#### SENATE BILL 402

# 48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

### INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO BUSINESS ENTITIES; CHANGING REPORTING PERIODS;
CHANGING PENALTIES; AMENDING THE CORPORATE REPORTS ACT;
AMENDING AND ENACTING SECTIONS OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
ACT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. 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. A domestic corporation required to file [an annual] a biennial corporate report, as provided in the Corporate Reports Act, that fails to submit the report within the time prescribed for a reporting period shall incur a civil penalty of [two hundred dollars (\$200)] fifty dollars (\$50.00) in addition to the fee for filing the report, such civil

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penalty to be paid upon filing the report. Sixty days after written notice of failure to file a report has been mailed to 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 incorporation canceled by the commission without further proceedings, unless the report is filed and all fees and penalties are paid within that sixty-day period.

- A foreign corporation required to file [an annual] a biennial corporate report that fails to submit the report within the time prescribed for any reporting period shall incur a civil penalty of [two hundred dollars (\$200)] fifty dollars (\$50.00) in addition to the fee for filing the 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 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 and penalties are paid within that sixty-day period. Nothing in this section authorizes a forfeiture of the right or privilege of engaging in interstate commerce.
- C. A domestic or foreign corporation not exempted .164892.1

from filing a supplemental report, as provided in the Corporate Reports Act, that fails to submit the required report within the time prescribed for a reporting period shall incur a civil penalty of [two hundred dollars (\$200)] fifty dollars (\$50.00) in addition to the fee for filing the report, such civil penalty to be paid upon filing the report.

- D. 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 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 2. 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:
- A. for filing the original articles of organization and issuing a certificate of organization, a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00);
- B. for filing amended or restated articles of merger and issuing a certificate of amended or restated articles, a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00);
- C. for filing articles of merger, conversion or consolidation and issuing a certificate of consolidation, a fee .164892.1

of one hundred dollars (\$100);

- D. for filing articles of dissolution or revocation of dissolution, a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);
- E. for issuing a certificate for any purpose not otherwise specified, a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);
- F. for furnishing written information on any limited liability company, a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);
- G. for providing from the commission's records any document or instrument, a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) per page, but in [one] no 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);
- K. for issuing a registration to a foreign limited liability company, a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100);
- L. for filing an amendment of the registration of a .164892.1

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- 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);
- N. for filing of a biennial report, ten dollars (\$10.00); and
- O. for failing to submit a biennial report within the time required pursuant to Section 53-19-75 NMSA 1978, a civil penalty of ten dollars (\$10.00) in addition to the fee for filing the report."
- Section 3. Section 53-19-66.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2001, Chapter 200, Section 74) is amended to read:

### "53-19-66.1. ADMINISTRATIVE REVOCATION.--

- $\underline{A.}$  A limited liability company may be revoked by the commission if:
- [A-] (1) the limited liability company has failed for a period of thirty days to appoint and maintain a registered agent as required by the Limited Liability Company Act; [or
- B.] (2) the limited liability company has failed for a period of thirty days, 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 .164892.1

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<u>(3) the limited liability company</u>	has failed
to file its biennial report within the time require	ed by the
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Limited Liability Company Act or has failed to pay	any fees
prescribed by that act when they have become due ar	nd payable.

B. No limited liability company may be administratively revoked pursuant to this section unless:

(1) the commission has given the corporation not less than sixty days' notice thereof by first class regular mail addressed to its registered office in New Mexico and either to its principal office in the state or country pursuant to the laws of which it is organized or the principal office of the limited liability company as each address is shown in the last report filed with the commission; and

(2) the limited liability company fails prior to revocation to file the biennial report; pay fees or penalties; appoint and maintain a registered agent; file the required statement of change of office or registered agent; or correct such misrepresentation pursuant to the Limited Liability Company Act."

Section 4. A new section of the Limited Liability Company Act, Section 53-19-75 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:

## "53-19-75. [NEW MATERIAL] BIENNIAL REPORT.--

A. Each domestic and foreign limited liability company authorized to conduct affairs in New Mexico shall file, .164892.1

within the time prescribed by the Limited Liability Company
Act, on forms prescribed and furnished by the commission to the
limited liability company not less than thirty days prior to
the date such report is due, a biennial report setting forth:

- (1) the name of the limited liability company and the state or country pursuant to the laws of which it is organized;
- (2) the address of the registered office of the limited liability company in New Mexico and the name of its registered agent in this state at such address, and in the case of a foreign limited liability company, the address of its registered office in the state or country pursuant to the laws of which it is organized and the address of the principal office of the limited liability company, if different from the address of the registered office; and
- (3) the names and respective addresses of the members and manager of the limited liability company.
- B. The biennial report shall be signed by an authorized member or manager. If the limited liability company is in the hands of a receiver or trustee, the biennial report shall be executed on behalf of the limited liability company by the receiver or trustee. A copy of the biennial report shall be maintained at the limited liability company's principal place of business as contained in the report and shall be made available to the general public for inspection during regular .164892.1

business hours."

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Section 5. A new section of the Limited Liability Company Act, Section 53-19-76 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:

"53-19-76. [NEW MATERIAL] FILING OF BIENNIAL REPORT. -- The biennial report of a domestic or foreign limited liability company shall be delivered to the commission on or before the fifteenth day of the fifth month following the end of its taxable year, except that the first biennial report of a domestic or foreign limited liability company shall be filed within thirty days of the date on which its certificate of organization or its certificate of registration was issued by the commission."

EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2007.

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