

SENATE BILL No. 377

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 23-1; IC 23-4-1; IC 23-15; IC 23-16; IC 23-17; IC 23-18.

Synopsis: Various business entity matters. Makes various changes to business and other associations law concerning the following: (1) Information required to be filed with the secretary of state's office. (2) Information required to be set forth in articles of incorporation. (3) Information required to be sent to registered agents. (4) Responsibilities of registered agents. (5) An exception to the notice requirements and procedures concerning administrative revocations of certificates of authorities and dissolutions. (6) Procedures concerning reinstatement and denial of reinstatement. (7) Stated powers of corporations, nonprofit corporations, and limited liability companies. (8) Issuance of interrogatories by the secretary of state and investigative claims. (9) Filing false documents with the secretary of state. (10) Use of assumed business names. (11) Domestication of nonprofit corporations. (12) The officers and the powers and duties of officers of a limited liability company, including certain provisions that are made retroactive. (13) The effective date of certain provisions concerning officers of a limited liability company. Removes provisions concerning the following: (1) Delivery by telecopy and facsimile. (2) Requiring creation of copies of certain documents. Repeals a provision concerning having a corporation as a resident agent.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning business and other associations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 23-1-18-1.1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 1.1. (a) For purposes
3 of this article, except for a biennial report filed under IC 23-1-53-4, a
4 document is delivered for filing if the document is transferred to the
5 secretary of state by hand, mail, ~~telecopy, facsimile,~~ or ~~other~~ a form of
6 electronic transmission meeting the requirements established by the
7 secretary of state.
8 (b) If a document is delivered for filing by hand or mail, the
9 document must be accompanied by:
10 (1) two (2) exact or conformed copies of a document filed under
11 IC 23-1-24-3 or IC 23-1-49-9; or
12 (2) one (1) exact or conformed copy of any other document filed
13 under this article.
14 (c) ~~The office of the secretary of state shall create any copies of a~~
15 ~~document delivered by telecopy facsimile, or other form of electronic~~
16 ~~transmission that are required for distribution under this article.~~



1 SECTION 2. IC 23-1-18-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.106-2008,
 2 SECTION 49, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 3 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 3. (a) The secretary of state shall collect the
 4 following fees when the documents described in this subsection are
 5 delivered to the secretary of state for filing:

6	Document	Electronic	Fee
7		Filing Fee	(Other than
8			electronic
9			filing)
10	(1) Articles of incorporation	\$75	\$90
11	(2) Application for use of		
12	indistinguishable name	\$10	\$20
13	(3) Application for reserved name	\$10	\$20
14	(4) Application for renewal		
15	of reservation	\$10	\$20
16	(5) Notice of transfer of		
17	reserved name	\$10	\$20
18	(6) Application for registered		
19	name	\$20	\$30
20	(7) Application for renewal of		
21	registered name	\$20	\$30
22	(8) Corporation's statement of		
23	change of registered agent		
24	or registered office or both	No Fee	No Fee
25	(9) Agent's statement of change		
26	of registered office for each		
27	affected corporation	No Fee	No Fee
28	(10) Agent's statement of		
29	resignation	No Fee	No Fee
30	(11) Amendment of articles of		
31	incorporation	\$20	\$30
32	(12) Restatement of articles of		
33	incorporation	\$20	\$30
34	with amendment of articles	\$20	\$30
35	(13) Articles of merger or share		
36	exchange	\$75	\$90
37	(14) Articles of dissolution	\$20	\$30
38	(15) Articles of revocation of		
39	dissolution	\$20	\$30
40	(16) Certificate of administrative		
41	dissolution	No Fee	No Fee
42	(17) Application for reinstatement		



1	following administrative		
2	dissolution	\$20	\$30
3	(18) Certificate of reinstatement	No Fee	No Fee
4	(19) Certificate of judicial		
5	dissolution	No Fee	No Fee
6	(20) Application for certificate of		
7	authority	\$75	\$90
8	(21) Application for amended		
9	certificate of authority	\$20	\$30
10	(22) Application for certificate of		
11	withdrawal	\$20	\$30
12	(23) Certificate of revocation of		
13	authority to transact business	No Fee	No Fee
14	(24) Biennial report	\$20	\$30
15	(25) Articles of correction	\$20	\$30
16	(26) Application for certificate		
17	of existence or authorization	\$15	\$15
18	(27) Any other document		
19	required or permitted to		
20	be filed by this article,		
21	including an application		
22	for any other certificates		
23	or certification certificate		
24	(except for any such other		
25	certificates that the secretary		
26	of state may determine to		
27	issue without additional fee		
28	in connection with particular		
29	filings) and a request for		
30	other facts of record under		
31	section 9(b)(6) of this		
32	chapter	\$20	\$30

33 The secretary of state shall prescribe the electronic means of filing
34 documents to which the electronic filing fees set forth in this section
35 apply.

36 (b) The fee set forth in subsection (a)(24) for filing a biennial report
37 is:

38 (1) fifteen dollars (\$15) per year, for a filing in writing; ~~including~~
39 ~~facsimile~~; and

40 (2) ten dollars (\$10) per year, for a filing by electronic means;
41 to be paid biennially.

42 (c) The secretary of state shall collect a fee of ten dollars (\$10) each



1 time process is served on the secretary of state under this article. If the
 2 party to a proceeding causing service of process prevails in the
 3 proceeding, then that party is entitled to recover this fee as costs from
 4 the nonprevailing party.

5 (d) The secretary of state shall collect the following fees for copying
 6 and certifying the copy of any filed document relating to a domestic or
 7 foreign corporation:

- 8 (1) Per page for copying \$ 1
 9 (2) For a certification stamp \$15

10 SECTION 3. IC 23-1-21-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 11 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 2. (a) The articles of
 12 incorporation must set forth:

- 13 (1) a corporate name for the corporation that satisfies the
 14 requirements of IC 23-1-23-1;
 15 (2) the number of shares the corporation is authorized to issue;
 16 (3) the street address of the corporation's initial registered office
 17 in Indiana and the name of its initial registered agent at that
 18 office; ~~and~~
 19 (4) the name and address of each incorporator; **and**
 20 **(5) the street address of the corporation's principal office.**

21 (b) The articles of incorporation may set forth:

- 22 (1) the names and addresses of the individuals who are to serve as
 23 the initial directors;
 24 (2) provisions not inconsistent with law regarding:
 25 (A) the purpose or purposes for which the corporation is
 26 organized;
 27 (B) managing the business and regulating the affairs of the
 28 corporation;
 29 (C) defining, limiting, and regulating the powers of the
 30 corporation, its board of directors, and shareholders;
 31 (D) a par value for authorized shares or classes of shares; and
 32 (E) the imposition of personal liability on shareholders for the
 33 debts of the corporation to a specified extent and upon
 34 specified conditions; and
 35 (3) any provision that under this article is required or permitted to
 36 be set forth in the bylaws.

37 (c) The articles of incorporation need not set forth any of the
 38 corporate powers enumerated in this article.

39 SECTION 4. IC 23-1-22-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 40 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 2. Unless its articles of
 41 incorporation provide otherwise, every corporation has perpetual
 42 duration and succession in its corporate name and has the same powers



1 as an individual to do all things necessary or convenient to carry out its
2 business and affairs, including without limitation power to:

3 (1) sue and be sued, complain and defend in its corporate name;
4 (2) have a corporate seal, which may be altered at will, and to use
5 it, or a facsimile of it, by impressing or affixing it or in any other
6 manner reproducing it (however, the use of a corporate seal or an
7 impression thereof is not required and does not affect the validity
8 of any instrument whatsoever, notwithstanding any other
9 statutes);

10 (3) make and amend bylaws, not inconsistent with its articles of
11 incorporation or with the laws of this state, for managing the
12 business and regulating the affairs of the corporation;

13 (4) purchase, receive, lease, or otherwise acquire and own, hold,
14 improve, use, and otherwise deal with real or personal property,
15 or any legal or equitable interest in property, wherever located;

16 (5) sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, and otherwise
17 dispose of all or any part of its property;

18 (6) purchase, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire; own,
19 hold, vote, use, sell, mortgage, lend, pledge, or otherwise dispose
20 of; and deal in and with shares or other interests in, or obligations
21 of, any entity, including itself, except as otherwise prohibited by
22 this article;

23 (7) make contracts and guarantees, incur liabilities, borrow
24 money, issue its notes, bonds, and other obligations (which may
25 be convertible into or include the option to purchase other
26 securities of the corporation), and secure any of its obligations by
27 mortgage or pledge of any of its property, franchises, or income;

28 (8) lend money, invest and reinvest its funds, and receive and
29 hold real and personal property as security for repayment;

30 (9) be a promoter, partner, member, associate, or manager of any
31 partnership, joint venture, trust, or other entity;

32 (10) conduct its business, locate offices, and exercise the powers
33 granted by this article within or without Indiana;

34 (11) elect directors, elect and appoint officers, and appoint
35 employees and agents of the corporation, define their duties, fix
36 their compensation, and lend them money and credit;

37 (12) pay pensions and establish and administer pension plans,
38 pension trusts, profit sharing plans, share bonus plans, share
39 option plans, welfare plans, qualified and nonqualified retirement
40 plans, and benefit or incentive plans for any or all of its current or
41 former directors, officers, employees, and agents;

42 (13) make donations for the public welfare or for charitable,



1 scientific, or educational purposes;

2 (14) transact any lawful business that will aid governmental
3 policy; ~~and~~

4 (15) make payments or donations, or do any other act, not
5 inconsistent with law, that furthers the business and affairs of the
6 corporation; **and**

7 **(16) adopt, either in the corporation's articles of**
8 **incorporation or bylaws, a provision establishing exclusive**
9 **jurisdiction in the circuit or superior courts of any county in**
10 **Indiana, or in the case of pendent jurisdiction, the United**
11 **States district courts of Indiana, for:**

12 **(A) any derivative action brought on behalf of, or in the**
13 **name of the corporation;**

14 **(B) any action asserting a claim for breach of a fiduciary**
15 **duty owed by any director, officer, employee, or agent of**
16 **the corporation to:**

17 **(i) the corporation; or**

18 **(ii) any of the corporation's constituents identified in**
19 **IC 23-1-35-1(d);**

20 **(C) any action asserting a claim arising under:**

21 **(i) any provision of this article; or**

22 **(ii) the corporation's articles of incorporation or bylaws;**
23 **or**

24 **(D) any action asserting a claim governed by the internal**
25 **affairs doctrine, subject to, in each case, the court having**
26 **personal jurisdiction over the indispensable parties that**
27 **are named as defendants in the case.**

28 SECTION 5. IC 23-1-24-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
29 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 1. (a) Each corporation
30 must continuously maintain in Indiana:

31 (1) a registered office; and

32 (2) a registered agent, who must be:

33 (A) an individual who resides in Indiana and whose business
34 office is identical with the registered office;

35 ~~corporation or not-for-profit domestic~~
36 ~~corporation~~ **limited liability company, domestic**
37 **corporation, or nonprofit domestic corporation** whose
38 business office is identical with the registered office; or

39 ~~corporation or not-for-profit foreign corporation~~
40 **limited liability company, foreign corporation, or**
41 **nonprofit foreign corporation** authorized to transact business
42 in Indiana whose business office is identical with the



- 1 registered office.
- 2 **(b) Each corporation shall file all the following with the**
 3 **secretary of state:**
- 4 **(1) The name of the corporation's registered agent.**
 5 **(2) The registered agent's written consent or a representation**
 6 **that the registered agent has consented.**
- 7 **(c) Each corporation formed under the laws of Indiana shall**
 8 **provide to the corporation's registered agent, and update from**
 9 **time to time as necessary, the name, business address, and business**
 10 **telephone number of a natural person who is:**
- 11 **(1) an officer, a director, an employee, or a designated agent**
 12 **of the corporation; and**
 13 **(2) authorized to receive communications from the registered**
 14 **agent.**
- 15 **The natural person is considered to be the communications contact**
 16 **for the corporation.**
- 17 **(d) A registered agent shall retain, in paper or electronic form,**
 18 **the information provided by a corporation under subsection (c).**
- 19 **(e) If a corporation fails to provide the registered agent with the**
 20 **information required under subsection (c), the registered agent**
 21 **may resign, as provided in section 3 of this chapter, as the**
 22 **registered agent for the corporation.**
- 23 SECTION 6. IC 23-1-46-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 24 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 2. (a) If the secretary
 25 of state determines that one (1) or more grounds exist under section 1
 26 of this chapter for dissolving a corporation, the secretary of state shall
 27 serve the corporation with written notice of the determination under
 28 IC 23-1-24-4 **unless the secretary of state:**
- 29 **(1) receives a receipt showing failure of service of process**
 30 **upon the corporation's registered agent at the address of the**
 31 **registered office; and**
 32 **(2) determines that the secretary of state's office has no**
 33 **record of the corporation's principal office address.**
- 34 (b) If the corporation does not correct each ground for dissolution
 35 or demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the secretary of state
 36 that each ground determined by the secretary of state does not exist
 37 within sixty (60) days after service of the notice is perfected under
 38 IC 23-1-24-4, the secretary of state shall administratively dissolve the
 39 corporation by signing a certificate of dissolution that recites the
 40 ground or grounds for dissolution and its effective date. The secretary
 41 of state shall file the original of the certificate and serve a copy on the
 42 corporation under IC 23-1-24-4.



1 (c) A corporation administratively dissolved continues its corporate
 2 existence but may not carry on any business except that necessary to
 3 wind up and liquidate its business and affairs under IC 6-8.1-10-9 and
 4 IC 23-1-45-5 and notify claimants under IC 23-1-45-6 and
 5 IC 23-1-45-7.

6 (d) The administrative dissolution of a corporation does not
 7 terminate the authority of its registered agent.

8 SECTION 7. IC 23-1-49-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 9 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 7. (a) Each foreign
 10 corporation authorized to transact business in Indiana must
 11 continuously maintain in Indiana:

12 (1) a registered office; and

13 (2) a registered agent, who may be:

14 (A) an individual who resides in Indiana and whose business
 15 office is identical with the registered office;

16 (B) a domestic corporation or not-for-profit domestic
 17 corporation **limited liability company, domestic**
 18 **corporation, or nonprofit domestic corporation** whose
 19 business office is identical with the registered office; or

20 (C) a foreign corporation or foreign not-for-profit corporation
 21 **limited liability company, foreign corporation, or**
 22 **nonprofit foreign corporation** authorized to transact business
 23 in Indiana whose business office is identical with the
 24 registered office.

25 (b) Each foreign corporation described in subsection (a) shall
 26 file all the following with the secretary of state:

27 (1) The name of the foreign corporation's registered agent.

28 (2) The registered agent's written consent or a representation
 29 that the registered agent has consented.

30 (c) Each foreign corporation qualified to do business in Indiana
 31 shall provide to the foreign corporation's registered agent, and
 32 update from time to time as necessary, the name, business address,
 33 and business telephone number of a natural person who is:

34 (1) an officer, a director, an employee, or a designated agent
 35 of the foreign corporation; and

36 (2) authorized to receive communications from the registered
 37 agent.

38 The natural person is considered to be the communications contact
 39 for the foreign corporation.

40 (d) A registered agent shall retain, in paper or electronic form,
 41 the information provided by a foreign corporation under
 42 subsection (c).



1 **(e) If a foreign corporation fails to provide the registered agent**
 2 **with the information required under subsection (c), the registered**
 3 **agent may resign, as provided in section 9 of this chapter, as the**
 4 **registered agent for the foreign corporation.**

5 SECTION 8. IC 23-1-51-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 6 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 2. (a) If the secretary
 7 of state determines that one (1) or more grounds exist under section 1
 8 of this chapter for revocation of a certificate of authority, the secretary
 9 of state shall, under IC 23-1-49-10, serve the foreign corporation with
 10 written notice of the determination, **unless the secretary of state:**

11 **(1) receives a receipt showing failure of service of process**
 12 **upon the foreign corporation's registered agent at the address**
 13 **of the registered office; and**

14 **(2) determines that the secretary of state's office has no**
 15 **record of the foreign corporation's principal office address.**

16 (b) If the foreign corporation does not correct each ground for
 17 revocation or demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the secretary
 18 of state that each ground determined by the secretary of state does not
 19 exist within sixty (60) days after service of the notice is perfected under
 20 IC 23-1-49-10, the secretary of state may revoke the foreign
 21 corporation's certificate of authority by signing a certificate of
 22 revocation that recites the ground or grounds for revocation and its
 23 effective date. The secretary of state shall file the original of the
 24 certificate and serve a copy on the foreign corporation under
 25 IC 23-1-49-10.

26 (c) The authority of a foreign corporation to transact business in
 27 Indiana ceases on the date shown on the certificate revoking its
 28 certificate of authority.

29 (d) The secretary of state's revocation of a foreign corporation's
 30 certificate of authority appoints the secretary of state the foreign
 31 corporation's agent for service of process in any proceeding based on
 32 a cause of action that arose during the time the foreign corporation was
 33 authorized to transact business in Indiana. Service of process on the
 34 secretary of state under this subsection is service on the foreign
 35 corporation. Upon receipt of process, the secretary of state shall mail
 36 a copy of the process to the secretary of the foreign corporation at its
 37 principal office shown in its most recent annual report or in any
 38 subsequent communication received from the corporation stating the
 39 current mailing address of its principal office, or, if none are on file, in
 40 its application for a certificate of authority.

41 (e) Revocation of a foreign corporation's certificate of authority does
 42 not terminate the authority of the registered agent of the corporation.



1 SECTION 9. IC 23-1-51-2.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 2 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 3 1, 2014]: **Sec. 2.5. (a) A foreign corporation that has had its
 4 certificate of authority revoked under section 2 of this chapter may
 5 apply to the secretary of state for reinstatement. The application
 6 for reinstatement must include all the following:**

7 **(1) The name of the foreign corporation.**

8 **(2) The effective date of the revocation.**

9 **(3) A statement that the ground or grounds for revocation of
 10 the foreign corporation's certificate of authority either did not
 11 exist or have been eliminated.**

12 **(4) A statement that the foreign corporation's name satisfies
 13 the requirements of IC 23-1-23-1 or IC 23-1-49-6.**

14 **(5) A certificate from the department of state revenue stating
 15 that all taxes owed by the foreign corporation have been paid.**

16 **(b) If the secretary of state determines that the application
 17 contains the information required under subsection (a) and that
 18 the information is correct, the secretary of state shall:**

19 **(1) cancel the certificate of revocation; and**

20 **(2) prepare a certificate of reinstatement that states:**

21 **(A) that the certificate of revocation has been canceled;
 22 and**

23 **(B) the date that the reinstatement is effective;**

24 **(3) file the original certificate of reinstatement; and**

25 **(4) serve, as provided in IC 23-1-49-10, a copy of the
 26 certificate of reinstatement on the foreign corporation.**

27 **(c) When the certificate of reinstatement is effective, the
 28 certificate of reinstatement relates back to and is considered to
 29 take effect as of the effective date of the revocation of the
 30 certificate of authority and the foreign corporation resumes
 31 carrying on its business as if the revocation had never occurred.**

32 SECTION 10. IC 23-1-51-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 33 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 3. (a) If the secretary
 34 of state denies a foreign corporation's application for
 35 reinstatement under section 2.5 of this chapter, the secretary of
 36 state shall serve, as provided in IC 23-1-49-10, the foreign
 37 corporation with a written notice that explains the reason or
 38 reasons for denial.**

39 ~~(a)~~ **(b) The foreign corporation may appeal the secretary of state's
 40 revocation of its certificate of authority denial of reinstatement to the
 41 circuit or superior court of the county in which its registered office is
 42 located within thirty (30) days after service of the certificate of**



1 revocation is perfected. ~~under IC 23-1-49-10.~~ The foreign corporation
 2 appeals by petitioning the court to set aside the revocation and
 3 attaching to the petition copies of its ~~certificate of authority and all the~~
 4 **following:**

5 **(1) The secretary of state's certificate of revocation.**

6 **(2) The foreign corporation's application for reinstatement**
 7 **described in section 2.5 of this chapter.**

8 **(3) The secretary of state's notice of denial described in**
 9 **subsection (a).**

10 ~~(b)~~ **(c)** The court may order the secretary of state to reinstate the
 11 certificate of authority or may take any other action the court considers
 12 appropriate.

13 ~~(c)~~ **(d)** The court's final decision may be appealed as in other civil
 14 proceedings.

15 SECTION 11. IC 23-4-1-50 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 16 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 50. ~~(+)~~ **(a) A domestic**
 17 **limited liability partnership and a foreign limited liability partnership**
 18 **must continuously maintain in Indiana the following:**

19 ~~(a)~~ **(1) A registered office.**

20 ~~(b)~~ **(2) A registered agent, who must be one (1) of the following:**

21 ~~(+)~~ **(A) An individual who resides in Indiana and whose**
 22 **business office is identical with the registered office.**

23 ~~(H)~~ **(B) A domestic limited liability partnership, domestic**
 24 **limited liability company, domestic corporation, or nonprofit**
 25 **domestic corporation whose business office is identical with**
 26 **the registered office.**

27 ~~(H)~~ **(C) A foreign limited liability partnership, foreign limited**
 28 **liability company, foreign corporation, or nonprofit foreign**
 29 **corporation authorized to transact business in Indiana whose**
 30 **business office is identical with the registered office.**

31 **(b) Each limited liability partnership shall file all the following**
 32 **with the secretary of state:**

33 **(1) The name of the limited liability partnership's registered**
 34 **agent.**

35 **(2) The registered agent's written consent or a representation**
 36 **that the registered agent has consented.**

37 **(c) Each limited liability partnership formed under the laws of**
 38 **Indiana or qualified to do business in Indiana shall provide to its**
 39 **registered agent, and update from time to time as necessary, the**
 40 **name, business address, and business telephone number of a**
 41 **natural person who is:**

42 **(1) an officer, a director, an employee, or a designated agent**



1 **of the limited liability partnership; and**
 2 **(2) authorized to receive communications from the registered**
 3 **agent.**

4 **The natural person is considered to be the communications contact**
 5 **for the limited liability partnership.**

6 **(d) A registered agent shall retain, in paper or electronic form,**
 7 **the information provided by a limited liability partnership under**
 8 **subsection (c).**

9 **(e) If a limited liability partnership fails to provide the**
 10 **registered agent with the information required under subsection**
 11 **(c), the registered agent may resign, as provided in section 51 of**
 12 **this chapter, as the registered agent for the limited liability**
 13 **partnership.**

14 ~~(2)~~ **(f) A limited liability partnership or a foreign limited liability**
 15 ~~partnership~~ **partnership may change its registered office or registered agent by**
 16 **delivering to the secretary of state for filing a statement of change that**
 17 **sets forth the following:**

18 ~~(a)~~ **(1) The name of the limited liability partnership.**

19 ~~(b)~~ **(2) The street address of the limited liability partnership's**
 20 **current registered office.**

21 ~~(c)~~ **(3) If the current registered office is to be changed, the street**
 22 **address of the new registered office.**

23 ~~(d)~~ **(4) The name of the limited liability partnership's current**
 24 **registered agent.**

25 ~~(e)~~ **(5) If the current registered agent is to be changed, the name**
 26 **of the new registered agent and the new registered agent's written**
 27 **consent or a representation that the new registered agent has**
 28 **consented either on the statement or attached to the statement to**
 29 **the appointment.**

30 ~~(f)~~ **(6) That after the change or changes are made, the street**
 31 **addresses of its registered office and the business office of its**
 32 **registered agent will be identical.**

33 ~~(3)~~ **(g) If a registered agent changes the street address of the**
 34 **registered agent's business office, the registered agent may change the**
 35 **street address of the registered office of any limited liability partnership**
 36 **or foreign limited liability partnership that the registered agent serves**
 37 **by notifying the limited liability partnership in writing of the change**
 38 **and signing either manually or in facsimile and delivering to the**
 39 **secretary of state for filing a statement that complies with the**
 40 **requirements of paragraph ~~(2)~~ subsection (f) and states that the limited**
 41 **liability partnership has been notified of the change.**

42 **(h) The court's final decision may be appealed as in other civil**



1 **proceedings.**

2 SECTION 12. IC 23-4-1-55 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
3 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
4 1, 2014]: **Sec. 55. The secretary of state may commence a
5 proceeding under section 56 of this chapter to administratively
6 dissolve a domestic limited liability partnership or revoke the
7 certificate of authority of a foreign limited liability partnership if:**

8 **(1) the limited liability partnership fails to pay franchise taxes
9 or penalties imposed by this article or another law within
10 sixty (60) days after the date that the franchise taxes or
11 penalties are due;**

12 **(2) the limited liability partnership is without a registered
13 agent or registered office in Indiana for more than fifty-nine
14 (59) days;**

15 **(3) a limited liability partnership fails to notify the secretary
16 of state that the limited liability partnership's:**

17 **(A) registered agent or registered office has been changed;**

18 **(B) registered agent has resigned; or**

19 **(C) registered office has been discontinued;**

20 **within sixty (60) days from the date of the change, resignation,
21 or discontinuance; or**

22 **(4) the limited liability partnership's period of duration stated
23 in its articles of incorporation expires.**

24 SECTION 13. IC 23-4-1-56 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
25 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
26 1, 2014]: **Sec. 56. (a) If the secretary of state determines that one (1)
27 or more grounds exist under section 55 of this chapter for
28 dissolving a domestic limited liability partnership or revoking the
29 certificate of authority of a foreign limited liability partnership, the
30 secretary of state shall serve, as provided in section 52 of this
31 chapter, the limited liability partnership with written notice of the
32 determination unless the secretary of state:**

33 **(1) receives a receipt showing failure of service of process
34 upon the limited liability partnership's registered agent at the
35 address of the registered office; and**

36 **(2) determines that the secretary of state's office has no
37 record of the limited liability partnership's principal office
38 address.**

39 **(b) If the limited liability partnership does not correct each
40 ground for dissolution or revocation or demonstrate to the
41 reasonable satisfaction of the secretary of state that each ground
42 determined by the secretary of state does not exist within sixty (60)**



1 days after the date service of the notice is perfected under section
 2 **52** of this chapter, the secretary of state shall administratively
 3 dissolve the domestic limited liability partnership or revoke the
 4 certificate of authority of the foreign limited liability partnership
 5 by signing a certificate of dissolution or revocation that recites the
 6 ground or grounds for dissolution or revocation and its effective
 7 date. The secretary of state shall file the original of the certificate
 8 and serve a copy on the limited liability partnership under section
 9 **52** of this chapter.

10 (c) A limited liability partnership administratively dissolved or
 11 revoked continues its existence but may not carry on any business
 12 except that necessary to wind up and liquidate its business and
 13 affairs under IC 6-8.1-10-9 and section 37 of this chapter and
 14 follow rules for distribution under section 10 of this chapter.

15 (d) The administrative dissolution of a limited liability
 16 partnership does not terminate the authority of its registered
 17 agent.

18 SECTION 14. IC 23-4-1-57 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 19 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 20 1, 2014]: **Sec. 57. (a)** A limited liability partnership that has been
 21 dissolved or had its certificate of authority revoked under section
 22 **56** of this chapter may apply to the secretary of state for
 23 reinstatement. The application for reinstatement must include all
 24 the following:

- 25 (1) The name of the limited liability partnership.
- 26 (2) The effective date of the dissolution or revocation.
- 27 (3) A statement that the ground or grounds for dissolution or
 28 revocation either did not exist or have been eliminated.
- 29 (4) A statement that the limited liability partnership's name
 30 satisfies the requirements of section 45(a)(1)(B) of this
 31 chapter.
- 32 (5) A certificate from the department of state revenue stating
 33 that all taxes owed by the limited liability partnership have
 34 been paid.

35 (b) If the secretary of state determines that the application
 36 contains the information required under subsection (a) and that
 37 the information is correct, the secretary of state shall:

- 38 (1) cancel the certificate of dissolution or revocation; and
- 39 (2) prepare a certificate of reinstatement that states:
 - 40 (A) that the certificate of dissolution or revocation has
 41 been canceled; and
 - 42 (B) the date the reinstatement is effective;



- 1 (3) file the original certificate of reinstatement; and
 2 (4) serve, as provided in section 52 of this chapter, a copy of
 3 the certificate of reinstatement on the limited liability
 4 partnership.

5 (c) When the certificate of reinstatement is effective, the
 6 certificate of reinstatement relates back to and is considered to
 7 take effect as of the effective date of the dissolution or revocation
 8 and the limited liability partnership resumes carrying on its
 9 business as if the dissolution or revocation had never occurred.

10 SECTION 15. IC 23-4-1-58 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 11 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 12 1, 2014]: **Sec. 58. (a)** If the secretary of state denies a limited
 13 liability partnership's application for reinstatement under section
 14 57 of this chapter, the secretary of state shall serve, as provided in
 15 section 52 of this chapter, the limited liability partnership with a
 16 written notice that explains the reason or reasons for denial.

17 (b) The limited liability partnership may appeal the denial of
 18 reinstatement to the circuit or superior court of the county where
 19 the limited liability partnership's principal office (or, if none in
 20 Indiana, its registered office) is located within thirty (30) days after
 21 service of the notice of denial is perfected. The limited liability
 22 partnership appeals by petitioning the court to set aside the
 23 dissolution or revocation and attaching to the petition copies of all
 24 the following:

- 25 (1) The secretary of state's certificate of dissolution or
 26 revocation.
 27 (2) The limited liability partnership's application for
 28 reinstatement described in section 57 of this chapter.
 29 (3) The secretary of state's notice of denial described in
 30 subsection (a).

31 (c) The court may:

- 32 (1) order the secretary of state to reinstate the dissolved
 33 limited liability partnership or revoke the certificate of
 34 authority of the foreign limited liability partnership; or
 35 (2) take other action the court considers appropriate.

36 (d) The court's final decision may be appealed as in other civil
 37 proceedings.

38 SECTION 16. IC 23-4-1-59 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 39 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 40 1, 2014]: **Sec. 59.** A person who signs a document that the person
 41 knows is false in a material respect, with the intent that the
 42 document be delivered to the secretary of state for filing, commits



- 1 **a Class A misdemeanor.**
- 2 SECTION 17. IC 23-15-1-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.133-2009,
- 3 SECTION 40, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 4 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 1. (a) Except as otherwise provided in section 2
- 5 of this chapter, a person or general partnership conducting or
- 6 transacting business in Indiana under a name, designation, or title other
- 7 than the real name of the person or general partnership conducting or
- 8 transacting the business shall file for record, in the office of the
- 9 recorder of each county in which a place of business or an office of the
- 10 person or general partnership is situated, a certificate stating the
- 11 assumed name or names to be used and the full name and address of
- 12 the person or general partnership engaged in or transacting business.
- 13 (b) The recorder shall keep a record of the certificates filed under
- 14 this section and shall keep an index of the certificates showing, in
- 15 alphabetical order, the names of the persons and general partnerships
- 16 having certificates on file in the recorder's office, and the assumed
- 17 name or names which they intend to use in carrying on their businesses
- 18 as shown by the certificates.
- 19 (c) Before the dissolution of any business for which a certificate is
- 20 on file with the recorder, the person or general partnership to which the
- 21 certificate appertains shall file a notice of dissolution for record in the
- 22 recorder's office.
- 23 (d) The county recorder shall charge a fee in accordance with
- 24 IC 36-2-7-10 for each certificate, notice of dissolution, and notice of
- 25 discontinuance of use filed with the recorder's office and recorded
- 26 under this chapter. The funds received shall be receipted as county
- 27 funds the same as other money received by the recorders.
- 28 (e) Except as provided in section 2 of this chapter:
- 29 (1) a corporation conducting business in Indiana under a name,
- 30 designation, or title other than the name of the corporation as
- 31 shown by its articles of incorporation;
- 32 (2) a foreign corporation conducting business in Indiana under a
- 33 name, designation, or title other than the name of the foreign
- 34 corporation as shown by its application for a certificate of
- 35 authority to transact business in Indiana;
- 36 (3) a limited partnership conducting business in Indiana under a
- 37 name, designation, or title other than the name of the limited
- 38 partnership as shown by its certificate of limited partnership;
- 39 (4) a foreign limited partnership conducting business in Indiana
- 40 under a name, designation, or title other than the name of the
- 41 limited partnership as shown by its application for registration;
- 42 (5) a limited liability company conducting business in Indiana



- 1 under a name, designation, or title other than as shown by its
 2 articles of organization;
- 3 (6) a foreign limited liability company conducting business in
 4 Indiana under a name, designation, or title other than the name of
 5 the limited liability company as shown by its application for
 6 registration;
- 7 (7) a limited liability partnership conducting business in Indiana
 8 under a name, designation, or title other than the name of the
 9 limited liability partnership as shown by its application for
 10 registration; and
- 11 (8) a foreign limited liability partnership conducting business in
 12 Indiana under a name, designation, or title other than the name of
 13 the limited liability partnership as shown by its application for
 14 registration;
- 15 shall file with the secretary of state a certificate stating the assumed
 16 name or names to be used and the full name and address of the
 17 corporation's, limited partnership's, limited liability company's, or
 18 limited liability partnership's, foreign or domestic, principal office in
 19 Indiana.
- 20 **(f) An entity may not conduct or transact business using an**
 21 **assumed business name in Indiana that is inconsistent with the type**
 22 **of entity it is organized or formed as, unless the entity has filed the**
 23 **articles of conversion, domestication, or merger within the past**
 24 **twelve (12) months.**
- 25 (f) (g) A person, general partnership, corporation, limited
 26 partnership, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership,
 27 foreign or domestic, that has filed a certificate of assumed business
 28 name or names under subsection (a) or (e) may file a notice of
 29 discontinuance of use of assumed business name or names with the
 30 secretary of state or with the recorder's office in which the certificate
 31 was filed or transferred. The secretary of state or the recorder shall
 32 keep a record of notices filed under this subsection.
- 33 (g) (h) This subsection applies to a foreign or domestic corporation,
 34 limited partnership, limited liability company, or limited liability
 35 partnership that, before July 1, 2009:
- 36 (1) filed a certificate stating the assumed name or names to be
 37 used in carrying out the entity's business; and
- 38 (2) filed the certificate:
- 39 (A) with the secretary of state; and
- 40 (B) in the recorder's office.
- 41 The entity shall file a notice of dissolution or notice of discontinuance
 42 of use of the assumed business name or names with the secretary of



1 state and with the recorder's office in which the certificate was filed or
2 transferred.

3 ~~(h)~~ (i) The secretary of state shall collect the following fees when a
4 copy of a certificate is filed with the secretary of state under subsection
5 (e):

6 (1) A fee of:

7 (A) twenty dollars (\$20) for an electronic filing; or

8 (B) thirty dollars (\$30) for a filing other than an electronic
9 filing;

10 from a corporation (other than a nonprofit corporation), limited
11 liability company, or a limited partnership.

12 (2) A fee of:

13 (A) ten dollars (\$10) for an electronic filing; or

14 (B) twenty-six dollars (\$26) for a filing other than an
15 electronic filing;

16 from a nonprofit corporation.

17 The secretary of state shall prescribe the electronic means of filing
18 certificates for purposes of collecting fees under this subsection. A fee
19 collected under this subsection is in addition to any other fee collected
20 by the secretary of state.

21 SECTION 18. IC 23-15-2-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
22 2014]. ~~Sec. 1. Any corporation, for profit or not for profit, now or~~
23 ~~hereafter organized under the laws of the state of Indiana and any~~
24 ~~foreign corporation, for profit or not for profit, now or hereafter~~
25 ~~admitted to do business in the state of Indiana, which is required or~~
26 ~~permitted to designate and have a resident agent, may designate and~~
27 ~~have as such resident agent a corporation authorized to transact~~
28 ~~business in the state of Indiana and authorized by its articles or~~
29 ~~certificate of incorporation to act as such agent. Such corporate resident~~
30 ~~agent shall possess all of the powers and have all of the duties~~
31 ~~conferred or imposed upon the resident agent of any such corporation,~~
32 ~~and whenever or wherever in any statute of this state the term "person"~~
33 ~~is used or appears in relation to such resident agent, said term shall be~~
34 ~~deemed to include a corporate resident agent. Service of any legal~~
35 ~~process upon a corporate resident agent, as resident agent, may be~~
36 ~~made by serving a copy thereof on the president, a vice-president, the~~
37 ~~secretary, or an assistant secretary of said corporate resident agent.~~

38 SECTION 19. IC 23-15-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
39 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
40 JULY 1, 2014]:

41 **Chapter 10. Issuance of Interrogatories and Investigative**
42 **Claims**



1 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "entity" means any entity listed**
 2 **in IC 23-1-20-10.**

3 **Sec. 2. The secretary of state may propound to any:**

4 **(1) domestic or foreign entity that the secretary of state has**
 5 **reason to believe is subject to the provisions of this title under**
 6 **which the entity was created; and**

7 **(2) any officer, director, member, manager, or partner of the**
 8 **entity described in subdivision (1);**

9 **any written interrogatories as may be reasonably necessary and**
 10 **proper to enable the secretary of state to ascertain whether the**
 11 **entity has complied with this title.**

12 **Sec. 3. (a) The interrogatories must be answered not later than**
 13 **thirty (30) days after the date the interrogatories are mailed or**
 14 **within an additional period approved, in writing, by the secretary**
 15 **of state. The answers to the interrogatories must be:**

16 **(1) full and complete; and**

17 **(2) made in writing and under oath.**

18 **(b) If the interrogatories are directed to an individual, the**
 19 **individual shall answer the interrogatories.**

20 **(c) If the interrogatories are directed to an entity, an officer, a**
 21 **shareholder, a member, a manager, or a partner of the entity shall**
 22 **answer the interrogatories.**

23 **Sec. 4. The secretary of state shall certify to the attorney**
 24 **general, for an action as the attorney general reasonably considers**
 25 **appropriate, all interrogatories and answers to the interrogatories**
 26 **that disclose a violation of any of the provisions of this title under**
 27 **which the entity was created, requiring or permitting action by the**
 28 **attorney general.**

29 **Sec. 5. The secretary of state may:**

30 **(1) reverse fictitious filings; or**

31 **(2) administratively dissolve or revoke entities;**

32 **for failure to timely and adequately respond to interrogatories**
 33 **under section 3 of this chapter.**

34 **Sec. 6. The secretary of state may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2**
 35 **that are necessary to carry out this chapter.**

36 SECTION 20. IC 23-16-2-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 37 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 3. (a) Each limited
 38 partnership shall have and continuously maintain:

39 (1) an office at an address set forth in the certificate of limited
 40 partnership that:

41 (A) may be (but need not be) a place of its business in Indiana;
 42 and



- 1 (B) must be the repository for the records required to be
 2 maintained by section 6 of this chapter; and
 3 (2) a registered agent whose business address is in Indiana, for
 4 service of process on the limited partnership, which agent must
 5 be:
 6 (A) an individual resident of Indiana; or
 7 (B) a domestic corporation or a foreign corporation authorized
 8 to do business in Indiana.
- 9 **(b) Each limited partnership shall file all the following with the**
 10 **secretary of state:**
 11 **(1) The name of the limited partnership's registered agent.**
 12 **(2) The registered agent's written consent or a representation**
 13 **that the registered agent has consented.**
- 14 **(c) Each limited partnership formed under the laws of Indiana**
 15 **shall provide to the limited partnership's registered agent, and**
 16 **update from time to time as necessary, the name, business address,**
 17 **and business telephone number of a natural person who is:**
 18 **(1) an officer, a director, an employee, or a designated agent**
 19 **of the limited partnership; and**
 20 **(2) authorized to receive communications from the registered**
 21 **agent.**
- 22 **The natural person is considered to be the communications contact**
 23 **for the limited partnership.**
- 24 **(d) A registered agent shall retain, in paper or electronic form,**
 25 **the information provided by a limited partnership under**
 26 **subsection (c).**
- 27 **(e) If a limited partnership fails to provide the registered agent**
 28 **with the information required under subsection (c), the registered**
 29 **agent may resign, as provided in section 4 of this chapter, as the**
 30 **registered agent for the limited partnership.**
- 31 ~~(b)~~ **(f) A limited partnership may change its registered agent by**
 32 **delivering to the secretary of state for filing a statement containing the**
 33 **following:**
 34 **(1) The name of the limited partnership.**
 35 **(2) The name of its current registered agent.**
 36 **(3) The name and business address of the new registered agent**
 37 **and the new agent's consent to the appointment (either on the**
 38 **statement or attached to it).**
- 39 ~~(c)~~ **(g) If a registered agent changes the address of the registered**
 40 **agent's business office, the registered agent must notify the limited**
 41 **partnership in writing of the change, and sign and deliver to the**
 42 **secretary of state for filing a statement that complies with the**



1 requirements of subsection ~~(b)~~ (f) and recites that the limited
2 partnership has been notified of the change.

3 SECTION 21. IC 23-16-3-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
4 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 2. (a) To form a limited
5 partnership, a certificate of limited partnership must be executed and
6 filed in the office of the secretary of state. The certificate must include
7 the following:

8 (1) The name of the limited partnership.

9 (2) The address of the office and the name and address of the
10 agent for service of process required to be maintained by
11 IC 23-16-2-3.

12 **(3) The street address of the limited partnership's principal
13 office.**

14 ~~(3)~~ (4) The name and the business address of each general
15 partner.

16 ~~(4)~~ (5) The latest date upon which the limited partnership is to
17 dissolve.

18 ~~(5)~~ (6) Any other matters the general partners agree to include.

19 (b) A limited partnership is formed at the time of the filing of the
20 initial certificate of limited partnership in the office of the secretary of
21 state or at any later time specified in the certificate of limited
22 partnership if, in either case, there has been substantial compliance
23 with the requirements of this section. Unless the certificate specifies an
24 effective date that is different from the filing date, the time and date of
25 the filing of the certificate is conclusive evidence as to when a limited
26 partnership is formed.

27 SECTION 22. IC 23-16-9-5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
28 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
29 1, 2014]: Sec. 5. **The secretary of state may commence a proceeding
30 under section 6 of this chapter to administratively dissolve a
31 domestic limited partnership if:**

32 **(1) the limited partnership fails to pay franchise taxes or
33 penalties imposed by this article or another law within sixty
34 (60) days after the date that the franchise taxes or penalties
35 are due;**

36 **(2) the limited partnership is without a registered agent or
37 registered office in Indiana for more than fifty-nine (59) days;**

38 **(3) a limited partnership fails to notify the secretary of state
39 that the limited partnership's:**

40 **(A) registered agent or registered office has been changed;**

41 **(B) registered agent has resigned; or**

42 **(C) registered office has been discontinued;**



1 **within sixty (60) days from the date of the change, resignation,**
 2 **or discontinuance; or**

3 **(4) the limited partnership's period of duration stated in its**
 4 **articles of incorporation expires.**

5 SECTION 23. IC 23-16-9-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 6 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 7 1, 2014]: **Sec. 6. (a) If the secretary of state determines that one (1)**
 8 **or more grounds exist under section 5 of this chapter for dissolving**
 9 **a domestic limited partnership, the secretary of state shall serve,**
 10 **as provided in IC 23-16-2-5, the limited partnership with written**
 11 **notice of the determination unless the secretary of state:**

12 **(1) receives a receipt showing failure of service of process**
 13 **upon the limited partnership's registered agent at the address**
 14 **of the registered office; and**

15 **(2) determines that the secretary of state's office has no**
 16 **record of the limited partnership's principal office address.**

17 **(b) If the limited partnership does not correct each ground for**
 18 **dissolution or demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the**
 19 **secretary of state that each ground determined by the secretary of**
 20 **state does not exist within sixty (60) days after the date service of**
 21 **the notice is perfected under IC 23-16-2-5, the secretary of state**
 22 **shall administratively dissolve the limited partnership by signing**
 23 **a certificate of dissolution that recites the ground or grounds for**
 24 **dissolution and its effective date. The secretary of state shall file**
 25 **the original of the certificate and serve a copy on the limited**
 26 **partnership under IC 23-16-2-5.**

27 **(c) A limited partnership administratively dissolved continues**
 28 **its existence but may not carry on any business except that**
 29 **necessary to wind up and liquidate its business and affairs under**
 30 **IC 6-8.1-10-9 and section 1 of this chapter and follow rules for**
 31 **distribution under section 4 of this chapter.**

32 **(d) The administrative dissolution of a limited liability**
 33 **partnership does not terminate the authority of its registered**
 34 **agent.**

35 SECTION 24. IC 23-16-9-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 36 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 37 1, 2014]: **Sec. 7. (a) A limited partnership dissolved under section**
 38 **6 of this chapter may apply to the secretary of state for**
 39 **reinstatement. The application for reinstatement must include all**
 40 **the following:**

41 **(1) The name of the limited partnership.**

42 **(2) The effective date of the dissolution.**



1 **(3) A statement that the ground or grounds for dissolution**
 2 **either did not exist or have been eliminated.**

3 **(4) A statement that the limited partnership's name satisfies**
 4 **the requirements of IC 23-16-2-1.**

5 **(5) A certificate from the department of state revenue stating**
 6 **that all taxes owed by the limited partnership have been paid.**

7 **(b) If the secretary of state determines that the application**
 8 **contains the information required under subsection (a) and that**
 9 **the information is correct, the secretary of state shall:**

10 **(1) cancel the certificate of dissolution; and**

11 **(2) prepare a certificate of reinstatement that states:**

12 **(A) that the certificate of dissolution has been canceled;**
 13 **and**

14 **(B) the date that the reinstatement is effective;**

15 **(3) file the original certificate of reinstatement; and**

16 **(4) serve, as provided in IC 23-16-2-5, a copy of the certificate**
 17 **of reinstatement on the limited partnership.**

18 **(c) When the certificate of reinstatement is effective, the**
 19 **certificate of reinstatement relates back to and is considered to**
 20 **take effect as of the effective date of the dissolution and the limited**
 21 **partnership resumes carrying on its business as if the dissolution**
 22 **had never occurred.**

23 SECTION 25. IC 23-16-9-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 24 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 25 1, 2014]: **Sec. 8. (a) If the secretary of state denies a limited**
 26 **partnership's application for reinstatement under section 7 of this**
 27 **chapter, the secretary of state shall serve, as provided in**
 28 **IC 23-16-2-5, the limited partnership with a written notice that**
 29 **explains the reason or reasons for denial.**

30 **(b) The limited partnership may appeal the denial of**
 31 **reinstatement to the circuit or superior court of the county where**
 32 **the limited partnership's principal office (or, if none in Indiana, its**
 33 **registered office) is located within thirty (30) days after service of**
 34 **the notice of denial is perfected. The limited partnership appeals by**
 35 **petitioning the court to set aside the dissolution and attaching to**
 36 **the petition copies of all the following:**

37 **(1) The secretary of state's certificate of dissolution.**

38 **(2) The limited partnership's application for reinstatement**
 39 **described in section 7 of this chapter.**

40 **(3) The secretary of state's notice of denial described in**
 41 **subsection (a).**

42 **(c) The court may:**



1 **(1) order the secretary of state to reinstate the dissolved**
 2 **limited partnership; or**

3 **(2) take other action the court considers appropriate.**

4 **(d) The court's final decision may be appealed as in other civil**
 5 **proceedings.**

6 SECTION 26. IC 23-16-10-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 7 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 2. (a) Before
 8 transacting business in Indiana, a foreign limited partnership shall
 9 register with the secretary of state. In order to register, a foreign limited
 10 partnership must submit to the secretary of state an original copy
 11 executed by a general partner, together with a duplicate copy, of an
 12 application for registration as a foreign limited partnership, signed and
 13 sworn to under penalties for perjury by a general partner. The
 14 application must set forth the following:

15 (1) The name of the foreign limited partnership and, if different,
 16 the name under which it proposes to register and transact business
 17 in Indiana.

18 (2) The state, territory, possession, foreign country, or other
 19 jurisdiction where the limited partnership was organized, the date
 20 of its formation and a statement signed by a general partner that,
 21 as of the date of filing, the foreign limited partnership validly
 22 exists as a limited partnership under the laws of the jurisdiction
 23 of its organization.

24 (3) The nature of the business or purpose to be promoted in
 25 Indiana.

26 (4) The name and address of the registered agent for service of
 27 process required under section 4 of this chapter.

28 (5) The name and business address, residence address, or mailing
 29 address of each general partner.

30 (6) The date on which the foreign limited partnership first
 31 transacted, or intends to transact, business in Indiana.

32 (7) The address of the office at which is kept a list of the names
 33 and addresses of the limited partners and the capital contributions
 34 of each, together with a statement by the foreign limited
 35 partnership that it will keep those records until the foreign limited
 36 partnership's registration in Indiana is ~~cancelled~~: **canceled.**

37 **(8) The street address of the foreign limited partnership's**
 38 **principal office.**

39 (b) The following activities, among others, do not constitute
 40 transacting business within the meaning of subsection (a):

41 (1) Maintaining, defending, or settling any proceeding.

42 (2) Holding meetings of the partners or carrying on other



- 1 activities concerning internal partnership affairs.
 2 (3) Maintaining bank accounts.
 3 (4) Maintaining offices or agencies for the transfer, exchange, and
 4 registration of the partnership's own securities or maintaining
 5 trustees or depositaries with respect to those securities.
 6 (5) Selling through independent contractors.
 7 (6) Soliciting or obtaining orders, whether by mail or through
 8 employees or agents or otherwise, if the orders require acceptance
 9 outside Indiana before they become contracts.
 10 (7) Creating or acquiring indebtedness, mortgages, and security
 11 interests in real or personal property.
 12 (8) Securing or collecting debts or enforcing mortgages and
 13 security interests in property securing the debts.
 14 (9) Owning, without more, real or personal property.
 15 (10) Conducting an isolated transaction that is completed within
 16 thirty (30) days and that is not one (1) of a course of repeated
 17 transactions of a like nature.
 18 (11) Transacting business in interstate commerce.
 19 (c) Service of legal process upon any foreign limited partnership
 20 shall be made as provided in IC 23-16-2-3, except the secretary of state
 21 is the agent for service of process for a foreign limited partnership
 22 transacting business in Indiana without registration.
 23 SECTION 27. IC 23-16-10-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 24 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 4. (a) Except as
 25 provided in subsection (b), a foreign limited partnership may register
 26 with the secretary of state under any name (whether or not it is the
 27 name under which it is registered in the jurisdiction of its organization)
 28 that:
 29 (1) includes the words "limited partnership" or the abbreviation
 30 "L.P."; and
 31 (2) could be registered by a domestic limited partnership.
 32 (b) A foreign limited partnership may apply to the secretary of state
 33 to use a name that is not distinguishable upon the secretary of state's
 34 records from one (1) or more of the names described in subsection (a).
 35 The secretary of state shall authorize use of the name applied for if:
 36 (1) the other domestic or foreign limited partnership files its
 37 written consent to the use of its name, signed by any current
 38 general partner of the other limited partnership and verified
 39 subject to the penalties for perjury; or
 40 (2) the applicant delivers to the secretary of state a certified copy
 41 of a final court judgment establishing the applicant's right to use
 42 the name applied for in Indiana.



- 1 (c) Each foreign limited partnership shall have and maintain:
 2 (1) an office, which may be (but need not be) a place of its
 3 business in Indiana; and
 4 (2) a registered agent whose business address is in Indiana for
 5 service of process on the foreign limited partnership, which may
 6 be:
 7 (A) an individual resident of Indiana; or
 8 (B) a domestic corporation or a foreign corporation authorized
 9 to transact business in Indiana.
- 10 **(d) Each foreign limited partnership shall file all the following**
 11 **with the secretary of state:**
 12 **(1) The name of the foreign limited partnership's registered**
 13 **agent.**
 14 **(2) The registered agent's written consent or a representation**
 15 **that the registered agent has consented.**
- 16 **(e) Each foreign limited partnership qualified to do business in**
 17 **Indiana shall provide to the foreign limited partnership's**
 18 **registered agent, and update from time to time as necessary, the**
 19 **name, business address, and business telephone number of a**
 20 **natural person who is:**
 21 **(1) an officer, a director, an employee, or a designated agent**
 22 **of the foreign limited partnership; and**
 23 **(2) authorized to receive communications from the registered**
 24 **agent.**
- 25 **The natural person is considered to be the communications contact**
 26 **for the foreign limited partnership.**
- 27 **(f) A registered agent shall retain, in paper or electronic form,**
 28 **the information provided by a foreign limited partnership under**
 29 **subsection (e).**
- 30 **(g) If a foreign limited partnership fails to provide the**
 31 **registered agent with the information required under subsection**
 32 **(e), the registered agent may resign, as provided in subsection (j),**
 33 **as the registered agent for the foreign limited partnership.**
- 34 ~~(h)~~ **(h) A foreign limited partnership may change its registered agent**
 35 **by delivering to the secretary of state for filing a statement containing**
 36 **the following:**
 37 **(1) The name of the foreign limited partnership.**
 38 **(2) The name of its current registered agent.**
 39 **(3) The name and business address of the new registered agent**
 40 **and the new agent's consent to the appointment (either on the**
 41 **statement or attached to it).**
- 42 ~~(i)~~ **(i) If a registered agent changes the address of the registered**



1 agent's business office, the registered agent must notify the foreign
 2 limited partnership in writing of the change, and sign and deliver to the
 3 secretary of state for filing a statement that complies with the
 4 requirements of subsection ~~(f)~~ **(h)** and recites that the foreign limited
 5 partnership has been notified of the change.

6 ~~(f)~~ **(j)** A registered agent may resign the agency appointment by
 7 signing and delivering to the secretary of state for filing the signed
 8 original and two (2) exact or conformed copies of a statement of
 9 resignation. After filing the statement, the secretary of state shall mail
 10 one (1) copy to the partnership at the office referred to in subsection
 11 (c)(1). The agency appointment is terminated on the thirty-first day
 12 after the date on which the statement was filed.

13 SECTION 28. IC 23-16-10-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 14 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 15 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 10. The secretary of state may**
 16 **commence a proceeding under section 11 of this chapter to revoke**
 17 **the certificate of authority of a foreign limited partnership if:**

18 **(1) the foreign limited partnership fails to pay franchise taxes**
 19 **or penalties imposed by this article or another law within**
 20 **sixty (60) days after the date that the franchise taxes or**
 21 **penalties are due;**

22 **(2) the foreign limited partnership is without a registered**
 23 **agent or registered office in Indiana for more than fifty-nine**
 24 **(59) days;**

25 **(3) a foreign limited partnership fails to notify the secretary**
 26 **of state that the foreign limited partnership's:**

27 **(A) registered agent or registered office has been changed;**

28 **(B) registered agent has resigned; or**

29 **(C) registered office has been discontinued;**

30 **within sixty (60) days from the date of the change, resignation,**
 31 **or discontinuance; or**

32 **(4) the foreign limited partnership's period of duration stated**
 33 **in its articles of incorporation expires.**

34 SECTION 29. IC 23-16-10-11 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 35 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 36 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 11. (a) If the secretary of state**
 37 **determines that one (1) or more grounds exist under section 10 of**
 38 **this chapter for revoking the certificate of authority of a foreign**
 39 **limited partnership, the secretary of state shall serve, as provided**
 40 **in section 5 of this chapter, the foreign limited partnership with**
 41 **written notice of the determination unless the secretary of state:**

42 **(1) receives a receipt showing failure of service of process**



1 upon the foreign limited partnership's registered agent at the
2 address of the registered office; and

3 (2) determines that the secretary of state's office has no
4 record of the foreign limited partnership's principal office
5 address.

6 (b) If the foreign limited partnership does not correct each
7 ground for revocation or demonstrate to the reasonable
8 satisfaction of the secretary of state that each ground determined
9 by the secretary of state does not exist within sixty (60) days after
10 the date service of the notice is perfected under section 5 of this
11 chapter, the secretary of state shall revoke the of authority of the
12 foreign limited partnership by signing a certificate of revocation
13 that recites the ground or grounds for revocation and its effective
14 date. The secretary of state shall file the original of the certificate
15 and serve a copy on the foreign limited partnership under section
16 5 of this chapter.

17 (c) A limited partnership that has had its certificate of
18 registration revoked continues its existence but may not carry on
19 any business except that necessary to wind up and liquidate its
20 business and affairs under IC 6-8.1-10-9 and section 7 of this
21 chapter.

22 (d) The administrative dissolution of a foreign limited
23 partnership does not terminate the authority of its registered
24 agent.

25 SECTION 30. IC 23-16-10-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
26 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
27 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 12. (a) A foreign limited
28 partnership that has had its certificate of authority revoked under
29 section 11 of this chapter may apply to the secretary of state for
30 reinstatement. The application for reinstatement must include all
31 the following:

32 (1) The name of the foreign limited partnership.

33 (2) The effective date of the revocation.

34 (3) A statement that the ground or grounds for revocation
35 either did not exist or have been eliminated.

36 (4) A statement that the foreign limited partnership's name
37 satisfies the requirements of section 4 of this chapter.

38 (5) A certificate from the department of state revenue stating
39 that all taxes owed by the foreign limited partnership have
40 been paid.

41 (b) If the secretary of state determines that the application
42 contains the information required under subsection (a) and that



1 **the information is correct, the secretary of state shall:**

2 **(1) cancel the certificate of revocation; and**

3 **(2) prepare a certificate of reinstatement that states:**

4 **(A) that the certificate of revocation has been canceled;**
5 **and**

6 **(B) the date that the reinstatement is effective;**

7 **(3) file the original certificate of reinstatement; and**

8 **(4) serve, as provided in section 5 of this chapter, a copy of the**
9 **certificate of reinstatement on the foreign limited partnership.**

10 **(c) When the certificate of reinstatement is effective, the**
11 **certificate of reinstatement relates back to and is considered to**
12 **take effect as of the effective date of the revocation and the foreign**
13 **limited partnership resumes carrying on its business as if the**
14 **revocation had never occurred.**

15 SECTION 31. IC 23-16-10-13 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
16 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
17 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 13. (a) If the secretary of state
18 denies a foreign limited partnership's application for reinstatement
19 under section 12 of this chapter, the secretary of state shall serve,
20 as provided in section 5 of this chapter, the foreign limited
21 partnership with a written notice that explains the reason or
22 reasons for denial.

23 **(b) The foreign limited partnership may appeal the denial of**
24 **reinstatement to the circuit or superior court of the county where**
25 **the foreign limited partnership's principal office (or, if none in**
26 **Indiana, its registered office) is located within thirty (30) days after**
27 **service of the notice of denial is perfected. The foreign limited**
28 **partnership appeals by petitioning the court to set aside the**
29 **revocation and attaching to the petition copies of all the following:**

30 **(1) The secretary of state's certificate of revocation.**

31 **(2) The foreign limited partnership's application for**
32 **reinstatement described in section 12 of this chapter.**

33 **(3) The secretary of state's notice of denial described in**
34 **subsection (a).**

35 **(c) The court may:**

36 **(1) order the secretary of state to reinstate the revoked**
37 **certificate of authority of the foreign limited partnership; or**

38 **(2) take other action the court considers appropriate.**

39 **(d) The court's final decision may be appealed as in other civil**
40 **proceedings.**

41 SECTION 32. IC 23-16-12-5.1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
42 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 5.1. (a) For purposes



1 of this article, a document is delivered for filing if the document is
 2 transferred to the secretary of state by hand, mail, ~~telecopy, facsimile,~~
 3 or ~~other~~ a form of electronic transmission meeting the requirements
 4 established by the secretary of state.

5 (b) If a document is delivered for filing by hand or mail, the
 6 document must be accompanied by:

7 (1) two (2) exact or conformed copies of a document filed under
 8 IC 23-16-2-4 or IC 23-16-10-4; or

9 (2) one (1) exact or conformed copy of any other document filed
 10 under this article.

11 ~~(c) The office of the secretary of state shall create any copies of a~~
 12 ~~document delivered by telecopy facsimile, or other form of electronic~~
 13 ~~transmission that are required for distribution under this article.~~

14 SECTION 33. IC 23-16-12-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 15 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 16 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 7. A person who signs a document**
 17 **that the person knows is false in a material respect with the intent**
 18 **that the document be delivered to the secretary of state for filing**
 19 **commits a Class A misdemeanor.**

20 SECTION 34. IC 23-17-3-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 21 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 2. Articles of
 22 incorporation must contain the following:

23 (1) A corporate name for the corporation that satisfies the
 24 requirements of IC 23-17-5-1.

25 (2) One (1) of the following statements:

26 (A) "This corporation is a public benefit corporation".

27 (B) "This corporation is a mutual benefit corporation".

28 (C) "This corporation is a religious corporation".

29 (3) The street address of the corporation's initial registered office
 30 in Indiana and the name of the corporation's initial registered
 31 agent at that office.

32 (4) The name and address of each incorporator.

33 (5) Whether or not the corporation will have members.

34 (6) Provisions that are not inconsistent with any law regarding the
 35 distribution of assets on dissolution.

36 **(7) The street address of the corporation's principal office.**

37 SECTION 35. IC 23-17-4-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 38 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 2. Unless a
 39 corporation's articles of incorporation provide otherwise, a corporation
 40 has perpetual duration and succession in the corporation's corporate
 41 name and has the same powers as an individual to do all things
 42 necessary or convenient to carry out the corporation's affairs, including



- 1 the power to do the following:
- 2 (1) Sue, be sued, complain, and defend in the corporation's
3 corporate name.
- 4 (2) Have a corporate seal or facsimile of a corporate seal, which
5 may be altered at will, to use by impressing or affixing or in any
6 other manner reproducing it. However, the use or impression of
7 a corporate seal is not required and does not affect the validity of
8 any instrument.
- 9 (3) Make and amend bylaws not inconsistent with the
10 corporation's articles of incorporation or with Indiana law for
11 managing the affairs of the corporation.
- 12 (4) Purchase, receive, take by gift, devise, or bequest, lease, or
13 otherwise acquire, and own, hold, improve, use, and otherwise
14 deal with, real or personal property, or any legal or equitable
15 interest in property, wherever located.
- 16 (5) Sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, and
17 otherwise dispose of all or any part of the corporation's property.
- 18 (6) Purchase, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, own,
19 hold, vote, use, sell, mortgage, lend, pledge, or otherwise dispose
20 of, and deal in and with, shares or other interests in, or obligations
21 of any entity.
- 22 (7) Make contracts and guaranties, incur liabilities, borrow
23 money, issue notes, bonds, and other obligations and secure any
24 of the corporation's obligations by mortgage or pledge of any of
25 the corporation's property, franchises, or income.
- 26 (8) Lend money, invest and reinvest the corporation's funds, and
27 receive and hold real and personal property as security for
28 repayment, except as provided under IC 23-17-13-3.
- 29 (9) Be a promoter, a partner, a member, an associate or a manager
30 of any partnership, joint venture, trust, or other entity.
- 31 (10) Conduct the corporation's activities, locate offices, and
32 exercise the powers granted by this article inside or outside
33 Indiana.
- 34 (11) Elect directors, elect and appoint officers, and appoint
35 employees and agents of the corporation, define the duties and fix
36 the compensation of directors, officers, employees and agents.
- 37 (12) Pay pensions and establish pension plans, pension trusts, and
38 other benefit and incentive plans for the corporation's current or
39 former directors, officers, employees, and agents.
- 40 (13) Make donations not inconsistent with law for the public
41 welfare or for charitable, religious, scientific, or educational
42 purposes and for other purposes that further the corporate interest.



- 1 (14) Impose dues, assessments, admission, and transfer fees upon
 2 the corporation's members.
 3 (15) Establish conditions for admission of members, admit
 4 members, and issue memberships.
 5 (16) Carry on a business.
 6 (17) Have and exercise powers of a trustee as permitted by law,
 7 including those set forth in IC 30-4-3-3.
 8 (18) Purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any individual
 9 who:
 10 (A) is or was a director, an officer, an employee, or an agent of
 11 the corporation; or
 12 (B) is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a
 13 director, an officer, an employee, or an agent of another entity;
 14 against any liability asserted against or incurred by the individual
 15 in that capacity or arising from the individual's status as a
 16 director, an officer, an employee, or an agent, whether or not the
 17 corporation would have power to indemnify the individual against
 18 the same liability under this article.
 19 (19) Do all things necessary or convenient, not inconsistent with
 20 law, to further the activities and affairs of the corporation.
 21 **(20) Adopt, either in the corporation's articles of**
 22 **incorporation or bylaws, a provision establishing exclusive**
 23 **jurisdiction in the circuit or superior courts of any county in**
 24 **Indiana, or in the case of pendent jurisdiction, the United**
 25 **States district courts of Indiana, for:**
 26 **(A) any derivative action brought on behalf of, or in the**
 27 **name of the corporation;**
 28 **(B) any action asserting a claim for breach of a fiduciary**
 29 **duty owed by any director, officer, employee, or agent of**
 30 **the corporation to the corporation;**
 31 **(C) any action asserting a claim arising under:**
 32 **(i) any provision of this article; or**
 33 **(ii) the corporation's articles of incorporation or bylaws;**
 34 **or**
 35 **(D) any action asserting a claim governed by the internal**
 36 **affairs doctrine, subject to, in each case, the court having**
 37 **personal jurisdiction over the indispensable parties that**
 38 **are named as defendants in the case.**
 39 SECTION 36. IC 23-17-6-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 40 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 1. **(a)** A corporation
 41 must continuously maintain the following in Indiana:
 42 (1) A registered office.



- 1 (2) A registered agent, who must be one (1) of the following:
 2 (A) An individual who resides in Indiana and whose business
 3 office is identical with the registered office.
 4 (B) ~~A business or nonprofit corporation~~ **A domestic limited**
 5 **liability company, domestic corporation, or nonprofit**
 6 **domestic corporation** whose business office is identical with
 7 the registered office.
 8 (C) A foreign ~~business or nonprofit corporation~~ **limited**
 9 **liability company, foreign corporation, or nonprofit**
 10 **foreign corporation** authorized to transact business in Indiana
 11 whose business office is identical with the registered office.
- 12 (b) **Each corporation shall file all the following with the**
 13 **secretary of state:**
 14 (1) **The name of the corporation's registered agent.**
 15 (2) **The registered agent's written consent or a representation**
 16 **that the registered agent has consented.**
- 17 (c) **Each corporation formed under the laws of Indiana shall**
 18 **provide to the corporation's registered agent, and update from**
 19 **time to time as necessary, the name, business address, and business**
 20 **telephone number of a natural person who is:**
 21 (1) **an officer, a director, an employee, or a designated agent**
 22 **of the corporation; and**
 23 (2) **authorized to receive communications from the registered**
 24 **agent.**
- 25 **The natural person is considered to be the communications contact**
 26 **for the corporation.**
- 27 (d) **A registered agent shall retain, in paper or electronic form,**
 28 **the information provided by a corporation under subsection (c).**
- 29 (e) **If a corporation fails to provide the registered agent with the**
 30 **information required under subsection (c), the registered agent**
 31 **may resign, as provided in section 3 of this chapter, as the**
 32 **registered agent for the corporation.**
- 33 SECTION 37. IC 23-17-23-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 34 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 2. (a) If the secretary
 35 of state determines that a ground exists under section 1 of this chapter
 36 for dissolving a corporation, the secretary of state shall serve the
 37 corporation with written notice of the determination under
 38 IC 23-17-6-4 **unless the secretary of state:**
 39 (1) **receives a receipt showing failure of service of process**
 40 **upon the corporation's registered agent at the address of the**
 41 **registered office; and**
 42 (2) **determines that the secretary of state's office has no**



- 1 **record of the corporation's principal office address.**
 2 (b) If the corporation does not:
 3 (1) correct each ground for dissolution; or
 4 (2) demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the secretary of
 5 state that each ground determined by the secretary of state does
 6 not exist;
 7 within at least sixty (60) days after service of the notice is perfected
 8 under IC 23-17-6-4, the secretary of state may administratively dissolve
 9 the corporation by signing a certificate of dissolution that recites the
 10 grounds for dissolution and the effective date of the dissolution. The
 11 secretary of state shall file the original of the certificate and serve a
 12 copy on the corporation under IC 23-17-6-4.
 13 (c) A corporation administratively dissolved continues the
 14 corporation's corporate existence but may not carry on any activities
 15 except those necessary to wind up and liquidate the corporation's
 16 affairs under IC 23-17-22-5 and notify the corporation's claimants
 17 under IC 23-17-22-6 and IC 23-17-22-7.
 18 (d) The administrative dissolution of a corporation does not
 19 terminate the authority of the corporation's registered agent.
 20 SECTION 38. IC 23-17-26-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 21 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 7. **(a)** A foreign
 22 corporation authorized to transact business in Indiana must
 23 continuously maintain in Indiana:
 24 (1) a registered office; and
 25 (2) a registered agent, who may be:
 26 (A) an individual who resides in Indiana and whose business
 27 office is identical with the registered office;
 28 (B) a corporation incorporated or authorized to transact
 29 business under IC 23-1 whose business office is identical with
 30 the registered office;
 31 (C) a foreign business or nonprofit corporation authorized to
 32 transact business in Indiana whose office is identical with the
 33 registered office; or
 34 (D) a nonprofit entity organized or authorized to transact
 35 business in Indiana whose office is identical with the
 36 registered office.
 37 **(b) Each foreign corporation shall file all the following with the**
 38 **secretary of state:**
 39 **(1) The name of the foreign corporation's registered agent.**
 40 **(2) The registered agent's written consent or a representation**
 41 **that the registered agent has consented.**
 42 **(c) Each foreign corporation qualified to do business in Indiana**



1 shall provide to the foreign corporation's registered agent, and
 2 update from time to time as necessary, the name, business address,
 3 and business telephone number of a natural person who is:

- 4 (1) an officer, a director, an employee, or a designated agent
 5 of the foreign corporation; and
 6 (2) authorized to receive communications from the registered
 7 agent.

8 **The natural person is considered to be the communications contact
 9 for the foreign corporation.**

10 (d) A registered agent shall retain, in paper or electronic form,
 11 the information provided by a foreign corporation under
 12 subsection (c).

13 (e) If a foreign corporation fails to provide the registered agent
 14 with the information required under subsection (c), the registered
 15 agent may resign, as provided in section 9 of this chapter, as the
 16 registered agent for the foreign corporation.

17 SECTION 39. IC 23-17-26-13 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 18 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 13. (a) If the secretary
 19 of state determines that a ground exists under section 12 of this chapter
 20 for revocation of a certificate of authority, the secretary of state shall,
 21 under section 10 of this chapter, serve the foreign corporation with
 22 written notice of the determination **unless the secretary of state:**

- 23 (1) receives a receipt showing failure of service of process
 24 upon the foreign corporation's registered agent at the address
 25 of the registered office; and
 26 (2) determines that the secretary of state's office has no
 27 record of the foreign corporation's principal office address.

28 (b) If the foreign corporation does not correct each ground for
 29 revocation or demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the secretary
 30 of state that each ground determined by the secretary of state does not
 31 exist within sixty (60) days after service of the notice is perfected under
 32 section 10 of this chapter, the secretary of state may revoke the foreign
 33 corporation's certificate of authority by signing a certificate of
 34 revocation that recites the ground for revocation and the revocation's
 35 effective date. The secretary of state shall file the original of the
 36 certificate and serve a copy on the foreign corporation under section 10
 37 of this chapter.

38 (c) The authority of a foreign corporation to transact business in
 39 Indiana ceases on the date shown on the certificate revoking the foreign
 40 corporation's certificate of authority.

41 (d) The secretary of state's revocation of a foreign corporation's
 42 certificate of authority appoints the secretary of state the foreign



1 corporation's agent for service of process in any proceeding based on
 2 a cause of action that arose during the time the foreign corporation was
 3 authorized to transact business in Indiana. Service of process on the
 4 secretary of state under this subsection is service on the foreign
 5 corporation. Upon receipt of process, the secretary of state shall mail
 6 a copy of the process to the secretary of the foreign corporation at the
 7 foreign corporation's principal office shown in the foreign corporation's
 8 most recent annual report or in any subsequent communication
 9 received from the corporation stating the current mailing address of the
 10 foreign corporation's principal office, or, if a report or communication
 11 is not on file, in the foreign corporation's application for a certificate of
 12 authority.

13 (e) Revocation of a foreign corporation's certificate of authority does
 14 not terminate the authority of the registered agent of the foreign
 15 corporation.

16 SECTION 40. IC 23-17-26-13.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 17 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 18 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 13.5. (a) A foreign corporation**
 19 **that has had its certificate of authority revoked under section 13 of**
 20 **this chapter may apply to the secretary of state for reinstatement.**
 21 **The application for reinstatement must include all the following:**

- 22 (1) **The name of the foreign corporation.**
- 23 (2) **The effective date of the revocation.**
- 24 (3) **A statement that the ground or grounds for revocation**
 25 **either did not exist or have been eliminated.**
- 26 (4) **A statement that the foreign corporation's name satisfies**
 27 **the requirements of IC 23-17-5-1 or section 6 of this chapter.**
- 28 (5) **A certificate from the department of state revenue stating**
 29 **that all taxes owed by the foreign corporation have been paid.**

30 (b) **If the secretary of state determines that the application**
 31 **contains the information required under subsection (a) and that**
 32 **the information is correct, the secretary of state shall:**

- 33 (1) **cancel the certificate of revocation; and**
- 34 (2) **prepare a certificate of reinstatement that states:**
 - 35 (A) **that the certificate of revocation has been canceled;**
 - 36 **and**
 - 37 (B) **the date that the reinstatement is effective;**
- 38 (3) **file the original certificate of reinstatement; and**
- 39 (4) **serve, as provided in section 10 of this chapter, a copy of**
 40 **the certificate of reinstatement on the foreign corporation.**

41 (c) **When the certificate of reinstatement is effective, the**
 42 **certificate of reinstatement relates back to and is considered to**



1 **take effect as of the effective date of the revocation and the foreign**
 2 **corporation resumes carrying on its business as if the revocation**
 3 **had never occurred.**

4 SECTION 41. IC 23-17-26-14 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 5 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 14. **(a) If the secretary**
 6 **of state denies a foreign corporation's application for**
 7 **reinstatement under section 13.5 of this chapter, the secretary of**
 8 **state shall serve, as provided in section 10 of this chapter, the**
 9 **foreign corporation with a written notice that explains the reason**
 10 **or reasons for denial.**

11 ~~(a)~~ **(b)** A foreign corporation may appeal the secretary of state's
 12 revocation of the foreign corporation's certificate of authority to the
 13 circuit or superior court of the county in which the foreign corporation's
 14 registered office is located within thirty (30) days after service of the
 15 certificate of revocation is perfected. ~~under section 10 of this chapter.~~
 16 The foreign corporation appeals by petitioning the court to set aside the
 17 revocation and attaching to the petition copies of ~~the foreign~~
 18 ~~corporation's certificate of authority and all the following:~~

- 19 (1) The secretary of state's certificate of revocation.
 20 (2) The foreign corporation's application for reinstatement
 21 described in section 13.5 of this chapter.
 22 (3) The secretary of state's notice of denial described in
 23 subsection (a).

24 ~~(b)~~ **(c)** The court may do the following:

- 25 (1) Order the secretary of state to reinstate the certificate of
 26 authority.
 27 (2) Take any other action the court considers appropriate.

28 ~~(c)~~ **(d)** The court's final decision may be appealed as in other civil
 29 proceedings.

30 SECTION 42. IC 23-17-29-1.1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 31 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 1.1. (a) For purposes
 32 of this article, a document is delivered for filing if the document is
 33 transferred to the secretary of state by hand, mail, ~~teletype, facsimile,~~
 34 or ~~other~~ a form of electronic transmission meeting the requirements
 35 established by the secretary of state.

36 (b) If a document is delivered for filing by hand or mail, the
 37 document must be accompanied by:

- 38 (1) two (2) exact or conformed copies of a document filed under
 39 IC 23-17-6-3 or IC 23-17-26-9; or
 40 (2) one (1) exact or conformed copy of any other document filed
 41 under this article.

42 ~~(c)~~ **(e)** The office of the secretary of state shall create any copies of a



1 document delivered by telecopy facsimile, or other form of electronic
2 transmission that are required for distribution under this article.

3 SECTION 43. IC 23-17-31 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
4 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
5 JULY 1, 2014]:

6 **Chapter 31. Domestication of Nonprofit Corporation**

7 **Sec. 1. (a)** A foreign nonprofit corporation may become a
8 domestic nonprofit corporation only if the domestication is
9 permitted by the organic law of the foreign nonprofit corporation.
10 The laws of Indiana govern the domicillary state of the effect of
11 domesticating a foreign nonprofit corporation in Indiana under
12 this chapter.

13 **(b)** A domestic nonprofit corporation may become a foreign
14 nonprofit corporation only if the domestication is permitted by the
15 laws of the foreign jurisdiction where the domestic nonprofit
16 corporation is seeking redomestication. Regardless of whether the
17 laws of the foreign jurisdiction require the adoption of a plan of
18 domestication, the domestication must be approved by the
19 adoption by the nonprofit corporation of a plan of domestication
20 in the manner provided in this section. The laws of the foreign
21 jurisdiction govern the effect of domesticating in that jurisdiction.

22 **(c)** The plan of domestication must include:

- 23 (1) a statement of the jurisdiction in which the nonprofit
24 corporation is to be domesticated;
25 (2) the terms and conditions of the domestication; and
26 (3) any desired amendments to the articles of incorporation of
27 the nonprofit corporation following its domestication.

28 **Sec. 2.** In the case of a domestication of a domestic nonprofit
29 corporation in a foreign jurisdiction, the plan of domestication
30 must be adopted by the board of directors.

31 **Sec. 3. (a)** After the domestication of a foreign nonprofit
32 corporation has been authorized as required by the laws of the
33 foreign jurisdiction, the articles of domestication must be executed
34 by an officer or other authorized representative. The articles must
35 set forth:

- 36 (1) the name of the nonprofit corporation immediately before
37 the filing of the articles of domestication and, if that name is
38 unavailable for use in Indiana or the nonprofit corporation
39 desires to change its name in connection with the
40 domestication, a name that satisfies the requirements of
41 IC 23-17-5-1;
42 (2) the jurisdiction of incorporation of the nonprofit



1 corporation immediately before the filing of the articles of
2 domestication in that jurisdiction; and

3 (3) a statement that the domestication of the nonprofit
4 corporation in Indiana was authorized as required by the laws
5 of the jurisdiction in which the nonprofit corporation was
6 incorporated immediately before its domestication under this
7 chapter.

8 (b) The articles of domestication must either contain all the
9 provisions that IC 23-17-3-2 requires to be set forth in articles of
10 incorporation and any other desired provisions that IC 23-17-3-3
11 permits to be included in the articles of incorporation or must have
12 attached articles of incorporation. In either case, provisions that
13 would not be required to be included in restated articles of
14 incorporation may be omitted.

15 (c) The articles of domestication must be delivered to the
16 secretary of state for filing and are effective at the time provided
17 in IC 23-17-29-4.

18 (d) If the foreign corporation is authorized to transact business
19 in this state under IC 23-17-26, its certificate of authority is
20 canceled automatically on the effective date of its domestication.

21 Sec. 4. (a) Whenever a domestic nonprofit corporation has
22 adopted and approved, in the manner required by this chapter, a
23 plan of domestication providing for the nonprofit corporation to be
24 domesticated in a foreign jurisdiction, an officer or another
25 authorized representative of the domestic nonprofit corporation
26 must execute articles of charter surrender on behalf of the
27 domestic nonprofit corporation. The articles of charter surrender
28 must set forth:

29 (1) the name of the nonprofit corporation;

30 (2) a statement that the articles of charter surrender are being
31 filed in connection with the domestication of the nonprofit
32 corporation in a foreign jurisdiction;

33 (3) a statement that the domestication was approved by the
34 board of directors; and

35 (4) the nonprofit corporation's new jurisdiction of
36 incorporation.

37 (b) The articles of charter surrender must be delivered by the
38 nonprofit corporation to the secretary of state for filing. The
39 articles of charter surrender are effective at the time provided in
40 IC 23-17-29-4.

41 Sec. 5. When a domestication of a foreign nonprofit corporation
42 in Indiana becomes effective:



- 1 (1) the title to all real and personal property, both tangible
2 and intangible, held by the nonprofit corporation remains in
3 the nonprofit corporation without reversion or impairment;
4 (2) the liabilities of the nonprofit corporation remain the
5 liabilities of the nonprofit corporation;
6 (3) an action or proceeding pending against the nonprofit
7 corporation continues against the nonprofit corporation as if
8 the domestication had not occurred;
9 (4) the articles of domestication, or the articles of
10 incorporation attached to the articles of domestication,
11 constitute the articles of incorporation of the nonprofit
12 corporation;
13 (5) the nonprofit corporation is considered to:
14 (A) be incorporated under the laws of Indiana for all
15 purposes;
16 (B) be the same nonprofit corporation without interruption
17 as the nonprofit corporation that existed under the laws of
18 the foreign jurisdiction; and
19 (C) have been incorporated on the date it was originally
20 incorporated in the foreign jurisdiction.
- 21 Sec. 6. (a) Unless otherwise provided in a plan of domestication
22 of a domestic nonprofit corporation, after the plan has been
23 adopted and approved as required by this chapter, and at any time
24 before the domestication has become effective, the plan of
25 domestication may be abandoned by the board of directors.
- 26 (b) If a domestication is abandoned under subsection (a) after
27 articles of charter surrender have been filed with the secretary of
28 state but before the domestication has become effective, a
29 statement that the domestication has been abandoned under this
30 section, executed by an officer or other authorized representative,
31 must be delivered to the secretary of state for filing before the
32 effective date of the domestication. The statement is effective upon
33 filing and the domestication is abandoned and may not become
34 effective.
- 35 (c) If the domestication of a foreign nonprofit corporation in
36 Indiana is abandoned under the laws of the foreign jurisdiction
37 after articles of domestication have been filed with the secretary of
38 state, a statement that the domestication has been abandoned,
39 executed by an officer or other authorized representative, must be
40 delivered to the secretary of state for filing. The statement is
41 effective upon filing and the domestication is abandoned and may
42 not become effective.



1 SECTION 44. IC 23-18-2-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 2. Unless the limited
 3 liability company's articles of organization provide otherwise, every
 4 limited liability company has the same powers as an individual to do
 5 all things necessary or convenient to carry out its business and affairs,
 6 including the following:

- 7 (1) Sue, be sued, complain, and defend in its name.
 8 (2) Make and amend operating agreements, not inconsistent with
 9 its articles of organization or with the laws of this state, for
 10 managing the business and regulating the affairs of the limited
 11 liability company.
 12 (3) Purchase, receive, lease, or otherwise acquire and own, hold,
 13 improve, use, and otherwise deal with real or personal property,
 14 or any legal or equitable interest in property, wherever located.
 15 (4) Sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, and
 16 otherwise dispose of all or any part of its property.
 17 (5) Except as otherwise prohibited by this article:
 18 (A) purchase, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire;
 19 (B) own, hold, vote, use, sell, mortgage, lend, pledge, or
 20 otherwise dispose of; and
 21 (C) deal in and with shares, interests, obligations, or other
 22 securities of;
 23 any corporation, partnership, association, limited liability
 24 company, foreign limited liability company, or business trust.
 25 (6) Make contracts and guarantees, incur liabilities, borrow
 26 money, and issue notes, bonds, and other obligations, and secure
 27 any of its obligations by mortgage or pledge of any of its property,
 28 franchises, or income.
 29 (7) Lend money, invest and reinvest its funds, and receive and
 30 hold real and personal property as security for repayment.
 31 (8) Be a promoter, a stockholder, a partner, a member, a manager,
 32 an associate, or an agent of any corporation, partnership, limited
 33 liability company, foreign limited liability company, joint venture,
 34 trust, or other enterprise.
 35 (9) Conduct its business, locate offices, and exercise the powers
 36 granted by this article within or outside Indiana.
 37 (10) Elect or appoint managers, agents, and employees, define
 38 their duties, fix their compensation, and lend them money and
 39 credit.
 40 (11) Pay pensions and establish and administer pension plans,
 41 pension trusts, profit-sharing plans, welfare plans, qualified and
 42 nonqualified retirement plans, and benefit or incentive plans for



- 1 any or all of its current or former managers, employees, and
 2 agents.
- 3 (12) Make donations for public welfare, charitable, scientific, or
 4 educational purposes.
- 5 (13) Transact any lawful business that will aid governmental
 6 policy.
- 7 (14) Indemnify and hold harmless any member, manager, agent,
 8 or employee from and against any and all claims and demands,
 9 except in the case of action or failure to act by the member, agent,
 10 or employee which constitutes willful misconduct or recklessness
 11 and subject to any standards and restrictions set forth in a written
 12 operating agreement.
- 13 (15) To the extent authorized by the licensing authority (as
 14 defined in IC 23-1.5-1-9) provide professional services (as
 15 defined in IC 23-1.5-1-11).
- 16 (16) Make payments or donations or do any other act that furthers
 17 the business and affairs of the limited liability company.
- 18 **(17) Adopt, either in the limited liability company's articles of**
 19 **incorporation or operating agreement, a provision**
 20 **establishing exclusive jurisdiction in the circuit or superior**
 21 **courts of any county in Indiana, or in the case of pendent**
 22 **jurisdiction, the United States district courts of Indiana, for:**
- 23 **(A) any derivative action brought on behalf of, or in the**
 24 **name of the limited liability company;**
- 25 **(B) any action asserting a claim for breach of a fiduciary**
 26 **duty owed by any director, officer, employee, or agent of**
 27 **the limited liability company to the limited liability**
 28 **company;**
- 29 **(C) any action asserting a claim arising under:**
- 30 **(i) any provision of this article; or**
- 31 **(ii) the limited liability company's articles of**
 32 **incorporation or operating agreement; or**
- 33 **(D) any action asserting a claim governed by the internal**
 34 **affairs doctrine, subject to, in each case, the court having**
 35 **personal jurisdiction over the indispensable parties that**
 36 **are named as defendants in the case.**
- 37 SECTION 45. IC 23-18-2-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 38 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 4. (a) At least one (1)
 39 person may form a limited liability company by causing articles of
 40 organization to be executed and filed for record with the office of the
 41 secretary of state. A person does not need to be a member of the limited
 42 liability company at the time of formation or after formation has



- 1 occurred.
- 2 (b) Articles of organization shall contain the following:
- 3 (1) The name of the limited liability company.
- 4 (2) The street address of the limited liability company's registered
- 5 office in Indiana and the name of the limited liability company's
- 6 registered agent at that office.
- 7 (3) The latest date upon which the limited liability company is to
- 8 dissolve, or a statement that the duration of the limited liability
- 9 company is perpetual until dissolution in accordance with this
- 10 article.
- 11 (4) If the articles of organization provide for a manager or
- 12 managers, a statement to that effect.
- 13 (5) Any other matters not inconsistent with this article that the
- 14 members agree to include, including any matters that are required
- 15 to be or may be included in an operating agreement under this
- 16 article.
- 17 **(6) The street address of the limited liability company's**
- 18 **principal office.**
- 19 SECTION 46. IC 23-18-2-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 20 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 10. **(a)** A limited
- 21 liability company must continuously maintain in Indiana the following:
- 22 (1) A registered office.
- 23 (2) A registered agent, who must be one (1) of the following:
- 24 (A) An individual who resides in Indiana and whose business
- 25 office is identical with the registered office.
- 26 (B) A domestic limited liability company, domestic
- 27 corporation, or nonprofit domestic corporation whose business
- 28 office is identical with the registered office.
- 29 (C) A foreign limited liability company, foreign corporation,
- 30 or nonprofit foreign corporation authorized to transact
- 31 business in Indiana whose business office is identical with the
- 32 registered office.
- 33 **(b) Each limited liability company shall file all the following**
- 34 **with the secretary of state:**
- 35 **(1) The name of the limited liability company's registered**
- 36 **agent.**
- 37 **(2) The registered agent's written consent or a representation**
- 38 **that the registered agent has consented.**
- 39 **(c) Each limited liability company formed under the laws of**
- 40 **Indiana shall provide to the limited liability company's registered**
- 41 **agent, and update from time to time as necessary, the name,**
- 42 **business address, and business telephone number of a natural**



1 person who is:

- 2 (1) an officer, a director, an employee, or a designated agent
 3 of the limited liability company; and
 4 (2) authorized to receive communications from the registered
 5 agent.

6 The natural person is considered to be the communications contact
 7 for the limited liability company.

8 (d) A registered agent shall retain, in paper or electronic form,
 9 the information provided by a limited liability company under
 10 subsection (c).

11 (e) If a limited liability company fails to provide the registered
 12 agent with the information required under subsection (c), the
 13 registered agent may resign, as provided in section 12 of this
 14 chapter, as the registered agent for the limited liability company.

15 SECTION 47. IC 23-18-3-2.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.40-2013,
 16 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 17 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 2.5. If the written operating agreement of a limited
 18 liability company provides for officers as permitted by
 19 IC 23-18-4-4(a)(3), the following apply:

- 20 (1) Each officer has ~~only~~ those powers and duties: ~~specified~~
 21 (A) set forth, generally or specifically in the written
 22 operating agreement; or
 23 (B) otherwise delegated to an officer from time to time by
 24 the:
 25 (i) manager or managers of a manager-managed limited
 26 liability company; or
 27 (ii) member or members of a member-managed limited
 28 liability company;
 29 in a manner consistent with the written operating
 30 agreement.

31 (2) Each officer has the status of an agent of the limited liability
 32 company for purposes of section 3 of this chapter.

33 (3) If an officer acts within the officer's apparent authority to carry
 34 on the business of the limited liability company in the usual way,
 35 the officer's actions bind the limited liability company to the same
 36 extent as the actions of a manager would bind a limited liability
 37 company under section 1.1(c)(2) and 1.1(d) of this chapter.

38 (4) Notice to an officer of a matter relating to the business or
 39 affairs of the limited liability company, or the knowledge of the
 40 officer acting in the particular matter, is notice to the limited
 41 liability company to the same extent that notice to a manager or
 42 knowledge of a manager would be treated as notice to a limited



- 1 liability company under section 2(b)(1) of this chapter.
 2 SECTION 48. IC 23-18-3-2.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 3 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 4 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 2.6. Section 2.5 of this chapter**
 5 **and IC 23-18-4-4(a)(3) are effective after June 30, 2013. However,**
 6 **section 2.5 of this chapter and IC 23-18-4-4(a)(3) are not intended**
 7 **to adversely affect the validity of:**
 8 **(1) any provision of a written operating agreement in effect**
 9 **before July 1, 2013, that:**
 10 **(A) provides for an officer or officers; or**
 11 **(B) sets forth the powers or duties of an officer or officers;**
 12 **or**
 13 **(2) any act by an officer before July 1, 2013.**
 14 SECTION 49. IC 23-18-4-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.40-2013,
 15 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 16 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 4. (a) A written operating agreement may do one
 17 (1) or more of the following:
 18 (1) Modify, increase, decrease, limit, or eliminate the duties
 19 (including fiduciary duties) or the liability of a member or
 20 manager for breach of the duties set forth in section 2(a) of this
 21 chapter.
 22 (2) Provide for indemnification of a member or manager for
 23 judgments, settlements, penalties, fines, or expenses incurred in
 24 a proceeding to which a person is a party because the person is or
 25 was a member or manager.
 26 (3) Provide for officers of a limited liability company that is:
 27 (A) managed by a manager or managers; or
 28 (B) managed by a member or members;
 29 by specifying the title, powers, duties, and term of office (either
 30 perpetual or for a specific term) for each officer and the means by
 31 which each officer is to be appointed, elected, or reelected, **or by**
 32 **authorizing in the written operating agreement the authority**
 33 **of the manager or managers of a manager-managed limited**
 34 **liability company or the member or members of a**
 35 **member-managed limited liability company to otherwise**
 36 **establish officers and the titles, powers, duties, and terms of**
 37 **office of the officers.**
 38 (4) Provide that one (1) or more persons who are not members or
 39 managers have the right to approve or disapprove any of one (1)
 40 or more specified actions with respect to the limited liability
 41 company, including:
 42 (A) voluntary dissolution;



- 1 (B) merger; or
 2 (C) amending the written operating agreement.
- 3 (b) If a person who is not a member or manager is given the right to
 4 approve or disapprove specified actions as permitted by subsection
 5 (a)(4), the person does not have the general right to vote with the
 6 members or managers regarding any matters unless specifically
 7 provided otherwise in the written operating agreement.
- 8 SECTION 50. IC 23-18-6-2.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.40-2013,
 9 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 10 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 2.5. (a) Unless otherwise limited or prohibited in
 11 a written operating agreement, any member interest in a limited
 12 liability company:
- 13 (1) may be designated as a transfer on death property under
 14 IC 32-17-14, with:
- 15 (A) the member as the owner of the interest; and
 16 (B) one (1) or more transfer on death beneficiaries designated;
 17 or
- 18 (2) may be titled and held in joint tenancy with right of
 19 survivorship between two (2) or more individuals.
- 20 (b) The following apply upon the death of a person who is the owner
 21 of a member interest designated as a transfer on death property:
- 22 (1) Each surviving transfer on death beneficiary has the status of
 23 an assignee of a fractional or percentage portion of the entire
 24 member interest owned by the deceased owner, consistent with
 25 the transfer on death beneficiary designation, until that transfer on
 26 death beneficiary is admitted as a member of the limited liability
 27 company.
- 28 (2) The rights and obligations of each surviving transfer on death
 29 beneficiary with respect to the member interest are subject to all:
- 30 (A) transfer restrictions;
 31 (B) redemption options; or
 32 (C) other provisions;
 33 that apply to the member's interest or member interests generally
 34 under a written operating agreement.
- 35 (c) The following apply upon the death of a person who is the owner
 36 of a member interest held in joint tenancy:
- 37 (1) Each surviving joint tenant has the status of an assignee of a
 38 **fractional or percentage part of** the entire member interest until
 39 the surviving joint tenant is admitted as a member of the limited
 40 liability company unless the surviving joint tenant was already a
 41 member under subsection (d) before the death of each other joint
 42 tenant.



1 (2) The rights and obligations of each surviving joint tenant with
2 respect to the member interest are subject to all:

- 3 (A) transfer restrictions;
4 (B) redemption options; or
5 (C) other provisions;

6 that apply to the member interest generally under a written
7 operating agreement.

8 (d) If a member interest in a limited liability company is originally
9 and initially issued in joint tenancy form to two (2) or more individuals,
10 each joint tenant has the voting rights of a member unless otherwise
11 provided in the written operating agreement. If an individual member:

- 12 (1) receives and holds a member interest as the sole owner; and
13 (2) at a later date, makes a lawful transfer of the member interest
14 to be held in joint tenancy between the member and one (1) or
15 more other persons;

16 then, unless otherwise provided in a written operating agreement, each
17 other person, while all joint tenants are alive, has the status of an
18 assignee of a fractional part of the member interest until the other
19 person is admitted as a member of the limited liability company.

20 SECTION 51. IC 23-18-10-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
21 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 1. The secretary of state
22 may commence a proceeding under section 2 of this chapter to
23 administratively dissolve a limited liability company if:

- 24 (1) the limited liability company does not deliver its biennial
25 report to the secretary of state not more than sixty (60) days after
26 the biennial report is due;
27 (2) the limited liability company is without a registered agent or
28 registered office in Indiana for at least sixty (60) days;
29 (3) the limited liability company does not notify the secretary of
30 state not more than sixty (60) days after its registered agent or
31 registered office has been changed, its registered agent has
32 resigned, or its registered office has been discontinued; ~~or~~
33 (4) the period of duration stated in the limited liability company's
34 articles of organization expires; **or**
35 **(5) the limited liability company fails to pay franchise taxes or**
36 **penalties imposed by this article or another law within sixty**
37 **(60) days after the date that the franchise taxes or penalties**
38 **are due.**

39 SECTION 52. IC 23-18-10-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
40 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 2. (a) If the secretary
41 of state determines that one (1) or more grounds exist under section 1
42 of this chapter for dissolving a limited liability company, the secretary



1 of state shall serve the limited liability company with written notice of
 2 the determination under IC 23-18-2-13 **unless the secretary of state:**

- 3 **(1) receives a receipt showing failure of service of process**
 4 **upon the limited liability company's registered agent at the**
 5 **address of the registered office; and**
 6 **(2) determines that the secretary of state's office has no**
 7 **record of the limited liability company's principal office**
 8 **address.**

9 (b) If the limited liability company does not correct each ground for
 10 dissolution or demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the
 11 secretary of state that each ground determined by the secretary of state
 12 does not exist not more than sixty (60) days after service of the notice
 13 is perfected under IC 23-18-2-13, the secretary of state shall
 14 administratively dissolve the limited liability company by signing a
 15 certificate of dissolution that states the ground or grounds for
 16 dissolution and its effective date. The secretary of state shall file the
 17 original of the certificate and serve a copy on the limited liability
 18 company under IC 23-18-2-13.

19 SECTION 53. IC 23-18-11-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 20 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 8. **(a)** Each foreign
 21 limited liability company authorized to transact business in Indiana
 22 must continuously maintain in Indiana the following:

- 23 (1) A registered office.
 24 (2) A registered agent, who may be:
 25 (A) an individual who resides in Indiana and whose business
 26 office is identical with the registered office;
 27 (B) a domestic limited liability company, domestic
 28 corporation, or nonprofit domestic corporation whose business
 29 office is identical with the registered office; or
 30 (C) a foreign limited liability company, foreign corporation, or
 31 foreign nonprofit corporation authorized to transact business
 32 in Indiana whose business office is identical with the
 33 registered office.

34 **(b) Each foreign limited liability company shall file all the**
 35 **following with the secretary of state:**

- 36 **(1) The name of the foreign limited liability company's**
 37 **registered agent.**
 38 **(2) The registered agent's written consent or a representation**
 39 **that the registered agent has consented.**

40 **(c) Each foreign limited liability company qualified to do**
 41 **business in Indiana shall provide to the foreign limited liability**
 42 **company's registered agent, and update from time to time as**



1 necessary, the name, business address, and business telephone
2 number of a natural person who is:

- 3 (1) an officer, a director, an employee, or a designated agent
4 of the foreign limited liability company; and
5 (2) authorized to receive communications from the registered
6 agent.

7 The natural person is considered to be the communications contact
8 for the foreign limited liability company.

9 (d) A registered agent shall retain, in paper or electronic form,
10 the information provided by a foreign limited liability company
11 under subsection (c).

12 (e) If a foreign limited liability company fails to provide the
13 registered agent with the information required under subsection
14 (c), the registered agent may resign, as provided in section 10 of
15 this chapter, as the registered agent for the foreign limited liability
16 company.

17 SECTION 54. IC 23-18-11-15 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
18 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 15. The secretary of
19 state may commence a proceeding under section 16 of this chapter to
20 revoke the certificate of authority of a foreign limited liability company
21 authorized to transact business in Indiana if at least one (1) of the
22 following applies:

23 (1) The foreign limited liability company does not deliver its
24 biennial report to the secretary of state within sixty (60) days after
25 the biennial report is due.

26 (2) The foreign limited liability company is without a registered
27 agent or registered office in Indiana for at least sixty (60) days.

28 (3) The foreign limited liability company does not inform the
29 secretary of state under section 9 or 10 of this chapter that its:

30 (A) registered agent or registered office has changed;

31 (B) registered agent has resigned; or

32 (C) registered office has been discontinued;

33 within sixty (60) days of the change, resignation, or
34 discontinuance.

35 (4) A member, a manager, or an agent of the foreign limited
36 liability company signed a document the member, manager, or
37 agent knew was false in a material respect with the intent that the
38 document be delivered to the secretary of state for filing.

39 (5) The secretary of state receives an authenticated certificate
40 from the secretary of state or other official having custody of
41 business entity records in the state or country under whose laws
42 the foreign limited liability company is organized stating that it



1 has dissolved or disappeared as the result of a merger.

2 **(6) The foreign limited liability company fails to pay franchise**
 3 **taxes or penalties imposed by this article or another law**
 4 **within sixty (60) days after the date the franchise taxes or**
 5 **penalties are due.**

6 SECTION 55. IC 23-18-11-16 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 7 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 16. (a) If the secretary
 8 of state determines that one (1) or more grounds exist under section 15
 9 of this chapter for revocation of a certificate of authority, the secretary
 10 of state shall, under section 11 of this chapter, serve the foreign limited
 11 liability company with written notice of the determination **unless the**
 12 **secretary of state:**

13 **(1) receives a receipt showing failure of service of process**
 14 **upon the foreign limited liability company's registered agent**
 15 **at the address of the registered office; and**

16 **(2) determines that the secretary of state's office has no**
 17 **record of the foreign limited liability company's principal**
 18 **office address.**

19 (b) If the foreign limited liability company does not correct each
 20 ground for revocation or demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of
 21 the secretary of state that each ground determined by the secretary of
 22 state does not exist not more than sixty (60) days after service of the
 23 notice is perfected under section 11 of this chapter, the secretary of
 24 state may revoke the foreign limited liability company's certificate of
 25 authority by signing a certificate of revocation that recites the ground
 26 or grounds for revocation and its effective date. The secretary of state
 27 shall file the original of the certificate and serve a copy on the foreign
 28 limited liability company under section 11 of this chapter.

29 (c) The authority of a foreign limited liability company to transact
 30 business in Indiana ceases on the date shown on the certificate
 31 revoking the certificate of authority.

32 (d) The secretary of state's revocation of a foreign limited liability
 33 company's certificate of authority appoints the secretary of state the
 34 foreign limited liability company's agent for service of process in a
 35 proceeding based on a cause of action that arose during the time the
 36 foreign limited liability company was authorized to transact business
 37 in Indiana. Service of process on the secretary of state under this
 38 subsection is service on the foreign limited liability company. Upon
 39 receipt of process, the secretary of state shall mail a copy of the process
 40 to the foreign limited liability company at its principal office shown in
 41 the most recent communication received from the corporation stating
 42 the current mailing address of its principal office or, if it is not on file,



1 in its application for a certificate of authority.

2 (e) Revocation of a foreign limited liability company's certificate of
3 authority does not terminate the authority of the registered agent of the
4 limited liability company.

5 SECTION 56. IC 23-18-11-16.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
6 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
7 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 16.5. (a) A foreign limited liability**
8 **company that has had its certificate of authority revoked under**
9 **section 16 of this chapter may apply to the secretary of state for**
10 **reinstatement. The application for reinstatement must include all**
11 **the following:**

12 (1) **The name of the foreign limited liability company.**

13 (2) **The effective date of the revocation.**

14 (3) **A statement that the ground or grounds for revocation**
15 **either did not exist or have been eliminated.**

16 (4) **A statement that the foreign limited liability company's**
17 **name satisfies the requirements of IC 23-18-2-8 or section 7 of**
18 **this chapter.**

19 (5) **A certificate from the department of state revenue stating**
20 **that all taxes owed by the foreign limited liability company**
21 **have been paid.**

22 (b) **If the secretary of state determines that the application**
23 **contains the information required under subsection (a) and that**
24 **the information is correct, the secretary of state shall:**

25 (1) **cancel the certificate of revocation; and**

26 (2) **prepare a certificate of reinstatement that states:**

27 (A) **that the certificate of revocation has been canceled;**
28 **and**

29 (B) **the date that the reinstatement is effective;**

30 (3) **file the original certificate of reinstatement; and**

31 (4) **serve, as provided in section 11 of this chapter, a copy of**
32 **the certificate of reinstatement on the foreign limited liability**
33 **company.**

34 (c) **When the certificate of reinstatement is effective, the**
35 **certificate of reinstatement relates back to and is considered to**
36 **take effect as of the effective date of the revocation and the foreign**
37 **limited liability company resumes carrying on its business as if the**
38 **revocation had never occurred.**

39 SECTION 57. IC 23-18-12-1.1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
40 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 1.1. (a) For purposes**
41 **of this article, a document is delivered for filing if the document is**
42 **transferred to the secretary of state by hand, mail, ~~teletype~~, ~~facsimile~~,**



1 or ~~other~~ a form of electronic transmission meeting the requirements
2 established by the secretary of state.
3 (b) If a document is delivered for filing by hand or mail, the
4 document must be accompanied by:
5 (1) two (2) exact or conformed copies of a document filed under
6 IC 23-18-2-12 or IC 23-18-11-10; or
7 (2) one (1) exact or conformed copy of any other document filed
8 under this article.
9 (c) ~~The office of the secretary of state shall create any copies of a~~
10 ~~document delivered by telecopy facsimile, or other form of electronic~~
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