Unless the articles of incorporation or the resolution of the board of directors establishing a class or series of stock provide otherwise, or unless the board of directors acting pursuant to subsection 3 requires a greater vote, the plan of exchange must be approved by a majority of the voting power of each class and each series to be exchanged pursuant to the plan of exchange.



1 7. [In addition to any other vote required, if a plan of merger 2 contains an amendment to the articles of incorporation of the surviving domestic corporation or if a plan of conversion provides 3 for a resulting entity with constituent documents, that adversely alter 4 or change any preference or other right given to any class or series 5 of outstanding stock of the surviving domestic corporation, then the 6 plan of merger or conversion must be approved by the vote of 7 stockholders representing a majority of the voting power of each 8 9 class or series adversely affected by the amendment or the 10 constituent documents, regardless of limitations or restrictions on the voting power of that class or series of stock. 11 -8.] Unless otherwise provided in the articles of incorporation or 12 13 the bylaws of the domestic corporation, the plan of merger, conversion or exchange may be approved by written consent as 14 15 provided in NRS 78.320.

[9.] 8. If an officer, director or stockholder of a domestic corporation, which will be the constituent entity in a conversion, will have any liability for the obligations of the resulting entity after the conversion because he will be the owner of an owner's interest in the resulting entity, then that officer, director or stockholder must also approve the plan of conversion.

22 [10.] 9. Unless otherwise provided in the articles of incorporation or bylaws of a domestic corporation, a plan of merger, 23 24 conversion or exchange may contain a provision that permits amendment of the plan of merger, conversion or exchange at any 25 26 time after the stockholders of the domestic corporation approve the 27 plan of merger, conversion or exchange, but before the articles of 28 merger, conversion or exchange become effective, without obtaining the approval of the stockholders of the domestic corporation for the 29 30 amendment if the amendment does not:

(a) Alter or change the manner or basis of exchanging an
owner's interest to be acquired for owner's interests, rights to
purchase owner's interests, or other securities of the acquiring entity
or any other entity, or for cash or other property in whole or in part;
or

(b) Alter or change any of the terms and conditions of the plan
of merger, conversion or exchange in a manner that adversely
affects the stockholders of the domestic corporation.

39 [11.] 10. This section does not prevent or restrict a board of 40 directors from cancelling the proposed meeting or removing the plan 41 of merger, conversion or exchange from consideration at the 42 meeting if the board of directors determines that it is not advisable 43 to submit the plan of merger, conversion or exchange to the 44 stockholders for approval.



Sec. 250. NRS 92A.165 is hereby amended to read as follows: 92A.165 Unless otherwise provided in the certificate of trust or governing instrument of a *domestic* business trust, a plan of merger, conversion or exchange must be approved by all the trustees and beneficial owners of each *domestic* business trust that is a constituent entity in the merger.

Sec. 251. NRS 92A.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 92A.190 1. One or more foreign entities may merge or enter 9 into an exchange of owner's interests with one or more domestic 10 entities if:

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(a) In a merger, the merger is permitted by the law of the
jurisdiction under whose law each foreign entity is organized and
governed and each foreign entity complies with that law in effecting
the merger;

15 (b) In an exchange, the entity whose owner's interests will be 16 acquired is a domestic entity, whether or not an exchange of 17 owner's interests is permitted by the law of the jurisdiction under 18 whose law the acquiring entity is organized;

(c) The foreign entity complies with NRS 92A.200 to 92A.240,
inclusive, if it is the surviving entity in the merger or acquiring
entity in the exchange and sets forth in the articles of merger or
exchange its address where copies of process may be sent by the
Secretary of State; and

(d) Each domestic entity complies with the applicable provisions
of NRS 92A.100 to 92A.180, inclusive, and, if it is the surviving
entity in the merger or acquiring entity in the exchange, with NRS
92A.200 to 92A.240, inclusive.

28 2. When the merger or exchange takes effect, the surviving 29 foreign entity in a merger and the acquiring foreign entity in an 30 exchange shall be deemed:

(a) To appoint the Secretary of State as its agent for service of 31 32 process in a proceeding to enforce any obligation *which accrued* 33 before the merger or exchange became effective or the rights of dissenting owners of each domestic entity that was a party to the 34 merger or exchange. Service of such process must be made by 35 personally delivering to and leaving with the Secretary of State 36 37 duplicate copies of the process and the payment of a fee of \$50 for accepting and transmitting the process. The Secretary of State shall 38 forthwith send by registered or certified mail one of the copies to 39 40 the surviving or acquiring entity at its specified address, unless the 41 surviving or acquiring entity has designated in writing to the 42 Secretary of State a different address for that purpose, in which case 43 it must be mailed to the last address so designated.

(b) To agree that it will promptly pay to the dissenting owners of each domestic entity that is a party to the merger or exchange the



amount, if any, to which they are entitled under or created pursuant
 to NRS 92A.300 to 92A.500, inclusive.

3 3. This section does not limit the power of a foreign entity to 4 acquire all or part of the owner's interests of one or more classes or 5 series of a domestic entity through a voluntary exchange or 6 otherwise.

Sec. 252. NRS 92A.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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8 92A.200 After a plan of merger or exchange is approved as 9 required by this chapter, the surviving or acquiring entity shall 10 deliver to the Secretary of State for filing articles of merger or 11 exchange setting forth:

12 1. The name and jurisdiction of organization of each 13 constituent entity;

14 2. That a plan of merger or exchange has been adopted by each 15 constituent entity;

16 3. If approval of the owners of one or more constituent entities 17 was not required, a statement to that effect and the name of each 18 entity;

4. If approval of owners of one or more constituent entities was
required, the name of each entity and a statement for each entity that
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(a) The] the plan was approved by the required consent of the
 owners; for

(b) A plan was submitted to the owners pursuant to this chapter
 including:

26 (1) The designation, percentage of total vote or number of

votes entitled to be cast by each class of owner's interests entitled to
vote separately on the plan; and

29 (2) Either the total number of votes or percentage of owner's

30 interests cast for and against the plan by the owners of each class of

31 interests entitled to vote separately on the plan or the total number

32 of undisputed votes or undisputed total percentage of owner's
 33 interests cast for the plan separately by the owners of each
 34 class.

and the number of votes or percentage of owner's interests cast for

36 the plan by the owners of each class of interests was sufficient for 37 approval by the owners of that class;]

In the case of a merger, the amendment, if any, to the
 [articles of incorporation, articles of organization, certificate of
 limited partnership or certificate of trust] *charter document* of the

41 surviving entity, which amendment may be set forth in the articles

42 of merger as a specific amendment or in the form of [:

43 (a) Amended and restated articles of incorporation;

44 (b) Amended and restated articles of organization;



1 (c) An amended and restated certificate of limited partnership; 2 Oľ (d) An] an amended and restated [certificate of trust,] charter 3 *document* or attached in that form as an exhibit; and 4 5 6. If the entire plan of merger or exchange is not set forth, a statement that the complete *[executed]* signed plan of merger or 6 7 plan of exchange is on file at the registered office if a corporation, 8 limited-liability company or business trust, or office described in 9 paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 88.330 if a limited 10 partnership, or other place of business of the surviving entity or the acquiring entity, respectively. 11 7. Any of the terms of the plan of merger, conversion or 12 13 exchange may be made dependent upon facts ascertainable outside 14 of the plan of merger, conversion or exchange, provided that the plan of merger, conversion or exchange clearly and expressly sets 15 forth the manner in which such facts shall operate upon the terms of 16 the plan. As used in this section, the term "facts" includes, without 17 limitation, the occurrence of an event, including a determination or 18 19 action by a person or body, including a constituent entity. 20 **Sec. 253.** NRS 92A.205 is hereby amended to read as follows: 92A.205 1. After a plan of conversion is approved as 21 required by this chapter, if the resulting entity is a domestic entity, 22 the constituent entity shall deliver to the Secretary of State for filing: 23 24 (a) Articles of conversion setting forth: (1) The name and jurisdiction of organization of the 25 26 constituent entity and the resulting entity; and 27 (2) That a plan of conversion has been adopted by the 28 constituent entity in compliance with the law of the jurisdiction 29 governing the constituent entity. 30 (b) The [following constituent] charter document of the 31 domestic resulting entity [+ (1) If the resulting entity is a domestic corporation, the 32 articles of incorporation filed in compliance with chapter 78 or 89 of 33 NRS, as applicable; 34 (2) If the resulting entity is a domestic limited partnership, 35 the certificate of limited partnership filed in compliance with 36 chapter 88 of NRS; 37 (3) If the resulting entity is a domestic limited liability 38 39 company, the articles of organization filed in compliance with 40 chapter 86 of NRS; or

41 (4) If the resulting entity is a domestic business trust, the

42 certificate of trust filed in compliance with] required by the 43 applicable provisions of chapter 78, 86, 88, 88A or 89 of NRS.



1 (c) A certificate of acceptance of appointment of a resident 2 agent for the resulting entity which is <u>[executed]</u> signed by the 3 resident agent.

4 2. After a plan of conversion is approved as required by this 5 chapter, if the resulting entity is a foreign entity, the constituent 6 entity shall deliver to the Secretary of State for filing articles of 7 conversion setting forth:

8 (a) The name and jurisdiction of organization of the constituent 9 entity and the resulting entity;

10 (b) That a plan of conversion has been adopted by the 11 constituent entity in compliance with the laws of this state; and

12 (c) The address of the resulting entity where copies of process 13 may be sent by the Secretary of State.

3. If the entire plan of conversion is not set forth in the articles of conversion, the filing party must include in the articles of conversion a statement that the complete [executed] signed plan of conversion is on file at the registered office or principal place of business of the resulting entity or, if the resulting entity is a domestic limited partnership, the office described in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 88.330.

4. If the conversion takes effect on a later date specified in the articles of conversion pursuant to NRS 92A.240, the [constituent] *charter* document filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 must state the name and the jurisdiction of the constituent entity and that the existence of the resulting entity does not begin until the later date.

5. Any [documents] *records* filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to this section must be accompanied by the fees required pursuant to this title for filing the [constituent] *charter* document.

Sec. 254. NRS 92A.210 is hereby amended to read as follows: 30 31 92A.210 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the fee for filing articles of merger, articles of conversion, articles of 32 exchange, articles of domestication or articles of termination is 33 \$325. The fee for filing the **[constituent]** charter documents of a 34 domestic resulting entity is the fee for filing the [constituent] 35 *charter* documents determined by the chapter of NRS governing the 36 37 particular domestic resulting entity.

2. The fee for filing articles of merger of two or more domestic corporations is the difference between the fee computed at the rates specified in NRS 78.760 upon the aggregate authorized stock of the corporation created by the merger and the fee computed upon the aggregate amount of the total authorized stock of the constituent corporation.

44 3. The fee for filing articles of merger of one or more domestic 45 corporations with one or more foreign corporations is the difference



between the fee computed at the rates specified in NRS 78.760 upon
 the aggregate authorized stock of the corporation created by the
 merger and the fee computed upon the aggregate amount of the total
 authorized stock of the constituent corporations which have paid the
 fees required by NRS 78.760 and 80.050.

4. The fee for filing articles of merger of two or more domestic
or foreign corporations must not be less than \$325. The amount paid
pursuant to subsection 3 must not exceed \$25,000.

9 Sec. 255. NRS 92A.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:
10 92A.230 1. Articles of merger, conversion or exchange must
11 be signed by each *foreign and* domestic constituent entity as
12 follows:

(a) By an officer of a [domestic] corporation, whether or not forprofit;

15 (b) By [all] *one of* the general partners of a [domestic] limited 16 partnership;

(c) By a manager of a [domestic] limited-liability company with
managers or by [all the members] one member of a [domestic]
limited-liability company without managers; [and]

20 (d) By a trustee of a [domestic] business trust [.

21 - 2. Articles of merger, conversion or exchange must be signed
 22 by each foreign constituent entity in the manner provided by the law
 23 governing it.

As used in this section, "signed" means to have executed or
 adopted a name, word or mark, including, without limitation, an
 electronic signature as defined in NRS 719.100, with the present
 intention to authenticate a document.]; and

(e) By one general partner of a general partnership.

Sec. 256. NRS 92A.240 is hereby amended to read as follows: 92A.240 1. A merger, conversion or exchange takes effect upon filing the articles of merger, conversion or exchange or upon a later date as specified in the articles, which must not be more than 90 days after the articles are filed.

2. If the filed articles of merger, conversion or exchange specify such a later effective date, the constituent entity or entities may file articles of termination before the effective date, setting forth:

(a) The name of each constituent entity and, for a conversion,the resulting entity; and

40 (b) That the merger, conversion or exchange has been 41 terminated pursuant to the plan of merger, conversion or exchange.

42 3. The articles of termination must be **[executed]** *signed* in the 43 manner provided in NRS 92A.230.



1 **Sec. 257.** NRS 92A.270 is hereby amended to read as follows: 92A.270 1. Any undomesticated organization may become 2 domesticated in this state as a domestic entity by: 3

(a) Paying to the Secretary of State the fees required pursuant to 4 5 this Title for filing the [constituent] charter document; and 6

(b) Filing with the Secretary of State:

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(1) Articles of domestication which must be [executed] 7 8 *signed* by an authorized representative of the undomesticated 9 organization approved in compliance with subsection 6;

10 (2) The appropriate [constituent] charter document for the type of domestic entity; [described in paragraph (b) of subsection 1 11 of NRS 92A.205;] and 12

13 (3) A certificate of acceptance of appointment of a resident 14 agent for the domestic entity which is *[executed] signed* by the 15 resident agent.

2. The articles of domestication must set forth the:

17 (a) Date when and the jurisdiction where the undomesticated organization was first formed, incorporated, organized or otherwise 18 19 created;

20 (b) Name of the undomesticated organization immediately 21 before filing the articles of domestication;

22 (c) Name and type of domestic entity as set forth in its [constituent] charter document pursuant to subsection 1; and 23

24 (d) Jurisdiction that constituted the principal place of business or 25 central administration of the undomesticated organization, or any other equivalent thereto pursuant to applicable law, 26

27 immediately before filing the articles of domestication.

28 3. Upon filing the articles of domestication, the **constituent** 29 *charter* document and the certificate of acceptance of appointment 30 of a resident agent with the Secretary of State, and the payment of 31 the requisite fee for filing the **[constituent]** charter document of the domestic entity, the undomesticated organization is domesticated in 32 33 this state as the domestic entity described in the [constituent] charter document filed pursuant to subsection 1. The existence of 34 the domestic entity begins on the date the undomesticated 35 organization began its existence in the jurisdiction in which the 36 37 undomesticated organization was first formed, incorporated, 38 organized or otherwise created.

4. The domestication of any undomesticated organization does 39 40 not affect any obligations or liabilities of the undomesticated 41 organization incurred before its domestication.

42 The filing of the [constituent] charter document of the 5. 43 domestic entity pursuant to subsection 1 does not affect the choice 44 of law applicable to the undomesticated organization. From the date 45 the **[constituent]** charter document of the domestic entity is filed,



the law of this state applies to the domestic entity to the same extent
 as if the undomesticated organization was organized and created as
 a domestic entity on that date.

6. Before filing articles of domestication, the domestication must be approved in the manner required by:

6 (a) The document, instrument, agreement or other writing 7 governing the internal affairs of the undomesticated organization 8 and the conduct of its business; and

9 (b) Applicable foreign law.

10 7. When a domestication becomes effective, all rights, privileges and powers of the undomesticated organization, all 11 property owned by the undomesticated organization, all debts due to 12 13 the undomesticated organization, and all causes of action belonging 14 to the undomesticated organization are vested in the domestic entity 15 and become the property of the domestic entity to the same extent as vested in the undomesticated organization immediately before 16 17 domestication. The title to any real property vested by deed or otherwise in the undomesticated organization is not reverted or 18 19 impaired by the domestication. All rights of creditors and all liens 20 upon any property of the undomesticated organization are preserved 21 unimpaired and all debts, liabilities and duties of an undomesticated 22 organization that has been domesticated attach to the domestic entity 23 resulting from the domestication and may be enforced against it to 24 the same extent as if the debts, liability and duties had been incurred 25 or contracted by the domestic entity.

26 8. When an undomesticated organization is domesticated, the 27 domestic entity resulting from the domestication is for all purposes 28 deemed to be the same entity as the undomesticated organization. 29 Unless otherwise agreed by the owners of the undomesticated 30 organization or as required pursuant to applicable foreign law, the 31 domestic entity resulting from the domestication is not required to wind up its affairs, pay its liabilities or distribute its assets. The 32 33 domestication of an undomesticated organization does not constitute the dissolution of the undomesticated organization. The 34 domestication constitutes a continuation of the existence of the 35 undomesticated organization in the form of a domestic entity. If, 36 37 following domestication, an undomesticated organization that has 38 become domesticated pursuant to this section continues its existence 39 in the foreign country or foreign jurisdiction in which it was existing 40 immediately before the domestication, the domestic entity and the 41 undomesticated organization are for all purposes a single entity 42 formed, incorporated, organized or otherwise created and existing 43 pursuant to the laws of this state and the laws of the foreign country 44 or other foreign jurisdiction.



9. As used in this section, "undomesticated organization" 1 2 means any incorporated organization, private law corporation, whether or not organized for business purposes, public law 3 corporation, general partnership, registered limited-liability 4 partnership, limited partnership or registered limited-liability limited 5 partnership, proprietorship, joint venture, foundation, business trust, 6 7 real estate investment trust, common-law trust or any other unincorporated business formed, organized, created or the internal 8 9 affairs of which are governed by the laws of any foreign country or jurisdiction other than the United States, the District of Columbia or 10 another state, territory, possession, commonwealth or dependency of 11 the United States. 12

Sec. 258. NRS 92A.380 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 92A.380 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 92A.370 15 and 92A.390, **[a]** *any* stockholder is entitled to dissent from, and 16 obtain payment of the fair value of his shares in the event of any of 17 the following corporate actions:

(a) Consummation of a *conversion or* plan of merger to which
 the domestic corporation is a constituent entity:

20 (1) If approval by the stockholders is required for the 21 *conversion or* merger by NRS 92A.120 to 92A.160, inclusive, or 22 the articles of incorporation, regardless of whether the stockholder is 23 entitled to vote on the *conversion or* plan of merger; or

24 (2) If the domestic corporation is a subsidiary and is merged 25 with its parent pursuant to NRS 92A.180.

(b) Consummation of a plan of exchange to which the domestic
corporation is a constituent entity as the corporation whose subject
owner's interests will be acquired, if his shares are to be acquired in
the plan of exchange.

(c) Any corporate action taken pursuant to a vote of the
stockholders to the *[event] extent* that the articles of incorporation,
bylaws or a resolution of the board of directors provides that voting
or nonvoting stockholders are entitled to dissent and obtain payment
for their shares.

2. A stockholder who is entitled to dissent and obtain payment pursuant to NRS 92A.300 to 92A.500, inclusive, may not challenge the corporate action creating his entitlement unless the action is unlawful or fraudulent with respect to him or the domestic orporation.

40 Sec. 259. NRS 92A.440 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 92A.440 1. A stockholder to whom a dissenter's notice is 42 sent must:

43 (a) Demand payment;

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(b) Certify whether he or the beneficial owner on whose behalf *he is dissenting, as the case may be, acquired beneficial ownership*



of the shares before the date required to be set forth in the 1 2 dissenter's notice for this certification; and

(c) Deposit his certificates, if any, in accordance with the terms 3 of the notice. 4

5 2. The stockholder who demands payment and deposits his certificates, if any, before the proposed corporate action is taken 6 7 retains all other rights of a stockholder until those rights are 8 cancelled or modified by the taking of the proposed corporate 9 action.

10 The stockholder who does not demand payment or deposit 3. his certificates where required, each by the date set forth in the 11 dissenter's notice, is not entitled to payment for his shares under this 12 13 chapter.

Sec. 260. NRS 104.9318 is hereby amended to read as 14 15 follows:

16 104.9318 1. A debtor that has sold an account, chattel paper, payment intangible or promissory note does not retain a 17 legal or equitable interest in the collateral sold. 18

2. For purposes of determining the rights of creditors of, and 19 20 purchasers for value of an account or chattel paper from, a debtor that has sold an account or chattel paper, while the buyer's security 21 22 interest is unperfected, the debtor has rights and title to the account 23 or chattel paper identical to those the debtor sold. 24

Sec. 261. NRS 111.312 is hereby amended to read as follows:

111.312 1. The county recorder shall not record with respect 25 26 to real property, a notice of completion, a declaration of homestead, 27 a lien or notice of lien, an affidavit of death, a mortgage or deed of 28 trust, or any conveyance of real property or instrument in writing setting forth an agreement to convey real property unless the 29 30 document being recorded contains:

(a) The mailing address of the grantee or, if there is no grantee, 31 32 the mailing address of the person who is requesting the recording of 33 the document; and

34 (b) The assessor's parcel number of the property at the top left 35 corner of the first page of the document, if the county assessor has assigned a parcel number to the property. The county recorder is not 36 required to verify that the assessor's parcel number is correct. 37

38 2. The county recorder shall not record with respect to real 39 property any conveyance of real property or instrument in writing 40 setting forth an agreement to convey real property unless the 41 document being recorded contains the name and address of the 42 person to whom a statement of the taxes assessed on the real 43 property is to be mailed.

44 The assessor's parcel number shall not be deemed to be a complete legal description of the real property conveyed. 45



4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, if a document 1 2 that is being recorded includes a legal description of real property that is provided in metes and bounds, the document must include the 3 name and mailing address of the person who prepared the legal 4 5 description. The county recorder is not required to verify the accuracy of the name and mailing address of such a person. 6

7 5. If a document *including the same legal description* 8 described in subsection 4 previously has been recorded, the document must include all information necessary to identify and 9 locate the previous recording, but the name and mailing address of 10 the person who prepared the legal description is not required for the 11 document to be recorded. The county recorder is not required to 12 13 verify the accuracy of the information concerning the previous 14 recording.

Sec. 262. NRS 602.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

602.010 1. Every person doing business in this state under an 16 assumed or fictitious name [which does not indicate the real] that is 17 *in any way different from the legal* name of each person who owns 18 19 an interest in the business must file with the county clerk of each 20 county in which the business is being conducted a certificate containing the information required by NRS 602.020. 21

22 2. A person intending to conduct a business under an assumed or fictitious name may, before initiating the conduct of the business, 23 24 file a certificate with the county clerk of each county in which the 25 business is intended to be conducted.

26 3. If the board of county commissioners of a county has adopted an ordinance pursuant to NRS 602.035, a certificate filed 27 28 pursuant to this section expires 5 years after it is filed with the 29 county clerk.

30 **Sec. 263.** NRS 602.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 602.020 1. A certificate filed pursuant to NRS 602.010 or a renewal certificate filed pursuant to NRS 602.035 must state the 32 33 assumed or fictitious name under which the business is being conducted or is intended to be conducted, and if conducted by: 34

35 (a) A natural person: 36

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(1) His full name; *and*

(2) [The street address of his residence or business; and

38 (3) If the] His mailing address; [is different from the street address, the mailing address of his residence or business;] 39

40 (b) An artificial person required to make annual filings with the 41 Secretary of State to retain its good standing [, its]:

42 (1) Its name as it appears in the records of the Secretary of 43 State: *and*

44 (2) Its mailing address;

45 (c) A general partnership:



1 (1) The full name of each partner who is a natural person; 2 (2) The *[street address of the residence or business of each* partner who is a natural person; 3 (3) If the mailing address fis different from the street 4 5 address, the mailing address of the residence or business of each partner who is a natural person; and 6 (4)] of each partner; and 7 8 (3) If one or more of the partners is an artificial person 9 described in paragraph (b), the information required by paragraph (b) for each such partner; or 10 (d) A trust: 11 (1) The full name of each trustee of the trust; *and* 12 13 (2) The *[street address of the residence or business of each* 14 trustee of the trust; and (3) If the] mailing address [is different from the street 15 address, the mailing address of the residence or business] of each 16 trustee. [of the trust.] 17 2. The certificate must be **[**: 18 (a) Signed: 19 20 (1)] signed: (a) In the case of a natural person, by him; 21 22 (2) (b) In the case of an artificial person required to make 23 annual filings with the Secretary of State to retain its good standing, 24 by a person [required] authorized to sign the annual filing [; 25 (3)] whether or not listed therein; (c) In the case of a general partnership, by each of the partners 26 27 who is a natural person, and if one or more of the partners is an artificial person described in [subparagraph (2),] paragraph (b), by 28 29 an officer of the corporation or a person required to sign the annual 30 filing; or 31 (4) In the case of a trust, by each of the trustees. ; and (b) Notarized.] 32 Sec. 264. NRS 602.050 is hereby amended to read as follows: 33 602.050 Every county clerk shall keep, in alphabetical order, in 34 35 a book or other suitable index provided for that purpose [+ <u>1. A</u>, *a* register of all the *assumed or fictitious* names for the 36 corporations, businesses, or fanciful or fictitious designations,] as 37 shown in the certificates $\frac{1}{2}$ 38 -2. Unless it is a corporation, the] filed pursuant to this 39 chapter, together with the following information shown in the 40 41 certificate for each assumed or fictitious name: 42 1. The name of each *natural* person [shown to be interested in 43 or a partner in such a business.], artificial person, general partner 44 or trustee conducting the business under such name. 45 2. The mailing address.



Sec. 265. NRS 602.055 is hereby amended to read as follows: 602.055 1. Any person who has filed a certificate may, upon

2 the termination of the business or his ownership in it, file with the 3 county clerk where the certificate is on file a certificate of 4 termination stating that the person who filed the certificate has 5 terminated the business being conducted under the assumed or 6 fictitious name or his ownership in it and the date of the termination. 7

2. The certificate of termination must be [notarized and] signed 8 9 in the same manner as required by NRS 602.020, except that it is 10 sufficient if signed in the case of a general partnership by only one partner or in the case of a trust by only one trustee. 11

12 3. Upon the filing of a certificate of termination, the county 13 clerk shall note the termination in the book or other suitable index required by NRS 602.050. 14

Sec. 266. NRS 602.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

602.090 A person doing business in this state without 16 complying with the requirements of this chapter or having falsely 17 filed a certificate of termination, is [guilty of a misdemeanor.] 18 subject to a fine of \$50, to be recovered with costs in a court of 19 20 competent jurisdiction. 21

Sec. 267. NRS 78.419 is hereby repealed.

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TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION

78.419 "Date of acquiring shares" defined. "Date of acquiring shares," with respect to any person and any resident domestic corporation, means the date that the person first becomes an interested stockholder of the resident domestic corporation.

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