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SENATE BILL 379
46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003
INTRODUCED BY
Roman M. Maes III
AN ACT
RELATING TO CORPORATIONS; AMENDING INCORPORATION PROCEDURES.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:
Section 1. Section 3-29-16 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1965,
Chapter 300, Section 14-28-16, as amended) is amended to read:
"3-29-16. CERTIFICATE OF ASSOCIATION
A. The members of an association shall execute a
certificate setting forth:
[A.] (1) the name of the association;
[B.] (2) the name of the incorporators;
[C.] <u>(3)</u> the location of the principal office
of the association in this state;
$[\frac{\mathbf{p}}{\mathbf{p}}]$ (4) the objects and purposes of the
associ ati on;

 $\left[\frac{E_{\cdot\cdot}}{2}\right]$ the address of the initial registered

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office of the association and the name of the initial registered agent at that address;

[F.] (6) the amount of capital stock and number and denomination of the shares or, if the incorporators do not desire to issue shares of stock, the plan and manner of acquiring membership and of providing funds or means for the acquisition, construction, improvement and maintenance of its work and for its necessary expenses;

 $\left[\frac{6.}{.}\right]$ (7) the period, if any, delimited for the duration of the association; and

[H.] (8) the number and manner of electing the board of directors of the association.

B. Pursuant to the registered agent requirement of Paragraph (5) of Subsection A of this section, there shall be attached to the certificate a statement executed by the registered agent in which the agent acknowledges acceptance of the appointment by the filing association, if the agent is an individual, or a statement executed by an authorized officer of a corporation in which the officer acknowledges the corporation's acceptance of the appointment by the filing association as its registered agent, if the agent is a corporation.

 $\underline{\text{C.}}$ The certificate or any amendment thereof made as provided in Section 3-29-19 NMSA 1978 may also contain [any] provisions not inconsistent with the Sanitary Projects Act or .143378.1

other law of this state [which] that the incorporators may choose to insert for the regulation and conduct of the business and affairs of the association. There shall accompany each certificate a list of the names of all members of the association, the list to also show the total number of members of the association and the total number of dwelling units [which] that can be served if the project is completed."

Section 2. Section 53-2-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, Chapter 65, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"53-2-1. FEES OF PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION. --

A. For filing documents and issuing certificates, the public regulation commission shall charge and collect for:

- (1) filing articles of incorporation and issuing a certificate of incorporation, a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) for each one thousand shares of the total amount of authorized shares, but in no case less than one hundred dollars (\$100) or more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000);
- (2) filing articles of amendment and issuing a certificate of amendment increasing the total amount of authorized shares or filing restated articles of incorporation and issuing a restated certificate of incorporation increasing the total amount of authorized shares, a fee equal to the difference between the fee computed at the rate set forth in Paragraph (1) of this subsection upon the total amount of authorized shares, including the proposed increase, and the fee . 143378.1

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computed at the rate set forth in Paragraph (1) of this subsection upon the total amount of authorized shares. excluding the proposed increase, but in no case less than one hundred dollars (\$100) or more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000):

- filing articles of amendment and issuing a **(3)** certificate of amendment not involving an increase in the total amount of authorized shares or filing restated articles of incorporation and issuing a restated certificate of incorporation not involving an increase in the total amount of authorized shares, a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100);
- filing articles of merger, consolidation or exchange and issuing a certificate of merger or consolidation or exchange, a fee equal to the difference between the fee computed at the rate set forth in Paragraph (1) of this subsection upon the total amount of authorized shares in the articles of merger or consolidation in excess of the total amount of authorized shares of the corporations merged or consolidated or upon the amount of the shares exchanged, but in no case less than two hundred dollars (\$200) or more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000);
- filing an application to reserve a **(5)** corporate name or filing a notice of transfer of a reserved corporate name, a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);
- **(6)** filing a statement of a change of address . 143378. 1

1	of the registered office or change of the registered agent, or
2	both, a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);
3	(7) filing an agent's statement of change of
4	address of registered agent for each affected corporation, a
5	fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);
6	$[\frac{(7)}{(8)}]$ filing a statement of the
7	establishment of a series of shares, a fee of one hundred
8	dollars (\$100);
9	$[\frac{(8)}{(9)}]$ filing a statement of reduction of
10	authorized shares, a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100);
11	$[\frac{(9)}{(10)}]$ filing a statement of intent to
12	dissolve, a statement of revocation of voluntary dissolution
13	proceedings or articles of dissolution, a fee of fifty dollars
14	(\$50.00);
15	$[\frac{(10)}{(11)}]$ filing an application of a foreign
16	corporation for an amended certificate of authority to transact
17	business in this state and issuing an amended certificate of
18	authority, a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00);
19	$[\frac{(11)}{(12)}]$ filing a copy of articles of
20	merger or conversion of a foreign corporation holding a
21	certificate of authority to transact business in this state not
22	increasing the total amount of authorized shares, a fee of two
23	hundred dollars (\$200);
24	$[\frac{(12)}{(13)}]$ filing an application for a
25	certificate of authority of a foreign corporation and issuing
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to it a certificate of authority, a fee of one dollar (\$1.00)
for each one thousand shares of the total number of authorized
shares represented in this state, but in no case less than two
hundred dollars (\$200) or more than one thousand dollars
(\$1,000):

[(13)] (14) filing articles of merger or consolidation increasing the total amount of authorized shares [which] that the surviving or new corporation is authorized to issue in excess of the aggregate number of shares [which] that the merging or consolidating domestic and foreign corporations authorized to transact business in this state had authority to issue, a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) for each one thousand shares of the increase in the total amount of authorized shares represented in this state, but in no case less than two hundred dollars (\$200) or more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000);

[(14)] (15) filing an application for withdrawal of a foreign corporation and issuing a certificate of withdrawal, a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00);

[(15)] (16) filing a corporate report and filing a supplemental report, a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);

[(16)] (17) filing any other statement, corrected document or report of a domestic or foreign corporation, a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);

[(17)] <u>(18)</u> issuing a certificate of good

standing and compliance, a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00); and [(18)-] (19) issuing a letter of reinstatement of a domestic or foreign corporation, a fee of [one hundred dollars (\$100)-] two hundred dollars (\$200).

B. The public regulation commission shall also charge and collect for furnishing copies of any document, instrument or paper relating to a corporation a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) per page, but in no case less than ten dollars (\$10.00). In addition, a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be paid in each instance where the commission provides the copies of the document to be certified.

C. As used in this section:

- (1) "total amount of authorized shares" means all shares of stock the corporation is authorized to issue; and
- in this state" means the proportion of a corporation's total amount of authorized shares that the sum of the value of its property located in this state and the gross amount of business transacted by it or from places of business in this state bears to the sum of the value of all of its property, wherever located, and the gross amount of its business, wherever transacted, as determined from information contained in its application for a certificate of authority to transact business in this state.
- D. The public regulation commission shall also . 143378. 1

charge and collect fees, according to a fee schedule approved by the department of finance and administration, for the provision of services requested by persons, agencies and entities dealing with the commission.

- E. The public regulation commission may adopt rules establishing reasonable fees for the following services rendered in connection with a service required or permitted to be rendered pursuant to a provision of Chapter 53 NMSA 1978:
 - (1) an expedited service; or
- (2) the handling of checks, drafts, credit or debit cards or other means of payment upon adoption of rules authorizing their use, for which sufficient funds are not on deposit."
- Section 3. Section 53-4-5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1939, Chapter 164, Section 5, as amended) is amended to read:
- "53-4-5. ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION--CONTENTS.--Articles of incorporation shall be signed by each of the incorporators and acknowledged by at least three of them, if natural persons, and by the presidents and the secretaries, if associations, before an officer authorized to take acknowledgments. Within the limitations set forth in the Cooperative Association Act, the articles shall contain:
- A. a statement as to the purpose for which the association is formed;
- B. the name of the association, which shall include . 143378. 1

the	word	"cooperative"	;
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- C. the term of existence of the association, which may be perpetual;
- D. the location and address of the principal office of the association:
- E. the names and addresses of the incorporators of the association;
- F. the names and addresses of the directors who will manage the affairs of the association for the first year, unless sooner changed by the members;
- G. a statement of whether the association is organized with or without shares and the number of shares or memberships subscribed for;
- H. if the association <u>is</u> organized with shares, the amount of authorized capital, the number and types of shares and the par value thereof, which may be placed at any figure, and the rights, preferences and restrictions of each type of share:
- I. the minimum number of shares of the association that shall be owned in order to qualify for membership;
- J. the maximum amount or percentage of capital of the association that may be owned or controlled by any member;
- K. the method by which any surplus, upon dissolution of the association, shall be distributed in . 143378. 1

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conformity with the requirements of the Cooperative Association Act for division of such surplus: [and]

the address of the initial registered office of the association and the name of the initial registered agent at that address; and

M a statement executed by the registered agent in which the agent acknowledges acceptance of the appointment by the filing association, if the agent is an individual, or a statement executed by an authorized officer of a corporation in which the officer acknowledges the corporation's acceptance of the appointment by the filing association as its registered agent, if the agent is a corporation.

The articles may also contain [any] other provisions not inconsistent with the Cooperative Association Act."

Section 4. Section 53-4-6. 2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2001, Chapter 200, Section 24) is amended to read:

"53-4-6, 2, CHANGE OF REGISTERED OFFICE OR REGISTERED AGENT. - -

An association may change its registered office or its registered agent, or both, by filing in the office of the public regulation commission a statement that includes:

- the name of the association; (1)
- the address of its registered office; **(2)**
- if the address of the association's (3) registered office is changed, the address to which the . 143378. 1

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registered office is changed;

- (4) the name of its registered agent;
- (5) if the association's registered agent is changed:
- (a) the name of its successor registered agent; and
- (b) if the successor registered agent is an individual, a statement executed by the successor registered agent acknowledging [his] acceptance of the appointment by the filing association as its registered agent; or
- (c) if the successor registered agent is a corporation, [an affidavit] a statement executed by [the president or vice president] an authorized officer of the corporation in which the officer acknowledges the corporation's acceptance of the appointment by the filing association as its registered agent; and
- (6) a statement that the address of the association's registered office and the address of the office of its registered agent, as changed, will be identical [and
- (7) a statement that the change was authorized by resolution duly adopted by its board of directors].
- B. The statement made pursuant to the provisions of Subsection A of this section shall be executed by the association by any two members and delivered to the public regulation commission. If the commission finds that the .143378.1

statement conforms to the provisions of the Sanitary Projects

Act, it shall file the statement in the office of the

commission. The change of address of the registered office, or

the appointment of a new registered agent, or both, shall

become effective upon filing of the statement required by this

section.

C. A registered agent of an association may resign as agent upon filing a written notice thereof, executed in duplicate, with the public regulation commission. The commission shall mail a copy immediately to the association in care of an officer, who is not the resigning registered agent, at the address of the officer as shown by the most recent annual report of the association. The appointment of the agent shall terminate upon the expiration of thirty days after receipt of the notice by the commission."

Section 5. Section 53-5-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978, Chapter 9, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"53-5-2. CORPORATE AND SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS. --

A. Pursuant to rules that the public regulation commission adopts to implement this section, a domestic or foreign corporation that is not exempted shall file in the office of the commission within thirty days after the date on which its certificate of incorporation or its certificate of authority, as the case may be, is issued by the commission, and biennially thereafter on or before the fifteenth day of the .143378.1

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third month following the end of its taxable year, a corporate report in the form prescribed and furnished to the corporation not less than thirty days prior to such reporting date, by the commission, and signed and sworn to by the chairman of the board, president, vice president, secretary, principal accounting officer or authorized agent of the corporation, showing among other information prescribed by the commission: **(1)** the current status of:

- the name of the corporation;
- (b) the mailing address and 1) street address if within a municipality; or 2) rural route number and box number or the geographical location, using well-known landmarks, if outside a municipality, of the corporation's registered office in this state and the name of the agent upon whom process against the corporation may be served;
- (c) the names and addresses of all the directors and officers of the corporation and when the term of office of each expires;
- (d) the address of the corporation's principal place of business within the state and, if a foreign corporation, the address of its registered office in the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated and the principal office of the corporation, if different from the registered office; and
 - (e) the date for the next annual meeting

of the shareholders for the election of directors; and

- (2) the corporation's taxpayer identification number issued by the revenue processing division of the taxation and revenue department.
- B. When the public regulation commission receives a report required to be filed by a corporation under the Corporate Reports Act, it shall determine if the report conforms to the requirements of this section. If the commission finds that the report conforms, it shall be filed. If the commission finds that the report does not conform, it shall promptly return the report to the corporation for any necessary corrections, in which event the penalties prescribed in the Corporate Reports Act for failure to file the report in the time provided shall not apply if the report is corrected and returned to the commission within thirty days from the date on which it was mailed to the corporation by the commission.
- C. The public regulation commission may refuse to file a corporate report or a supplemental report received from a corporation [which] that has not paid all fees, including penalties and interest due and payable, to the commission at the time of filing. However, if the corporation and the commission are engaged in any adversary proceeding over the assessment of any fees [or franchise taxes], the commission shall file the report of the corporation upon its submission to the commission.

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- D. A supplemental report shall be filed with the public regulation commission within thirty days if, after the filing of the corporate report required under the Corporate Reports Act, a change is made in:
- (1) the mailing address, street address, rural route number <u>and</u> box number or the geographical location of its registered office in this state and the name of the agent upon whom process against the corporation may be served;
- (2) the name or address of any of the directors or officers of the corporation or the date when the term of office of each expires; or
- $\hbox{ (3) \ \ } its \ principal \ place \ of \ business \ within \ or \\ without \ the \ state. "$

Section 6. Section 53-5-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1959, Chapter 181, Section 7, as amended) is amended to read:

"53-5-7. FAILURE TO FILE CORPORATE REPORTS--PENALTY.--

A. [Every] A domestic corporation required to file an annual corporate report, as provided in the Corporate Reports Act, that fails to submit the report within the time prescribed for [any] a reporting period shall incur a civil penalty of [one hundred dollars (\$100)] two hundred dollars (\$200) in addition to the fee for filing the report, such civil penalty to be paid upon filing the report. Sixty days after written notice of failure to file a report has been mailed to [its registered agent and also to the principal office of] the .143378.1

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[corporation] corporation's mailing address as shown in the last corporate report filed with the public regulation commission, the corporation shall have its certificate of incorporation canceled by the commission without further proceedings, unless the report is filed and all fees [franchise taxes] and penalties [and interest] are paid within that sixty-day period.

В. A foreign corporation required to file an annual corporate report that fails to submit the report within the time prescribed for any reporting period shall incur a civil penalty of [one hundred dollars (\$100)] two hundred dollars (\$200) in addition to the fee for filing the report. The civil penalty shall be paid upon filing the report. Sixty days after written notice of failure to file a report has been mailed to [a corporation's registered agent and also either to the principal office of the corporation in the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated or to the principal office of the corporation as each address is the corporation's mailing address as shown in the last corporate report filed with the public regulation commission, the corporation shall have its certificate of authority to do business in this state canceled by the commission without further proceedings, unless the report is filed and all fees [franchise taxes] and penalties [and interest] are paid within that sixty-day period. Nothing in this section authorizes a forfeiture of the right or . 143378. 1

privilege of engaging in interstate commerce.

- C. [Every] A domestic or foreign corporation not exempted from filing a supplemental report, as provided in the Corporate Reports Act, that fails to submit the required report within the time prescribed for [any] a reporting period shall incur a civil penalty of [one hundred dollars (\$100)] two hundred dollars (\$200) in addition to the fee for filing the report, such civil penalty to be paid upon filing the report.
- D. [Any] An order of the public regulation commission may be appealed to the district court of Santa Fe county within sixty days of the date it was issued by the commission.
- E. If [any] a report required under the Corporate Reports Act is mailed, the public regulation commission shall allow three additional days when considering the postmark as the date of submission when determining if a filing is timely."

Section 7. Section 53-5-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1959, Chapter 181, Section 9, as amended) is amended to read:

- "53-5-9. DORMANT CORPORATIONS--STATEMENT IN LIEU OF CORPORATE REPORT. --
- A. Whenever a corporation is no longer engaged in active business in this state or in carrying out the purposes of its incorporation, two of its shareholders, directors or officers may unite in signing a statement to that effect; the statement shall be filed with the public regulation commission . 143378.1

in lieu of the required corporate report. Upon the filing of this statement and the payment of all fees [franchise taxes] and penalties [and interest], the commission is authorized to strike the name of the corporation from the list of active corporations in this state; but this action shall not be construed in any sense as a formal dissolution of the corporation and the corporation shall not be relieved thereby from any outstanding obligation. A dormant corporation may be fully revived by the resumption of active business and the filing of a corporate report.

B. A dormant corporation may continue in dormant status by filing a statement of renewal every five years to the effect that it is not engaged in active business in this state and is not carrying out the purposes of its incorporation. Sixty days after written notice of failure to file a statement of renewal has been mailed to its registered agent and also to the principal office of the corporation as shown in the last corporate report filed with the commission, the corporation shall have its certificate of incorporation or authority canceled by the commission without further proceedings unless the statement of renewal is filed and all fees are paid within that sixty-day period."

Section 8. Section 53-8-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, Chapter 217, Section 9, as amended) is amended to read:

"53-8-9. CHANGE OF REGISTERED OFFICE OR REGISTERED
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agent; and

A corporation may change its registered office or change its registered agent, or both, upon filing in the office of the [corporation] public regulation commission a statement setting forth:

- (1) the name of the corporation;
- **(2)** the address of its then registered office;
- (3) if the address of its registered office be changed, the address to which the registered office is to be changed;
 - the name of its then registered agent; **(4)**
 - **(5)** if its registered agent be changed:
 - (a) the name of its successor registered

(b) [an affidavit] a statement executed by the successor registered agent in which [he] the agent acknowledges [his] acceptance of the appointment by the filing corporation as its registered agent, if the agent is an individual, or [an affidavit] a statement executed by [the president or vice president an authorized officer of a corporation [which] that is the successor registered agent in which the officer acknowledges the corporation's acceptance of the appointment by the filing corporation as its registered agent, if the agent is a corporation; and

(6) that the address of its registered office . 143378. 1

and the address of the office of its registered agent, as changed, will be identical [and

- (7) that such change was authorized by resolution duly adopted by its board of directors].
- B. The statement [under] pursuant to the provisions of Subsection A of this section shall be executed by the corporation by [its president or a vice president] an authorized officer of the corporation and delivered to the [corporation] public regulation commission. If the [corporation] public regulation commission finds that the statement conforms to the provisions of the Nonprofit Corporation Act, it shall file the statement in the office of the [corporation] public regulation commission, and upon such filing, the change of address of the registered office, or the appointment of a new registered agent, or both, as the case may be, shall become effective.
- C. [Any] A registered agent of a corporation may resign as agent upon filing a written notice [thereof, executed in duplicate, with the corporation] of resignation, including the original and a copy, with the public regulation commission. The copy may be a photocopy of the original after it was signed or a photocopy that is conformed to the original. The commission [which] shall [forthwith] mail [a] an endorsed copy [thereof] to the corporation in care of an officer, who is not the resigning registered agent, at the address of the officer . 143378.1

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as shown by the most recent annual report of the corporation. The appointment of the agent shall terminate upon the expiration of thirty days after receipt of the notice by the [corporation] public regulation commission." Section 53-8-12 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, Section 9.

Chapter 217, Section 12, as amended) is amended to read:

"53-8-12. BYLAWS. --

The initial bylaws of a corporation shall be adopted by its board of directors. The power to alter, amend or repeal the bylaws or adopt new bylaws shall be vested in the board of directors unless otherwise provided in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws. The bylaws may contain any provisions for the regulation and management of the affairs of a corporation not inconsistent with law or the articles of incorporation.

The initial bylaws and any subsequent bylaws whether by amendment, repeal or new adoption shall be executed by [the corporation's chief officer and by its secretary or assistant secretary and filed with the commission. Such bylaws shall be void until filed with the commission] two authorized officers of the corporation. The bylaws in effect for the corporation shall be maintained at the corporation's principal office in New Mexico and shall be subject to inspection and copying by the public. If the most recently adopted bylaws are not so maintained, they shall not be void, notwithstanding any

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requirements of prior law. The corporation may charge a reasonable fee for copying its bylaws, not to exceed one dollar (\$1.00) per page."

Section 10. Section 53-8-18 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, Chapter 217, Section 18, as amended) is amended to read:

"53-8-18. NUMBER AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS. --

The number of directors of a corporation shall be not less than three. Subject to that limitation, the number of directors shall be fixed by, or determined in the manner provided in, the articles of incorporation or the bylaws [except that the number of the first board of directors shall be fixed by the articles of incorporation]. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by amendment to, or in the manner provided in, the articles of incorporation or the bylaws, unless the articles of incorporation provide that a change in the number of directors shall be made only by amendment of the articles of i ncorporati on. No decrease in number shall have the effect of shortening the term of any incumbent director. If the number of directors is not fixed by, or determined in a manner provided in, the articles of incorporation or the bylaws, the number shall be the same as that stated in the articles of incorporation.

B. The directors constituting the first board of directors shall be named in the articles of incorporation and .143378.1

shall hold office until the first annual election of directors or for such other period as may be specified in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws. Thereafter, directors shall be elected or appointed in the manner and for the terms provided in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws. In the absence of a provision fixing the term of office, the term of office of a director shall be one year.

- C. Directors may be divided into classes and the terms of office of the several classes need not be uniform. Each director shall hold office for the term for which he is elected or appointed and until his successor is elected or appointed and qualified.
- D. A director may be removed from office pursuant to any procedure provided in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws."
- Section 11. Section 53-8-31 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, Chapter 217, Section 31, as amended) is amended to read:

"53-8-31. ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION. --

- A. The articles of incorporation shall set forth:
 - (1) the name of the corporation;
- (2) the period of duration, which may be perpetual;
- (3) the purpose for which the corporation is organized;
- (4) any provisions not inconsistent with law . 143378. 1

address:

- (6) [the number of directors constituting the initial board of directors and] the names and addresses of the persons who have consented to serve as the initial directors; and
 - (7) the name and address of each incorporator.
- B. It [shall] is not [be] necessary to set forth in the articles of incorporation any of the corporate powers enumerated in the Nonprofit Corporation Act.
- C. Unless the articles of incorporation provide that a change in the number of directors shall be made only by amendment to the articles of incorporation, a change in the number of directors made by amendment to the bylaws shall be controlling. In all other cases, whenever a provision of the articles of incorporation is inconsistent with a bylaw, the provision of the articles of incorporation shall be controlling."

Section 12. Section 53-8-32 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, Chapter 217, Section 32, as amended) is amended to read:

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"53-8-32. FILING OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION. --

A. [Duplicate originals] An original and a copy, which may be a photocopy of the original after it was signed or a photocopy that is conformed to the original, of the articles of incorporation and [an affidavit] a statement executed by the designated registered agent in which [he] the agent acknowledges [his] acceptance of the appointment by the filing corporation as its registered agent, if the agent is an individual, or [an affidavit] a statement executed by [the president or vice president] an authorized officer of a corporation [which] that is the designated registered agent in which the officer acknowledges the corporation's acceptance of the appointment by the filing corporation as its registered agent, if the agent is a corporation, shall be delivered to the [corporation] commission. If the commission finds that the articles of incorporation and the [affidavit] statement conform to law, it shall, when all fees have been paid as prescribed in the Nonprofit Corporation Act:

- (1) endorse on [each of] the [duplicate originals] original and copy the word "filed" and the month, day and year of the filing thereof;
- (2) file [one of] the [duplicate originals]
 original and the [affidavit] statement in the office of the
 [corporation] commission; and
- (3) issue a certificate of incorporation to . 143378.1

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which shall be affixed the [other duplicate original] copy.

В. The certificate of incorporation, together with the [duplicate original] copy of the articles of incorporation affixed thereto by the [corporation] commission, shall be returned to the incorporators or their representative."

Section 13. Section 53-8-37 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, Chapter 217, Section 37) is amended to read:

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT. -- The articles of "53-8-37. amendment shall be executed [in duplicate] by the corporation by [its president or a vice president and by its secretary or an assistant secretary] two authorized officers of the corporation and shall set forth:

- the name of the corporation;
- B. the amendment so adopted;
- C. if there are members entitled to vote thereon:
- a statement setting forth the date of the meeting of members at which the amendment was adopted, that a quorum was present at the meeting and that the amendment received at least two-thirds of the votes [which] that members present at the meeting or represented by proxy were entitled to cast: or
- **(2)** a statement that the amendment was adopted by a consent in writing signed by all members entitled to vote with respect thereto; and
- if there are no members, or no members entitled . 143378. 1

to vote thereon, a statement of such fact, the date of the meeting of the board of directors at which the amendment was adopted and a statement of the fact that the amendment received the vote of a majority of the directors in office."

Section 14. Section 53-8-38 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, Chapter 217, Section 38, as amended) is amended to read:

"53-8-38. EFFECTI VENESS OF AMENDMENT. --

A. [Duplicate originals] An original and a copy, which may be a photocopy of the original after it was signed or a photocopy that is conformed to the original, of the articles of amendment shall be delivered to the [corporation] commission. If the commission finds that the articles of amendment conform to law, it shall, when all fees have been paid as prescribed in the Nonprofit Corporation Act:

- (1) endorse on [each of] the [duplicate originals] original and copy the word "filed" and the month, day and year of the filing thereof;
- (2) file [one of] the [duplicate originals]
 original in the office of the [corporation] commission; and
- (3) issue a certificate of amendment to which shall be affixed the [other duplicate original] copy.
- B. The certificate of amendment, together with the [duplicate original] copy of the articles of amendment affixed thereto by the [corporation] commission, shall be returned to the corporation or its representative.

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C. Unless the [corporation] commission disapproves
pursuant to Subsection A of Section 53-8-91 NMSA 1978, the
amendment shall become effective upon delivery of the articles
of amendment to the [corporation] commission, or on such later
date, not more than thirty days subsequent to the delivery
thereof to the [corporation] commission, as shall be provided
for in the articles of amendment.

D. [No] An amendment shall not affect any existing cause of action in favor of or against the corporation, or any pending action to which the corporation shall be a party or the existing rights of persons other than members; and, in the event the corporate name shall be changed by amendment, no action brought by or against the corporation under its former name shall abate for that reason."

Section 15. Section 53-8-39 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, Chapter 217, Section 39) is amended to read:

"53-8-39. RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION. --

A. A domestic corporation may at any time restate its articles of incorporation as amended.

B. Upon approval by a majority of the directors in office, restated articles of incorporation shall be executed in duplicate by the corporation by [its president or vice president and by its secretary or assistant secretary] two authorized officers of the corporation and shall set forth:

(1) the name of the corporation;

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- (2) the period of its duration;
- (3) the purpose or purposes [which] that the corporation is authorized to pursue; and
- (4) any other provisions, not inconsistent with law, [which] that are then set forth in the articles of incorporation as amended, except that it shall not be necessary to set forth in the restated articles of incorporation the registered office of the corporation, its registered agent, its directors or its incorporators.
- C. The restated articles of incorporation shall state that they correctly set forth the provisions of the articles of incorporation as amended, that they have been duly approved as required by law and that they supersede the original articles of incorporation and all amendments thereto.
- D. [Duplicate originals] An original and a copy, which may be a photocopy of the original after it was signed or a photocopy that is conformed to the original, of the restated articles of incorporation shall be delivered to the [corporation] commission. If the commission finds that the restated articles conform to law, it shall, when all fees have been paid as prescribed in the Nonprofit Corporation Act:
- (1) endorse on [each of] the [duplicate originals] original and copy the word "filed" and the month, day and year of the filing thereof;
- (2) file [one of] the [duplicate originals]
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- (3) issue a restated certificate of incorporation to which shall be affixed the [other duplicate original] copy.
- E. The restated certificate of incorporation, together with the [duplicate original] copy of the restated articles of incorporation affixed thereto by the [corporation] commission, shall be returned to the corporation or its representative.
- F. Upon the issuance of the restated certificate of incorporation by the [corporation] commission, the restated articles of incorporation shall become effective and shall supersede the original articles of incorporation and all amendments thereto."

Section 16. Section 53-8-43 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, Chapter 217, Section 43) is amended to read:

"53-8-43. ARTICLES OF MERGER OR CONSOLIDATION. --

- A. Upon approval, articles of merger or articles of consolidation shall be executed [in duplicate] by each corporation by [its president or vice president and by its secretary or an assistant secretary] two authorized officers of the corporation, and shall set forth:
- (1) the plan of merger or the plan of consolidation:
- (2) if the members of any merging or . 143378.1

consolidating corporation are entitled to vote thereon, then as to each corporation:

- (a) a statement setting forth the date of the meeting of members at which the plan was adopted, that a quorum was present at the meeting and that the plan received at least two-thirds of the votes [which] that members present at the meeting or represented by proxy were entitled to cast; or
- (b) a statement that such amendment was adopted by a consent in writing signed by all members entitled to vote with respect thereto; and
- (3) if any merging or consolidating corporation has no members, or no members entitled to vote thereon, then as to each corporation a statement of that fact, the date of the meeting of the board of directors at which the plan was adopted and a statement of the fact that the plan received the vote of a majority of the directors in office.
- B. [Duplicate originals] An original and a copy, which may be a photocopy of the original after it was signed or a photocopy that is conformed to the original, of the articles of merger or articles of consolidation shall be delivered to the [corporation] commission. If the commission finds that the articles conform to law, it shall, when all fees have been paid as prescribed in the Nonprofit Corporation Act:
- (1) endorse on [each of] the [duplicate originals] original and copy the word "filed" and the month, .143378.1

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- file [one of] the duplicate [originals] original in the office of the [corporation] commission; and
- issue a certificate of merger or a certificate of consolidation to which shall be affixed the [other duplicate original] copy.
- The certificate of merger or certificate of consolidation, together with the [duplicate original] copy of the articles of merger or articles of consolidation affixed thereto by the [corporation] commission, shall be returned to the surviving or new corporation or its representative."

Section 53-8-51 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, Section 17. Chapter 217, Section 51) is amended to read:

"53-8-51. ARTICLES OF DISSOLUTION. -- If voluntary dissolution proceedings have not been revoked, then when all debts, liabilities and obligations of the corporation [shall have been] are paid and discharged, or adequate provision [shall have] has been made therefor, and all of the remaining property and assets of the corporation [shall have been] are transferred, conveyed or distributed in accordance with the provisions of the Nonprofit Corporation Act, articles of dissolution shall be executed [in duplicate] by the corporation by [its president or a vice president and by its secretary or an assistant secretary two authorized officers of the corporation, which statement shall set forth:

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- A. the name of the corporation;
- B. if there are members entitled to vote thereon:
- (1) a statement setting forth the date of the meeting of members at which the resolution to dissolve was adopted, that a quorum was present at the meeting and that the resolution received at least two-thirds of the votes [which] that members present at the meeting or represented by proxy were entitled to cast: or
- (2) a statement that the resolution was adopted by a consent in writing signed by all members entitled to vote with respect thereto;
- C. if there are no members, or no members entitled to vote thereon, a statement of such fact, the date of the meeting of the board of directors at which the resolution to dissolve was adopted and a statement of the fact that the resolution received the vote of a majority of the directors in office;
- D. that all debts, obligations and liabilities of the corporation have been paid and discharged or that adequate provision has been made therefor;
- E. a copy of the plan of distribution, if any, as adopted by the corporation or a statement that no plan was so adopted;
- F. that all the remaining property and assets of the corporation have been transferred, conveyed or distributed . 143378.1

in accordance with the provisions of the Nonprofit Corporation Act; and

G. that there are no suits pending against the corporation in any court or that adequate provision has been made for the satisfaction of any judgment, order or decree [which] that may be entered against it in any pending suit."

Section 18. Section 53-8-52 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, Chapter 217, Section 52) is amended to read:

"53-8-52. FILING OF ARTICLES OF DISSOLUTION. --

A. [Duplicate originals] An original and a copy, which may be a photocopy of the original after it was signed or a photocopy that is conformed to the original, of the articles of dissolution shall be delivered to the [corporation] commission. If the commission finds that such articles of dissolution conform to law, it shall, when all fees have been paid as prescribed in the Nonprofit Corporation Act:

- (1) endorse on [each of] the [duplicate originals] original and copy the word "filed" and the month, day and year of the filing thereof;
- (2) file [one of] the [duplicate originals]
 original in the office of the [corporation] commission; and
- (3) issue a certificate of dissolution to which shall be affixed the [other duplicate original] copy.
- B. The certificate of dissolution, together with the [duplicate original] copy of the articles of dissolution . 143378.1

affixed thereto by the [corporation] commission, shall be returned to the representative of the dissolved corporation. Upon the issuance of a certificate of dissolution, the existence of the corporation shall cease, except for the purpose of suits, other proceedings and appropriate corporate action by members, directors and officers as provided in the Nonprofit Corporation Act."

Section 19. Section 53-8-53 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, Chapter 217, Section 53) is amended to read:

"53-8-53. REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION. --

A. The certificate of incorporation of a corporation to conduct affairs in New Mexico may be revoked by the [corporation] commission upon the conditions prescribed in this section when:

- (1) the corporation has failed to file its annual report within the time required by the Nonprofit Corporation Act or has failed to pay any fees or penalties prescribed by that act when they have become due and payable; [or]
- (2) the certificate of incorporation of the corporation was procured through fraud practiced upon the state; [or]
- (3) the corporation has continued to exceed or abuse the authority conferred upon it by the Nonprofit Corporation Act; or

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(4) a misrepresentation has been made of any
material matter in any application, report, [affidavit]
statement or other document submitted by the corporation
pursuant to the Nonprofit Corporation Act.

- B. [No] <u>A</u> certificate of incorporation of a corporation shall <u>not</u> be revoked by the [corporation] commission unless:
- (1) the commission has given the corporation not less than sixty days' notice thereof by mail addressed to [its registered office] the corporation's mailing address as shown in the most recent corporate report filed with the commission; and
- (2) the corporation fails prior to revocation to file an annual report, [or] pay fees or penalties, [of] file articles of amendment or articles of merger or correct a material misrepresentation in [any] a document submitted by the corporation pursuant to the Nonprofit Corporation Act."

Section 20. Section 53-8-54 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, Chapter 217, Section 54, as amended) is amended to read:

"53-8-54. ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF REVOCATION. --

- A. Upon revoking [any] <u>a</u> certificate of incorporation, the commission shall:
- (1) issue a certificate of revocation in duplicate;
- (2) file one of the certificates in its . 143378.1

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- (3) mail to the corporation at [its registered office] the corporation's mailing address as shown in the most recent corporate report filed with the commission a notice of the revocation accompanied by one of the certificates.
- B. Upon the issuance of a certificate of revocation, the authority of the corporation to conduct affairs in New Mexico ceases.
- C. A corporation administratively revoked under Section 53-8-53 NMSA 1978 may apply to the commission for reinstatement within two years after the effective date of revocation. The application shall:
- (1) recite the name of the corporation and the effective date of its administrative revocation;
- (2) state that the ground or grounds for revocation either did not exist or have been eliminated; and
- (3) state that the corporation's name satisfies the requirements of Section 53-8-7 NMSA 1978.
- D. If the commission determines that the application contains the information required by Subsection C of this section and that the information is correct, it shall cancel the certificate of revocation and prepare a certificate of reinstatement that recites its determination and the effective date of reinstatement, file the original of the certificate and serve a copy on the corporation.

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E. When the reinstatement is effective, it relates
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administrative revocation and the corporation resumes carrying
on its business as if the administrative revocation had never
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Section 21. Section 53-8-68 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, Chapter 217, Section 68, as amended) is amended to read:

"53-8-68. APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY. --

A. A foreign corporation, in order to procure a certificate of authority to conduct affairs in New Mexico, shall make application to the [corporation] commission, which application shall set forth:

- (1) the name of the corporation and the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated;
- (2) the date of incorporation and the period of duration of the corporation;
- (3) the address of the registered office of the corporation in the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated and the address of the principal office of the corporation, if different from the address of the registered office;
- (4) the address of the proposed registered office of the corporation in New Mexico and the name of its proposed registered agent in this state at such address;
- (5) the purpose or purposes of the corporation . 143378.1

[which] that it proposes to pursue in conducting its affairs in New Mexico:

- (6) the names and respective addresses of the directors and officers of the corporation; and
- (7) such additional information as may be necessary or appropriate in order to enable the [corporation] commission to determine whether the corporation is entitled to a certificate of authority to conduct affairs in New Mexico.
- B. The application shall be made on forms prescribed [and furnished] by the [corporation] commission, or on forms containing substantially the same information as forms prescribed by the commission, and shall be executed in duplicate by the corporation by [its president or a vice president and by its secretary or an assistant secretary] two authorized officers of the corporation."

Section 22. Section 53-8-69 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, Chapter 217, Section 69, as amended) is amended to read:

"53-8-69. FILING OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY. - -

[A. Duplicate originals of the application of the corporation for a certificate of authority, a certificate of good standing and compliance issued by the appropriate official of the state or country under the laws of which the corporation is incorporated; and an affidavit executed by the designated registered agent in which he acknowledges his acceptance of the . 143378. 1

appointment by the filing corporation as its registered agent, if the agent is an individual, or an affidavit executed by the president or vice president of a corporation which is the designated registered agent, in which the officer acknowledges the corporation's acceptance of the appointment by the filing corporation as its registered agent, if the agent is a corporation, shall be delivered to the corporation commission.

A. The following documents shall be delivered to the commission:

(1) an original of the application of the corporation for a certificate of authority and a certificate of good standing and compliance issued by the appropriate official of the state or country under the laws of which the corporation is incorporated;

(2) a statement executed by the designated registered agent in which the agent acknowledges acceptance of the appointment by the filing corporation as its registered agent, if the agent is an individual, or a statement executed by an authorized officer of a corporation that is the designated registered agent, in which the officer acknowledges the corporation's acceptance of the appointment by the filing corporation as its registered agent, if the agent is a corporation; and

(3) a copy of whichever statement is filed pursuant to Paragraph (2) of this subsection, which may be a . 143378.1

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photocopy of the original after it was signed or a photocopy that is conformed to the original.

- B. If the [corporation] commission finds that the application and the affidavit conform to law, it shall, when all fees have been paid as prescribed in the Nonprofit Corporation Act:
- (1) endorse on [each of the documents] the original and copy the word "filed" and the month, day and year of the filing thereof;
- (2) file in the office of the [corporation] commission the [duplicate originals] original of the application and the [affidavit] statement; and
- (3) issue a certificate of authority to conduct affairs in New Mexico to which shall be affixed the [other duplicate original] application copy.
- C. The certificate of authority, together with the [duplicate original of the] application affixed thereto by the [corporation] commission, shall be returned to the corporation or its representative."

Section 23. Section 53-8-72 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, Chapter 217, Section 72, as amended) is amended to read:

- "53-8-72. CHANGE OF REGISTERED OFFICE OR REGISTERED AGENT OF FOREIGN CORPORATION. --
- A. A foreign corporation authorized to conduct affairs in New Mexico may change its registered office or .143378.1

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change its registered agent, or both, upon filing in the office of the [corporation] commission a statement setting forth:

- (1) the name of the corporation;
- (2) the address of its then registered office;
- (3) if the address of its registered office is changed, the address to which the registered office is to be changed;
 - (4) the name of its registered agent;
 - (5) if its registered agent [be] is changed:
 - (a) the name of its successor registered

agent; and

- (b) [an affidavit] a statement executed by the successor registered agent in which [he] the agent acknowledges [his] acceptance of the appointment by the filing corporation as its registered agent, if the agent is an individual, or [an affidavit] a statement executed by [the president or vice president] an authorized officer of a corporation [which] that is the successor registered agent in which the officer acknowledges the corporation's acceptance of the appointment by the filing corporation as its registered agent, if the agent is a corporation; and
- (6) that the address of its registered office and the address of the office of its registered agent, as changed, will be identical [and
 - (7) that such change was authorized by

resolution duly adopted by its board of directors].

- B. Such statement shall be executed by the corporation by [its president or a vice president] an authorized officer of the corporation and delivered to the [corporation] commission. If the commission finds that such statement conforms to the provisions of the Nonprofit Corporation Act, it shall file the statement in its office, and upon such filing, the change of address of the registered office or the appointment of a new registered agent, or both, shall become effective.
- C. [Any] A registered agent in New Mexico appointed by a foreign corporation may resign as agent upon filing [a written] an originally executed notice [executed in duplicate] and a copy, which may be a photocopy of the original after it was signed or a photocopy that is conformed to the original, with the [corporation] commission, [who] which shall mail a copy to the foreign corporation at its principal office in the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated as shown by its most recent annual report. The appointment of an agent shall terminate upon the expiration of thirty days after receipt of such notice by the [corporation] commission.
- D. If a registered agent changes [his or] its business address to another place within the same county, [he or] it may change such address and the address of the registered office of any corporations of which [he or] it is .143378.1

the registered agent by filing a statement as required above except that it need be signed only by the registered agent and need not be responsive to the provisions of Paragraphs (5) and (7) of Subsection A of this section and must recite that a copy of the statement has been mailed to each such corporation."

Section 24. Section 53-8-76 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, Chapter 217, Section 76) is amended to read:

"53-8-76. AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY. --

A. A foreign corporation authorized to conduct affairs in New Mexico shall procure an amended certificate of authority in the event it changes its corporate name or desires to pursue in New Mexico other or additional purposes than those set forth in its prior application for a certificate of authority by making application therefor to the [corporation] commission.

B. The requirements in respect to the form and contents of the application, the manner of its execution, the filing of [duplicate originals thereof] an original and a copy, which may be a photocopy of the original after it was signed or a photocopy that is conformed to the original, with the [corporation] commission, the issuance of an amended certificate of authority and the effect thereof shall be the same as in the case of an original application for a certificate of authority."

Section 25. Section 53-8-77 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, .143378.1

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Chapter 217, Section 77) is amended to read:

"53-8-77. WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN CORPORATION. --

A. A foreign corporation authorized to conduct affairs in New Mexico may withdraw from this state upon procuring from the [corporation] commission a certificate of withdrawal. In order to procure the certificate of withdrawal, the foreign corporation shall deliver to the commission an application for withdrawal, which shall set forth:

- (1) the name of the corporation and the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated;
- (2) that the corporation is not conducting affairs in New Mexico;
- (3) that the corporation surrenders its authority to conduct affairs in New Mexico;
- (4) that the corporation revokes the authority of its registered agent in New Mexico to accept service of process and consents that service of process in any action, suit or proceeding based upon any cause of action arising in this state during the time the corporation was authorized to conduct affairs in this state may thereafter be made on the corporation by service thereof on the secretary of state; and
- (5) a post office address to which the [corporation] commission may mail a copy of any process against the corporation that may be served on [him] it.
- B. The application for withdrawal shall be made on . 143378.1

forms prescribed and furnished by the [corporation] commission and shall be executed by the corporation by [its president or a vice president and by its secretary or an assistant secretary] two authorized officers of the corporation or, if the corporation is in the hands of a receiver or trustee, shall be executed on behalf of the corporation by the receiver or trustee."

Section 26. Section 53-8-78 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, Chapter 217, Section 78) is amended to read:

"53-8-78. FILING OF APPLICATION FOR WITHDRAWAL. --

A. [Duplicate originals] An original and a copy, which may be a photocopy of the original after it was signed or a photocopy that is conformed to the original, of the application for withdrawal shall be delivered to the [corporation] commission. If the commission finds that the application conforms to the provisions of the Nonprofit Corporation Act, it shall, when all fees have been paid as prescribed in that act:

- (1) endorse on [each of the duplicate

 originals] the original and copy the word "filed" and the

 month, day and year of the filing thereof;
- (2) file [one of] the [duplicate originals]
 original in the office of the [corporation] commission; and
- (3) issue a certificate of withdrawal to which shall be affixed the [other duplicate original] copy.

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B. The certificate of withdrawal, together with the
[duplicate original] copy of the application for withdrawal
affixed thereto by the [corporation] commission, shall be
returned to the corporation or its representative. Upon the
issuance of the certificate of withdrawal, the authority of the
corporation to conduct affairs in New Mexico shall cease."

Section 27. Section 53-8-79 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, Chapter 217, Section 79, as amended) is amended to read:

"53-8-79. REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY. --

A. The certificate of authority of a foreign corporation to conduct affairs in New Mexico may be revoked by the [corporation] commission upon the conditions prescribed in this section when:

- (1) the corporation has failed to file its annual report within the time required by the Nonprofit Corporation Act or has failed to pay any fees or penalties prescribed by that act when they have become due and payable; [or]
- (2) the corporation has failed to appoint and maintain a registered agent in New Mexico as required by the Nonprofit Corporation Act; $[\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial t}]$
- (3) the corporation has failed, after change of its registered agent, to file in the office of the [corporation] commission a statement of such change as required by the Nonprofit Corporation Act; [or]

(4) the corporation has failed to file in the
office of the [corporation] commission any amendment to its
articles of incorporation or any articles of merger within the
time prescribed by the Nonprofit Corporation Act; [or]

- (5) the certificate of authority of the corporation was procured through fraud practiced upon the state; [or]
- (6) the corporation has continued to exceed or abuse the authority conferred upon it by the Nonprofit Corporation Act; or
- (7) a misrepresentation has been made of any material matter in [any] an application, report, affidavit or other document submitted by the corporation pursuant to the Nonprofit Corporation Act.
- B. [No] <u>A</u> certificate of authority of a foreign corporation shall <u>not</u> be revoked by the [corporation] commission unless:
- (1) the commission has given the corporation not less than sixty days' notice thereof by mail addressed to [its registered office in New Mexico and either to its principal office in the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated or the principal office of the corporation as each address is] the corporation's mailing address shown in the [last] most recent annual report filed with the commission; and

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(2) the corporation fails prior to revocation
to file an annual report, or pay fees or penalties, or file the
required statement of change of registered agent, or file
articles of amendment or articles of merger, or correct such
misrepresentation pursuant to the Nonprofit Corporation Act."

Section 28. Section 53-8-80 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, Chapter 217, Section 80, as amended) is amended to read:

"53-8-80. ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF REVOCATION. --

A. Upon revoking [any] <u>a</u> certificate of authority, the [corporation] commission shall:

- (1) issue a certificate of revocation in
 [triplicate] duplicate;
- $\hbox{ (2)} \quad \hbox{file one of the certificates in its} \\$ office; and
- office in New Mexico, and also either to its principal office in the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated or to the principal office of the corporation at the address the corporation's mailing address as shown in the [last] most recent annual report filed with the commission, a notice of the revocation accompanied by one of the certificates.
- B. Upon the issuance of a certificate of revocation, the authority of the corporation to conduct affairs in New Mexico ceases."

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- FEES FOR FILING DOCUMENTS AND ISSUING "53-8-85. CERTIFICATES. -- The [corporation] public regulation commission shall charge and collect for:
- A. filing articles of incorporation and issuing a certificate of incorporation, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);
- filing articles of amendment and issuing a В. certificate of amendment, twenty dollars (\$20.00);
- filing restated articles of incorporation and issuing a restated certificate of incorporation, twenty dollars (\$20.00):
- filing articles of merger or consolidation and D. issuing a certificate of merger or consolidation, twenty dollars (\$20.00);
- filing a statement of change of address of registered office or change of registered agent, or both, ten dollars (\$10.00);
- F. filing an agent's statement of change of address of registered agent for each affected corporation, ten dollars (\$10.00);
- [F.] G. filing articles of dissolution, ten dollars (\$10.00);
- [G.] H. filing an application of a foreign corporation for a certificate of authority to conduct affairs . 143378. 1

1	in New Mexico and issuing a certificate of authority, twenty-
2	five dollars (\$25.00);
3	[H .] <u>I.</u> filing an application of a foreign
4	corporation for an amended certificate of authority to conduct
5	affairs in New Mexico and issuing an amended certificate of
6	authority, twenty dollars (\$20.00);
7	[H] J. filing an application to reserve a
8	corporation name or filing a notice to transfer of a reserved
9	corporate name, ten dollars (\$10.00);
10	[J.] <u>K.</u> filing a copy of articles of merger of a
11	foreign corporation holding a certificate of authority to
12	conduct affairs in New Mexico, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);
13	[K.] <u>L.</u> filing an application for withdrawal of a
14	foreign corporation and issuing a certificate of withdrawal,
15	ten dollars (\$10.00);
16	[L.] <u>M</u> filing any other statement or report,
17	including an annual report, of a domestic or foreign
18	corporation, ten dollars (\$10.00);
19	[M-] N. issuing a certificate of good standing and
20	compliance, ten dollars (\$10.00); and
21	[N.] 0. issuing a letter or reinstatement of a
22	domestic or foreign corporation, a fee of twenty-five dollars
23	(\$25.00)."
24	Section 30. Section 53-11-13 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967,
25	Chapter 81, Section 12, as amended) is amended to read:

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A. A corporation may change its registered office or change its registered agent, or both, upon filing in the office of the <u>public regulation</u> commission a statement setting forth:

- (1) the name of the corporation;
- (2) the address of its registered office;
- (3) if the address of its registered office is to be changed, the address to which the registered office is to be changed;
 - (4) the name of its registered agent;
 - (5) if its registered agent is to be changed:
 - (a) the name of its successor registered

agent; and

- (b) a statement executed by the successor registered agent acknowledging his acceptance of the appointment by the filing corporation as its registered agent, if the agent is an individual, or a statement executed by an authorized officer of a corporation that is the successor registered agent in which the officer acknowledges the corporation's acceptance of the appointment by the filing corporation as its registered agent, if the agent is a corporation; and
 - (6) that the address of its registered office

and the address of the business office of its registered agent, as changed, will be identical.

- B. The statement shall be executed by the corporation by an authorized officer and delivered to the <u>public regulation</u> commission. If the commission finds that the statement conforms to the provisions of the Business Corporation Act, it shall file the statement in its office, and, upon such filing, the change of address of the registered office or the appointment of a new registered agent, or both, as the case may be, becomes effective, and, upon filing, fulfills the requirement to file a supplemental report under Section [53-5-5] 53-5-2 NMSA 1978.
- C. Any registered agent of a corporation may resign upon filing a written notice of resignation with the <u>public</u> regulation commission. The commission shall mail a copy immediately to the corporation at its principal place of business as shown on the records of the commission. The appointment of the resigning agent shall terminate upon the expiration of thirty days after receipt of the notice by the commission.
- D. If a registered agent changes his business address to another place within the same county, he may change the address and the address of the registered office of any corporation of which he is the registered agent by filing a statement as required by this section except that it need be .143378.1

signed only by the registered agent [and], need not be responsive to Paragraph (5) of Subsection A of this section and shall recite that a copy of the statement has been mailed to the corporation.

E. If a registered agent changes the street address of the registered agent's business office, the registered agent

E. If a registered agent changes the street address of the registered agent may change the street address of the registered office of any corporation for which the registered agent is the registered agent by notifying the corporation in writing of the change and signing, either manually or in facsimile, and delivering to the public regulation commission for filing a statement that complies with the requirements of Subsection A of this section, and recites that the corporation has been notified of the change."

Section 31. Section 53-11-16 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967, Chapter 81, Section 15, as amended) is amended to read:

"53-11-16. ISSUANCE OF SHARES OF PREFERRED OR SPECIAL CLASSES IN SERIES. --

A. If the articles of incorporation so provide, the shares of any preferred or special class may be divided into and issued in series. If the shares of any such class are to be issued in series, then each series shall be so designated as to distinguish the shares thereof from the shares of all other series and classes. Any or all of the series of any such class and the variations in the relative rights and preferences as .143378.1

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between different series may be fixed and determined by the articles of incorporation, but all shares of the same class shall be identical except as to the following relative rights and preferences, as to which there may be variations between different series:

- (1) the rate of dividend:
- (2) whether shares may be redeemed and, if so, the redemption price and the terms and conditions of redemption;
- (3) the amount payable upon shares in event of voluntary and involuntary liquidation;
- (4) sinking fund provisions, if any, for the redemption or purchase of shares;
- (5) the terms and conditions, if any, on which shares may be converted; and
 - (6) voting rights, if any.
- B. If the articles of incorporation expressly vest authority in the board of directors, then to the extent that the articles of incorporation have not established series and fixed and determined the variations in the relative rights and preferences as between series, the board of directors may divide any or all of such classes into series and, within the limitations set forth in this section and in the articles of incorporation, fix and determine the relative rights and preferences of the shares of any series so established.

C. In order for the board of directors to establish
a series, where authority to do so is contained in the articles
of incorporation, the board of directors shall adopt a
resolution setting forth the designation of the series and
fixing and determining the relative rights and preferences
thereof, or so much thereof as are not fixed and determined by
the articles of incorporation.

- D. Prior to the issue of any shares of a series established by resolution adopted by the board of directors, the corporation shall file in the office of the commission a statement setting forth:
 - (1) the name of the corporation;
- (2) a copy of the resolution establishing and designating the series, and fixing and determining the relative rights and preferences thereof;
- (3) the date of adoption of the resolution;
- (4) that the resolution was duly adopted by the board of directors.
- E. [Such] An original of the statement and a copy, which may be a photocopy of the original after it was signed or a photocopy that is conformed to the original, shall be executed [in duplicate by the corporation by its president or a vice president and by its secretary or an assistant secretary, and verified by one of the officers signing the statement] by . 143378.1

an authorized officer of the corporation and shall be delivered to the commission. If the commission finds that the statement conforms to law, it shall, when all fees have been paid:

- (1) endorse on [each of the duplicate

 originals] the original and copy the word "filed", and the

 month, day and year of the filing thereof;
- (2) file [one of the duplicate originals] the original in its office; and
- (3) return the [other duplicate original] copy to the corporation or its representative.
- F. Upon the filing of such statement by the commission, the resolution establishing and designating the series and fixing and determining the relative rights and preferences thereof shall become effective and constitute an amendment of the articles of incorporation."

Section 32. Section 53-11-36 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967, Chapter 81, Section 35, as amended) is amended to read:

"53-11-36. NUMBER AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.--The number of directors of a corporation shall consist of one or more members. The number of directors shall be fixed by, or in the manner provided in, the articles of incorporation or the bylaws [except as to the number constituting the initial board of directors, which number shall be fixed by the articles of incorporation]. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by amendment to, or in the manner .143378.1

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provided in, the articles of incorporation or the bylaws, but no decrease shall have the effect of shortening the term of any incumbent director. If the number of directors is not fixed by, or in the manner provided in, the bylaws or the articles of incorporation, the number shall be the same as the number of directors constituting the initial board of directors. The names and addresses of the members of the first board of directors shall be stated in the articles of incorporation. Such persons shall hold office until the first annual meeting of shareholders and until their successors have been elected and qualified. At the first annual meeting of shareholders and at each annual meeting thereafter, the shareholders shall elect directors to hold office until the next succeeding annual meeting, except in case of the classification of directors as permitted by the Business Corporation Act. Each director shall hold office for the term for which [he] the director is elected and until [his] a successor has been elected and qualified."

Section 33. Section 53-12-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967, Chapter 81, Section 49) is amended to read:

"53-12-1. INCORPORATORS. -- One or more persons or a domestic or foreign corporation may act as incorporator [or incorporators] of a corporation by signing and delivering [in duplicate] an original and a copy, which may be a photocopy of the original after it was signed or a photocopy that is conformed to the original, to the commission of articles of .143378.1

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Section 34. Section 53-12-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967, Chapter 81, Section 50, as amended) is amended to read:

"53-12-2. ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION. --

- The articles of incorporation shall set forth:
 - (1) the name of the corporation;
- **(2)** the period of duration, if other than perpetual;
- the purpose for which the corporation is **(3)** organized, which may include the transaction of any lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the Business Corporation Act;
- the aggregate number of shares [which] that the corporation [shall have] has authority to issue and, if the shares are to be divided into classes, the number of shares of each class:
- (5) if the shares are to be divided into classes, the designation of each class and a statement of the preferences, limitations and relative rights in respect of the shares of each class:
- **(6)** if the corporation is to issue the shares of any preferred or special class in series, the designation of each series and a statement of the variations in the relative rights and preferences as between series, insofar as they are to be fixed in the articles of incorporation and a statement of . 143378. 1

any authority to be vested in the board of directors to establish series and fix and determine the variations in the relative rights and preferences as between series;

- (7) any provision limiting or denying to shareholders the preemptive right to acquire unissued shares or securities convertible into such shares or carrying a right to subscribe to or acquire shares;
- (8) the address of its initial registered office and the name of its initial registered agent at the address:
- (9) [the number of directors constituting the initial board of directors and] the names and addresses of the persons who have consented to serve as directors until the first annual meeting of shareholders or until their successors are elected and qualify; and
- $\hspace{1cm} \hbox{(10)} \hspace{3em} \hbox{the name and address of each} \\ \hbox{incorporator.} \\$
- B. In addition to provisions required therein, the articles of incorporation may also contain provisions not inconsistent with law regarding:
- (1) the direction of the management of the business and the regulation of the affairs of the corporation;
- (2) the definition, limitation and regulation of the powers of the corporation, the directors and the shareholders, or any class of the shareholders, including . 143378.1

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restrictions on the transfer of shares:

- (3) the minimum consideration for any authorized shares or class of shares; and
- (4) any provision [which] that, under the Business Corporation Act, is required or permitted to be set forth in the bylaws.
- C. It [shall] is not [be] necessary to set forth in the articles of incorporation any of the corporate powers enumerated in the Business Corporation Act.
- D. The articles of incorporation may set forth any provision [which] that the incorporators elect to set forth for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation.
- E. The articles of incorporation may provide that a director shall not be personally liable to the corporation or its shareholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director unless:
- (1) the director has breached or failed to perform the duties of the director's office in compliance with Subsection B of Section 53-11-35 NMSA 1978; and
- (2) the breach or failure to perform constitutes:
- (a) negligence, willful misconduct or recklessness in the case of a director who has either an ownership interest in the corporation or receives [in his capacity] as a director or as an employee of the corporation . 143378.1

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compensation of more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) from the corporation in any calendar year; or

willful misconduct or recklessness (b) in the case of a director who does not have an ownership interest in the corporation and does not receive [in his capacity] as director or as an employee of the corporation compensation of more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) from the corporation in any calendar year.

Such a provision in the articles of incorporation shall, however, only eliminate the liability of a director for action taken as a director or any failure to take action as a director at meetings of the board of directors or of a committee of the board of directors or by virtue of action of the directors without a meeting pursuant to Section 53-11-43 NMSA 1978, on or after the date when such provision in the articles of incorporation becomes effective."

Section 35. Section 53-12-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967, Chapter 81, Section 51, as amended) is amended to read:

FILING OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION. --"53-12-3.

An original of the articles of incorporation together with a copy, which may be signed, photocopied or conformed, and a statement executed by the designated registered agent acknowledging [his] acceptance of the appointment by the filing corporation as its registered agent, if the agent is an individual, or a statement executed by an . 143378. 1

authorized officer of a corporation that is the designated registered agent in which the officer acknowledges the corporation's acceptance of the appointment by the filing corporation as its registered agent, if the agent is a corporation, shall be delivered to the commission. If the commission finds that the articles of incorporation and the statement conform to law, it shall, when all fees [and franchise taxes] have been paid:

- (1) endorse on the original and copy the word
 "filed" and the month, day and year of the filing thereof;
- (2) file the original and the statement in its office; and
- (3) issue a certificate of incorporation to which it shall affix the file-stamped copy.
- B. The certificate of incorporation, together with the file-stamped copy of the articles of incorporation affixed to it, shall be returned by the commission to the incorporators or their representative."

Section 36. Section 53-13-5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967, Chapter 81, Section 59, as amended) is amended to read:

"53-13-5. FILING OF ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT. --

A. [Duplicate originals] An original and a copy, which may be a photocopy of the original after it was signed or a photocopy that is conformed to the original, of the articles of amendment shall be delivered to the commission. If the . 143378.1

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commission finds that the articles of amendment conform to law, it shall, when all fees have been paid:

- (1) endorse on [each of the duplicate

 originals] the original and copy the word "filed" and the

 month, day and year of the filing;
- (2) file [one of the duplicate originals] the original in its office; and
- (3) issue a certificate of amendment to which it shall affix the [other duplicate original] copy.
- B. The certificate of amendment, together with the duplicate original of the articles of amendment affixed thereto by the commission, shall be returned to the corporation or its representative."

Section 37. Section 53-16-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967, Chapter 81, Section 79, as amended) is amended to read:

"53-16-1. VOLUNTARY DISSOLUTION BY INCORPORATORS.--A corporation that has <u>or has</u> not commenced business and has not issued any shares may be voluntarily dissolved by its incorporators in the following manner:

A. articles of dissolution shall be executed by a majority of the incorporators and shall set forth:

- (1) the name of the corporation;
- (2) the date of issuance of its certificate of incorporation;
 - (3) that none of its shares has been issued;

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- (5) that the amount, if any, actually paid in on subscriptions for its shares, less any part thereof disbursed for necessary expenses, has been returned to those entitled thereto;
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- (7) that a majority of the incorporators elect that the corporation be dissolved;
- B. the original of the articles of dissolution together with a copy, which may be signed, photocopied or conformed, shall be delivered to the commission. If the commission finds that the articles of dissolution conform to law and that the corporation has complied with the Tax Administration Act and has paid all contributions required by the Unemployment Compensation Law, it shall, when all fees [and franchise taxes] have been paid:
- (1) endorse on the original and copy the word
 "filed" and the month, day and year of the filing;
 - (2) file the original in its office; and
- (3) issue a certificate of dissolution to which it shall affix the file-stamped copy; and
- C. the certificate of dissolution, together with the file-stamped copy of the articles of dissolution affixed to .143378.1

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it, shall be returned by the commission to the incorporators or their representative. Upon the issuance of the certificate of dissolution by the commission the existence of the corporation shall cease. "

Section 38. Section 53-16-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967, Chapter 81, Section 82, as amended) is amended to read:

FILING STATEMENT OF INTENT TO DISSOLVE. --"53-16-4. [Duplicate originals] An original and a copy, which may be a photocopy of the original after it was signed or a photocopy that is conformed to the original, of the statement of intent to dissolve, whether by consent of shareholders or by act of the corporation, shall be delivered to the commission. If the commission finds that the statement conforms to law, it shall:

endorse on [each of the duplicate originals] the original and copy the word "filed" and the month, day and year of the filing;

- file [one of the duplicate originals] the original in its office; and
- return the [other duplicate original] copy to the corporation or its representative."

Section 53-16-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967, Section 39. Chapter 81, Section 87, as amended) is amended to read:

"53-16-9**.** FILING STATEMENT OF REVOCATION OF VOLUNTARY DISSOLUTION PROCEEDINGS. -- An original of the statement of revocation of voluntary dissolution proceedings, whether by . 143378. 1

consent of shareholders or by act of the corporation, together with a copy, which may be signed, photocopied or conformed, shall be delivered to the commission. If the commission finds that the statement conforms to law, it shall, when all fees [and franchise taxes] have been paid:

- A. endorse on the original and copy the word "filed" and the month, day and year of the filing;
 - B. file the original in its office; and
- C. return the file-stamped copy to the corporation or its representative."

Section 40. Section 53-16-12 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967, Chapter 81, Section 90, as amended) is amended to read:

"53-16-12. FILING OF ARTICLES OF DISSOLUTION. --

A. An original of articles of dissolution together with a copy, which may be signed, photocopied or conformed, shall be delivered to the commission. If the commission finds that the articles of dissolution conform to law and that the corporation has complied with the Tax Administration Act and has paid all contributions required by the Unemployment Compensation Law, it shall, when all fees [and franchise taxes] have been paid:

- (1) endorse on the original and copy the word
 "filed" and the month, day and year of the filing;
 - (2) file the original in its office; and
 - (3) issue a certificate of dissolution to

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which it shall affix the file-stamped copy.

В. The certificate of dissolution, together with the file-stamped copy of the articles of dissolution affixed to it, shall be returned by the commission to the representative of the dissolved corporation. Upon the issuance of the certificate of dissolution, the existence of the corporation shall cease, except for the purpose of suits, other proceedings and appropriate corporate action by shareholders, directors and officers as provided in the Business Corporation Act."

Section 53-17-5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967, Section 41. Chapter 81, Section 107, as amended) is amended to read:

"53-17-5. APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY. --

A foreign corporation, in order to procure a certificate of authority to transact business in this state, shall make application to the commission, which application shall set forth:

- the name of the corporation and the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated;
- if the name of the corporation does not contain the word "corporation", "company", "incorporated" or "limited" or does not contain an abbreviation of one of these words, the name of the corporation with the word or abbreviation [which] that it elects to add thereto for use in this state:
- **(3)** the date of incorporation and the period . 143378. 1

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- (4) the address of the registered office of the corporation in the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated and the address of the principal office of the corporation, if different;
- (5) the address of the proposed registered office of the corporation in this state and the name of its proposed registered agent in this state at such address;
- (6) the purpose of the corporation that it proposes to pursue in the transaction of business in this state:
- (7) the names and respective addresses of the directors and officers of the corporation who have consented to serve;
- (8) a statement of the aggregate number of shares that the corporation has authority to issue, itemized by classes and by series, if any, within a class;
- (9) a statement of the aggregate number of issued shares, itemized by class and by series, if any, within each class;
 - (10) an estimate expressed in dollars of:
- (a) the gross amount of business [which] that will be transacted by it during its current fiscal year at or from places of business located in the state;
 - (b) the gross amount of business that

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- (c) the value of all property to be owned by it and located in the state during its current fiscal year; and
- (d) the value of all property to be owned by it during its current fiscal year, wherever located; and
- appropriate in order to enable the commission to determine whether the corporation is entitled to a certificate of authority to transact business in this state and to determine and assess the fees [and franchise taxes] payable.
- B. The application shall be made on forms prescribed by the commission or on forms containing substantially the same information as forms prescribed by the commission and shall be executed by the corporation by an authorized officer of the corporation."

Section 42. Section 53-17-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967, Chapter 81, Section 111, as amended) is amended to read:

"53-17-10. CHANGE OF REGISTERED OFFICE OR REGISTERED
AGENT OF FOREIGN CORPORATION. --

A. A foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state may change its registered office or change its registered agent, or both, upon filing in the office . 143378.1

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- (1) the name of the corporation;
- (2) the address of its registered office;
- (3) if the address of its registered office is changed, the address to which the registered office is to be changed;
 - (4) the name of its registered agent;
 - (5) if its registered agent is changed:
 - (a) the name of its successor registered

(b) a statement executed by the successor registered agent acknowledging his acceptance of the appointment by the filing corporation as its registered agent, if the agent is an individual, or a statement executed by an authorized officer of a corporation that is the successor registered agent in which the officer acknowledges the corporation's acceptance of the appointment by the filing corporation as its registered agent, if the agent is a corporation; and

- (6) that the address of its registered office and the address of the business office of its registered agent, as changed, will be identical.
- B. The statement shall be executed by the corporation by an authorized officer and delivered to the public regulation commission. If the commission finds that the . 143378. 1

statement conforms to the provisions of the Business

Corporation Act, it shall file the statement in its office, and upon the filing, the change of address of the registered office or the appointment of a new registered agent, or both, shall become effective.

- C. A registered agent of a foreign corporation may resign as agent upon filing a written notice of resignation with the <u>public regulation</u> commission, which shall mail immediately a copy of it to the corporation at its principal office in the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated. The appointment of the agent shall terminate upon the expiration of thirty days after receipt of the notice by the commission.
- [D. If a registered agent changes his business address to another place within the same county, he may change the address and the address of the registered office of any corporations of which he is a registered agent by filing a statement as required in Subsection A of this section, except that it need be signed only by the registered agent and need not be responsive to Paragraph (5) of that subsection and must recite that a copy of the statement has been mailed to each corporation.]
- D. If a registered agent changes the street address of the registered agent's business office, the registered agent may change the street address of the registered office of any . 143378.1

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Section 53-17-14 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967, Section 43. Chapter 81, Section 115) is amended to read:

"53-17-14. AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY. -- A foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state shall procure an amended certificate of authority in the event it changes its corporate name or desires to pursue in this state other or additional purposes than those set forth in its prior application for a certificate of authority by making application therefor to the commission. The requirements in respect to the form and contents of the application, the manner of its execution, the filing of [duplicate originals thereof] an original and a copy, which may be a photocopy of the original after it was signed or a photocopy that is conformed to the original, with the commission, the issuance of an amended certificate of authority and the effect thereof shall be the same as in the case of an original application for a certificate of authority."

Section 53-17-15 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967, Section 44. . 143378. 1

Chapter 81, Section 116, as amended) is amended to read:

"53-17-15. WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN CORPORATION. --

A. A foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state may withdraw from this state upon procuring from the commission a certificate of withdrawal. In order to procure the certificate of withdrawal, the foreign corporation shall deliver to the commission an application for withdrawal, which shall set forth:

- (1) the name of the corporation and the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated;
- (2) a statement that the corporation is not transacting business in this state;
- (3) a statement that the corporation surrenders its authority to transact business in this state;
- (4) a statement that the corporation revokes the authority of its registered agent in this state to accept service of process and consents that service of process in [any] an action, suit or proceeding based upon [any] a cause of action arising in this state during the time the corporation was authorized to transact business in this state may thereafter be made on the corporation by service thereof on the secretary of state;
- (5) an address to which the secretary of state may mail a copy of [any] \underline{a} process against the corporation that may be served on it;

(6) a statement of the aggregate number of
shares that the corporation has authority to issue, itemized by
class and by series, if any, within each class, as of the date
of the application;

- (7) a statement of the aggregate number of issued shares, itemized by class and by series, if any, within each class, as of the date of the application; and
- (8) additional information as necessary or appropriate in order to enable the commission to determine and assess any unpaid fees [or franchise taxes] payable by the foreign corporation.
- B. The application for withdrawal shall be made on forms prescribed by the commission or on forms containing substantially the same information as forms prescribed by the commission and shall be executed by the corporation by an authorized officer of the corporation or, if the corporation is in the hands of a receiver or trustee, shall be executed on behalf of the corporation by the receiver or trustee."

Section 45. Section 53-17-16 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967, Chapter 81, Section 117, as amended) is amended to read:

"53-17-16. FILING OF APPLICATION FOR WITHDRAWAL. --

A. An original of an application for withdrawal together with a copy, which may be signed, photocopied or conformed, shall be delivered to the commission. If the commission finds that the application conforms to the .143378.1

provisions of the Business Corporation Act and that the corporation has complied with the Tax Administration Act and has paid all contributions required by the Unemployment Compensation Law, it shall, when all fees [and franchise taxes] have been paid:

- (1) endorse on the original and copy the word
 "filed" and the month, day and year of the filing;
 - (2) file the original in its office; and
- (3) issue a certificate of withdrawal to which it shall affix the file-stamped copy.
- B. The certificate of withdrawal, together with the file-stamped copy of the application for withdrawal affixed to it, shall be returned by the commission to the corporation or its representative. Upon the issuance of the certificate of withdrawal, the authority of the corporation to transact business in this state shall cease."

Section 46. Section 53-17-17 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967, Chapter 81, Section 118, as amended) is amended to read:

"53-17-17. REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY. --

- A. The certificate of authority of a foreign corporation to transact business in this state may be revoked by the commission upon the conditions prescribed in this section when:
- (1) the corporation has failed to file its annual report timely or has failed to pay any fees [$\frac{1}{1}$] . 143378.1

franchise taxes] or penalties thereon when they became due; [or]

- (2) the corporation has failed to appoint and maintain a registered agent in this state as required by the Business Corporation Act; [or]
- (3) the corporation has failed, after change of its registered office or registered agent, to file in the office of the commission a statement of the change as required by the Business Corporation Act; [or]
- (4) the corporation has failed to file in the office of the commission any amendment to its articles of incorporation or any articles of merger within the time prescribed by the Business Corporation Act; or
- (5) a misrepresentation has been made of any material matter in [any] an application, report, affidavit or other document submitted by the corporation pursuant to the Business Corporation Act.
- B. [No] <u>A</u> certificate of authority of a foreign corporation shall <u>not</u> be revoked by the commission unless:
- (1) it has given the corporation not less than sixty days' notice thereof by mail addressed to [its registered office in this state and also either to the principal office of the corporation in the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated or to the principal office of the corporation as each address is] the corporation's mailing . 143378. 1

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<u>address as</u> shown in the [last] <u>most recent</u> annual report filed with the commission; and

(2) the corporation fails, prior to revocation, to file the annual report or pay the fees

[franchise taxes] or penalties or file the required statement of change of registered agent or registered office or file the articles of amendment or articles of merger or correct the misrepresentation."

Section 47. Section 53-17-18 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967, Chapter 81, Section 119, as amended) is amended to read:

"53-17-18. ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF REVOCATION-REINSTATEMENT. --

A. Upon revoking [any] <u>a</u> certificate of authority, the commission shall:

- (1) issue a certificate of revocation in
 [triplicate] duplicate;
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- (3) mail a notice of revocation accompanied by one of the certificates to the corporation at [its registered office in this state and also either to its principal office in the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated or to the principal office of the corporation at the addresses] the corporation's mailing address as shown in the [last] most recent annual report filed with the commission.

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- C. A corporation administratively revoked under Section 53-17-17 NMSA 1978 may apply to the commission for reinstatement within two years after the effective date of revocation. The application shall:
- (1) recite the name of the corporation and the effective date of its administrative revocation;
- (2) state that the ground or grounds for revocation either did not exist or have been eliminated; and
- (3) state that the corporation name satisfies the requirements of Section 53-17-3 NMSA 1978.
- D. If the commission determines that the application contains the information required by Subsection C of this section and that the information is correct, it shall cancel the certificate of revocation and prepare a certificate of reinstatement that recites its determination and the effective date of reinstatement, file the original of the certificate and serve a copy on the corporation.
- E. When the reinstatement is effective, it relates back to and takes effect as of the effective date of the administrative revocation and the corporation resumes carrying on its business as if the administrative revocation had never occurred."

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Section 48. Section 53-19-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993, Chapter 280, Section 4) is amended to read:

"53-19-4. RESERVATION OF NAME. --

- A. The exclusive right to use a name may be reserved by:
- (1) [any] <u>a</u> person intending to organize a limited liability company and to adopt that name;
- (2) [any] <u>a</u> limited liability company or [any] <u>a</u> foreign limited liability company registered in New Mexico that intends to adopt that name;
- (3) [any] <u>a</u> foreign limited liability company intending to register in New Mexico and to adopt that name; or
- (4) [any] <u>a</u> person intending to organize a foreign limited liability company and to have it registered in New Mexico and to adopt that name.
- B. The reservation shall be made by filing with the commission an application executed by the applicant to reserve a specified name. If the commission finds that the name is available for use by a domestic or foreign limited liability company, it shall reserve the name for the exclusive use of the applicant for a period of one hundred twenty days after the date the application is filed with the commission.
- [C. The holder of a reserved name may renew the reservation for successive periods of one hundred twenty days each.

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name may be transferred to another person by filing with the
commission a notice of the transfer executed by the applicant
for whom the name was reserved and specifying the name to be
transferred and the name and address of the transferee. The
transfer shall not extend the term during which the name is
reserved. "

Section 49. Section 53-19-5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993, Chapter 280, Section 5) is amended to read:

"53-19-5. REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT--CHANGE
OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS. --

A. $[\frac{Each}{A}]$ A limited liability company shall maintain in New Mexico:

- (1) a registered office that may be the same as the limited liability company's principal place of business; and
- (2) a registered agent for service of process on the limited liability company that is either:
- (a) an individual resident of New Mexico;
- (b) a domestic corporation, limited liability company or partnership having a place of business in New Mexico that is the same as the registered office; or
- (c) a foreign corporation, limited liability company or partnership authorized to transact .143378.1

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2	same as the registered office.
3	B. A limited liability company may change its
4	registered office or registered agent by delivering to the
5	commission a statement setting forth:
6	(1) the name of the limited liability company;
7	(2) the name of its current registered agent;
8	(3) the street address of its current
9	registered office; and
10	(4) if its current registered agent is to be
11	changed:
12	(a) the name of its successor registered
13	agent;
14	(b) the street address of the successor
15	registered agent's place of business;
16	(c) a statement that such address is the
17	same as the current address of the limited liability company's
18	current registered office or, if there is a concurrent change
19	in the address of the registered office, as the new address of
20	the registered office; and
21	(d) the [affidavit] statement of the
22	successor registered agent that the agent accepts the
23	appointment;
24	(5) if the current address of the place of
25	business of its current registered agent is to be changed, the
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new street address of the place of business of the current registered agent and a statement that the new street address is the same as the address of the limited liability company's registered office or, if there is a concurrent change in the address of the registered office, as the new street address of the registered office; or

office is to be changed, the new street address to which the current registered office is to be changed and a statement that the new address is the same as the street address of the place of business of the current or, if there is a concurrent change of the current registered agent, of the successor registered agent of the limited liability company.

[C. A registered agent may change the address of the agent's place of business to another place in New Mexico and thereby, except in the case of a registered agent who is an individual resident, also change the address of the registered office of the limited liability company by delivering to the commission a statement containing the information and statement required by Paragraph (6) of Subsection B of this section, except that it need be signed only by the registered agent and shall recite that a copy has been mailed to the limited liability company.]

C. If a registered agent changes the street address of the registered agent's business office, the registered agent . 143378. 1

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may change the street address of the registered office of any limited liability company corporation for which the registered agent is the registered agent by notifying the limited liability company in writing of the change and signing, either manually or in facsimile, and delivering to the public regulation commission for filing a statement that complies with the requirements of this section but need not be responsive to Paragraph (4) of Subsection B of this section and recites that the corporation has been notified of the change.

- If the <u>public regulation</u> commission finds that the statement conforms to the provisions of this section, it shall file the statement in its office and, upon such filing, the change of registered agent, change of address of the registered office or change of the registered agent's place of business shall become effective and fulfill any requirement that such change be reported to the commission.
- Ε. A registered agent of a limited liability company may resign as registered agent by delivering a written notice, executed in duplicate, to the public regulation commission, which shall mail a copy of the notice to the limited liability company at its principal place of business as shown on the records of the commission. The resigning registered agent's appointment terminates thirty days after receipt of the notice by the commission or on the effective date of the appointment of a successor registered agent,

whichever occurs first.

F. A limited liability company shall notify the public regulation commission of a change in the street address of its principal place of business by delivering a written statement to the commission setting forth such change."

Section 50. Section 53-19-8 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993, Chapter 280, Section 8, as amended) is amended to read:

"53-19-8. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION. -- The articles of organization shall set forth:

A. a name for the limited liability company that satisfies the requirements of Section 53-19-3 NMSA 1978;

- B. the street address of the <u>initial</u> registered office and the name of the <u>initial</u> registered agent <u>at that address</u> and the street address of the limited liability company's current principal place of business, if different from the address of its registered office;
- C. the [latest date upon which the limited liability company is to dissolve] period of duration, if other than perpetual;
- D. if management of the limited liability company is vested to any extent in a manager, a statement to that effect [and of the extent to which management is so vested];
- E. if the limited liability company [is] may carry on its business and affairs as a single member limited liability company, a statement to that effect; and .143378.1

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F. any other provision that the persons signing the articles choose to include in the articles, including provisions for the regulation of the internal affairs of the limited liability company."

Section 51. Section 53-19-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993, Chapter 280, Section 9, as amended) is amended to read:

"53-19-9. FILING. --

- The organizer or organizers of a limited liability company shall file with the commission:
- (1) the signed original of the articles of organization, together with a duplicate copy, which may be either signed, photocopied or conformed;
- the [affidavit] statement of the person appointed registered agent, accepting appointment as registered agent; and
- **(3)** any other documents required to be filed pursuant to the Limited Liability Company Act.
- В. The commission may accept a facsimile transmission for filing.
- If the commission determines that the documents delivered for filing conform with the provisions of the Limited Liability Company Act, it shall, when all required filing fees have been paid:
- (1) endorse on each signed original and duplicate copy the word "filed" and the date of its acceptance . 143378. 1

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- (2) retain a signed original in the files of the commission; and
- (3) return each duplicate copy to the person who delivered it to the commission or to that person's representative."

Section 52. Section 53-19-39 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993, Chapter 280, Section 39, as amended) is amended to read:

"53-19-39. DISSOLUTION. --

A. A limited liability company is dissolved upon the happening of any of the following events:

- (1) an event specified in the articles of organization or an operating agreement;
- (2) except as otherwise provided in the articles of organization or an operating agreement, upon the written consent of members having a majority share of the voting power of all members;
- [(3) except as otherwise provided in the articles of organization or an operating agreement, a majority in interest of the remaining members do not give their written consent to continue the business of the limited liability company within ninety days after the occurrence of an event of dissociation;] or

[(4)] <u>(3)</u> entry of a decree of judicial dissolution pursuant to Section 53-19-40 NMSA 1978.

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B. On the dissolution of the limited liability
company, the limited liability company shall cease to carry on
its business and affairs, except insofar as necessary for
winding up the company's business and affairs, but its legal
existence shall continue until all its business and affairs are
wound up

[C. For purposes of Subsection A of this section, the requirement of written consent is satisfied if the consent is given by remaining members:

(1) holding a majority share of the voting power of all members;

(2) whose aggregate share of the capital of the limited liability company constitutes more than one-half of the aggregate share of capital of the limited liability company of all remaining members; and

(3) whose aggregate share of the distributions and allocations of the limited liability company constitutes more than one-half of the aggregate share of the distributions and allocations to all remaining members.]"

Section 53. Section 53-19-48 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993, Chapter 280, Section 48, as amended) is amended to read:

"53-19-48. REGISTRATION.--Before transacting business in New Mexico, a foreign limited liability company shall register with the commission by submitting an original signed application for registration as a foreign limited liability . 143378.1

company, together with a [duplicate] copy [that may be a signed, photocopied or conformed copy], which may be a photocopy of the original after it was signed or a photocopy that is conformed to the original, executed by a person with authority to do so under the laws of the state or other jurisdiction of its organization and [an original] a certificate of good standing and compliance issued by the appropriate official of the state or jurisdiction under the laws of which the organization is organized, current within thirty days and that has not expired at time of receipt by the commission. The application shall set forth:

A. the name of the foreign limited liability company and, if different, the name under which it proposes to transact business in New Mexico;

- B. the state or other jurisdiction where the foreign limited liability company was organized and the date of its organization;
- C. the name and address of a registered agent for service of process, which agent meets the requirements of Section 53-19-5 NMSA 1978, whose original, signed affidavit, together with a [duplicate] copy, which may be a photocopy of the original after it was signed or a photocopy that is conformed to the original, to the effect that such person accepts designation as the registered agent of the foreign limited liability company, shall be submitted with the .143378.1

application;

- D. a statement that the secretary of state is appointed the agent of the foreign limited liability company for service of process if no agent has been appointed <u>upon</u> resignation of an already appointed registered agent or, if appointed, the agent's authority has been revoked or the agent cannot be found or served in the exercise of reasonable diligence;
- E. the address of the office required to be maintained in the state or other jurisdiction of its organization by the laws of that state or jurisdiction or, if not so required, of the principal office of the foreign limited liability company;
- F. a statement that the foreign limited liability company is a foreign limited liability company as defined in Section 53-19-2 NMSA 1978; and
- G. the identity of persons in whom management of the foreign limited liability company is vested."

Section 54. Section 53-19-49 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993, Chapter 280, Section 49) is amended to read:

"53-19-49. ISSUANCE OF REGISTRATION. -- If the commission determines that the application for registration from a foreign limited liability company conforms to the provisions of the Limited Liability Company Act and all requisite fees have been paid, the commission shall:

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- B. retain a signed original in the files of the commission; and
- C. return each [duplicate] copy to the person who delivered it to the commission or to that person's representative."

Section 55. Section 53-19-60 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1995, Chapter 213, Section 8, as amended) is amended to read:

"53-19-60. CONVERSIONS AND MERGERS--CONVERSION OF CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP OR LIMITED PARTNERSHIP TO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.--

- A. A corporation, partnership or limited partnership may be converted to a limited liability company pursuant to this section.
- B. The terms and conditions of a conversion of a corporation, partnership or limited partnership to a limited liability company shall be approved in the manner <u>specifically</u> provided for by the document, instrument, agreement or other writing governing the internal affairs of the corporation, partnership or limited partnership <u>concerning conversions</u> or, in the absence of such a provision, by all of the shareholders or partners, as the case may be.
- C. An agreement of conversion shall set forth the . 143378. 1

terms and conditions of the conversion of the owners' interests in the converting entity into interests in the converted entity or the cash or other consideration to be paid or delivered as a result of the conversion of the owners' interests or a combination of these.

- D. After a conversion is approved [under] pursuant to Subsection B of this section, the corporation, partnership or limited partnership being converted shall file articles of organization with the commission that satisfy the requirements of Section 53-19-8 NMSA 1978 and [that also contain] a statement containing the items set forth below:
- (1) a statement that the corporation or partnership was converted to a limited liability company from a corporation, partnership or limited partnership;
 - (2) its former name:
- (3) a statement of the number of votes cast by the shareholders or partners entitled to vote for and against the conversion and, if the vote is less than unanimous, the number or percentage required to approve the conversion [under] pursuant to Subsection B of this section; and
- (4) in the case of a corporation or a limited partnership, a statement that the certificate of incorporation or certificate of limited partnership is to be canceled as of the date the conversion takes effect.
- E. In the case of a corporation or a limited . 143378.1

partnership, the filing of articles of organization [under]

pursuant to Subsection D of this section cancels its

certificate of incorporation or certificate of limited

partnership as of the date the conversion took effect.

- F. A conversion takes effect when articles of organization are filed with the commission or at any later date specified in the articles of organization.
- G. A general partner who becomes a member of a limited liability company as a result of a conversion remains liable as a partner for an obligation incurred by the partnership or limited partnership before the conversion takes effect.
- H. A general partner's liability for all obligations of the limited liability company incurred after the conversion takes effect is that of a member of the company. A limited partner who becomes a member as a result of a conversion remains liable only to the extent the limited partner was liable for an obligation incurred by the limited partnership before the conversion took effect."

Section 56. Section 53-19-60.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2001, Chapter 200, Section 79) is amended to read:

"53-19-60. 1. CONVERSIONS AND MERGERS--CONVERSION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY TO CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP OR LIMITED PARTNERSHIP. --

A. A limited liability company may be converted to .143378.1

a corporation, partnership or limited partnership pursuant to this section.

- B. The terms and conditions of a conversion of a limited liability company to a corporation, partnership or limited partnership shall be approved [by all of the members or] by [a] the number or percentage of the members or managers specifically required for conversion in the operating agreement or, in absence of such a provision in the operating agreement, by all the members.
- C. An agreement of conversion shall set forth the terms and conditions of the conversion of the members'

 [interest] interests in the limited liability company into interests in the corporation, partnership or limited partnership or the cash or other consideration to be paid or delivered as a result of the conversion of the members' interests, or a combination of these.
- D. After a conversion is approved under Subsection B of this section, the limited liability company shall file with the commission, if the converted entity is a partnership, a statement containing the items set forth below, if the converted entity is a corporation, articles of incorporation and a statement containing the items set forth below and, if the converted entity is a limited partnership, a certificate of limited partnership and a statement containing the items set forth below:

(1) a statement that the corporation,
partnership or limited partnership was converted from a limited
liability company;
(2) the former name of the limited liability
company;

- (3) a statement of the number of votes cast by the members or managers entitled to vote for and against the conversion and, if the vote is other than a unanimous vote of the members, the number or percentage of members or managers required to approve the conversion under Subsection B of this section; and
- (4) a statement that the articles of organization of the limited liability company are to be canceled as of the date the conversion takes effect.
- E. The filing of articles of incorporation for a corporation, a statement for a partnership or a certificate of limited partnership for a limited partnership resulting from a conversion pursuant to this section, cancels the articles of organization of the limited liability company as of the date the conversion takes effect.
- F. A conversion takes effect when articles of incorporation, a certificate of limited partnership or statement required if the converted entity is a partnership, are filed with the commission or at any later date specified in the filed document."

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Section 57. Section 53-19-62 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1995, Chapter 213, Section 10) is amended to read:

"53-19-62. CONVERSIONS AND MERGER OF ENTITIES. --

A. Pursuant to a plan of merger approved under Subsection C of this section, a limited liability company may be merged with or into one or more limited liability companies, foreign limited liability companies, corporations, foreign corporations, partnerships, foreign partnerships, limited partnerships, foreign limited partnerships or other domestic or foreign entities.

- B. A plan of merger [must] shall set forth:
- (1) the name of each entity that is a party to the merger;
- (2) the name of the surviving entity into which the other entities will merge;
- (3) the type of organization of the surviving entity;
 - (4) the terms and conditions of the merger;
- (5) the manner and basis for converting the interests of each party to the merger into interests or obligations of the surviving entity or into money or other property in whole or in part; and
- (6) the street address of the surviving entity's principal place of business.
- C. A plan of merger [must] shall be approved:
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- (1) in the case of a limited liability company that is a party to the merger, by the members representing the percentage of voting power of all members specified in the operating agreement <u>for approval of mergers</u>, but not fewer than the members holding a majority of the voting power of all members or, if provision is not made in the operating agreement, by all the members;
- (2) in the case of a foreign limited liability company that is a party to the merger, by the vote required for approval of a merger by the law of the state or foreign jurisdiction in which the foreign limited liability company is organized;
- (3) in the case of a partnership or domestic limited partnership that is a party to the merger, by the vote required for approval of a conversion under Subsection B of Section 53-19-60 NMSA 1978; and
- (4) in the case of any other entities that are parties to the merger, by the vote required for approval of a merger by the law of this state or of the other state or foreign jurisdiction in which the entity is organized and, in the absence of such a requirement, by all the owners of interests in the entity.
- D. After a plan of merger is approved and before the merger takes effect, the plan may be amended or abandoned as provided in the plan.

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Section 53-19-63 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993, Chapter 280, Section 63, as amended) is amended to read:

"53-19-63. FILING, SERVICE AND COPYING FEES. -- The public regulation commission shall charge and collect:

- for filing the original articles of organization and issuing a certificate of organization, a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00);
- for filing amended or restated articles of merger and issuing a certificate of amended or restated articles, a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00);
- for filing articles of merger, conversion or C. consolidation and issuing a certificate of consolidation, a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100);
- for filing articles of dissolution or revocation of dissolution, a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);
- for issuing a certificate for any purpose not otherwise specified, a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);
- for furnishing written information on any F. limited liability company, a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);
- for providing from the commission's records any document or instrument, a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) per page, . 143378. 1

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but in one case less than ten dollars (\$10.00), and a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for certification of documents or instruments:

- H. for accepting an application for reservation of a name or for filing a notice of the transfer of any name reservation, a fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00);
- I. for filing a statement of change of address of registered office or registered agent, or both, a fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00);
- J. for filing an agent's statement of change of address of registered agent for each affected limited liability company, twenty dollars (\$20.00);
- [J.] \underline{K} . for issuing a registration to a foreign limited liability company, a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100);
- $\left[\frac{K_{-}}{L_{-}}\right]$ L. for filing an amendment of the registration of a foreign limited liability company, a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00); and
- $[\underline{L}.]$ \underline{M} for filing an application for cancellation of registration of a foreign limited liability company and issuing a certificate of cancellation, a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)."

Section 59. Section 53-20-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2001, Chapter 200, Section 88) is amended to read:

"53-20-6. APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY. --

A. A foreign business trust, in order to obtain a . 143378.1

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certificate of authority to transact business in this state, shall make application to the public regulation commission.

The application shall set forth:

- (1) the name of the foreign business trust and, if different, the name under which it proposes to transact business in this state;
 - (2) the date of declaration of trust:
- (3) the address of the principal office of the foreign business trust in the state or country under the laws of which it is organized;
- (4) the address of the registered office of the foreign business trust in this state, the name of its registered agent in this state at that address and an acceptance of the appointment signed by the agent appointed; and
- (5) the purposes of the foreign business trust that it proposes to pursue in the transaction of business in this state.
- B. The application shall be made on forms prescribed and furnished by the public regulation commission or on forms containing substantially the same information as forms prescribed by the commission and shall be executed by a person with authority to do so under the laws of the state or jurisdiction of its formation.
- C. A foreign business trust shall deliver with the . 143378. 1

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completed application a certificate of existence, or a document of similar import, duly authenticated by the secretary of state or other official having custody of trust records in the state or jurisdiction under whose law it is created."

Section 60. Section 53-20-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2001, Chapter 200, Section 92) is amended to read:

"53-20-10. REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT--CHANGE--RESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT.--

A. A foreign business trust authorized to transact business in this state may change its registered office or change its registered agent, or both, upon filing with the public regulation commission a statement setting forth:

- (1) the name of the foreign business trust;
- (2) the address of [the] its registered office:
- (3) if the address of its registered office is changed, the address to which it is to be changed;
- (4) the name of the foreign business trust's registered agent;
- (5) if its registered agent is changed, the name of the successor registered agent;
- (6) a statement that the address of its registered office and the address of the business office of its registered agent, as changed, will be identical; and
- (7) that the change was authorized by . 143378. 1

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resolution duly adopted by its trustees.

The statement shall be executed by the foreign business trust by an authorized person and delivered to the public regulation commission. If the commission finds that the statement meets the requirements of this section, it shall file the statement, and, when filed, the change of address of the registered office or the appointment of the new registered agent, or both, shall become effective. A registered agent of a foreign business trust may resign as registered agent by filing a written notice of resignation with the commission, and the commission shall mail immediately a copy of the notice to the foreign business trust at its principal office in the state or country under the laws of which it is organized. appointment of the agent terminates upon the expiration of thirty days after receipt of the notice by the commission.

C. If a registered agent changes the street address of the registered agent's business office, the registered agent may change the street address of the registered office of any foreign business trust for which the registered agent is the registered agent by notifying the foreign business trust in writing of the change and signing, either manually or in facsimile, and delivering to the public regulation commission for filing a statement that complies with the requirements of this section but need not be responsive to Paragraph (5) of Subsection A of this section and recites that the foreign . 143378. 1

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business trust has been notified of the change."

Section 61. Section 53-20-12 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2001, Chapter 200, Section 94) is amended to read:

"53-20-12. CERTIFICATE OF WITHDRAWAL--APPLICATION AND FILING. --

A foreign business trust authorized to transact business in this state may withdraw from this state upon obtaining from the public regulation commission a certificate of withdrawal. To obtain the certificate, the foreign business trust shall deliver to the commission an application for withdrawal. The application shall set forth:

- (1) the name of the foreign business and the state or country under the laws of which it is organized;
- that the foreign business trust is not **(2)** transacting business in this state;
- that the foreign business trust surrenders **(3)** its authority to transact business in this state;
- **(4)** that the foreign business trust revokes the authority of its registered agent in this state to accept service of process and consents that service of process in [any] an action, suit or proceeding based on a cause of action arising in this state during the time the foreign business trust was authorized to transact business in this state may thereafter be made on the foreign business trust by service on the secretary of state;

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- (5) an address to which the secretary of state may mail [any] \underline{a} copy of any process against the foreign business trust served on the secretary of state;
- (6) a commitment to notify the commission in the future of any change in its mailing address; and
- (7) additional information necessary or appropriate to enable the commission to determine and assess any unpaid fees or taxes payable by the foreign business trust.
- B. The application for withdrawal shall be made on forms prescribed and furnished by the public regulation commission or on forms containing substantially the same information as forms prescribed by the commission and shall be executed by the trust by an authorized person, or if the foreign business trust is in the hands of a receiver or trustee, by the receiver or trustee."

Section 62. Section 53-20-17 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2001, Chapter 200, Section 99) is amended to read:

"53-20-17. FEES.--The public regulation commission shall charge and collect from a foreign business trust for:

A. filing a statement of change of address of registered office or change of registered agent, or both, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);

[B. filing an application of a foreign business
trust for a certificate of authority to transact business in
this state and issuing a certificate of authority, two hundred
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fifty dollars (\$250);]

- B. filing an agent's statement of change of address of registered agent for each affected corporation, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);
- C. filing a certificate of correction or amendment of a foreign business trust authorized to transact business in this state, fifty dollars (\$50.00);
- D. filing an application for withdrawal of a foreign business trust and issuing a certificate of withdrawal, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);
- E. filing any other statement of a foreign business trust, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00); and
- F. for furnishing a certified copy of any document, instrument or paper relating to a foreign business trust, one dollar (\$1.00) per page and ten dollars (\$10.00) for the certificate and affixing the seal thereto."

Section 63. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2003.

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