

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to business entity filing fees;  
 3           amending ss. 607.0122, 608.452, 617.0122, 620.1109,  
 4           and 620.81055, F.S.; requiring a corporation for  
 5           profit, a limited liability company, a corporation not  
 6           for profit, a domestic limited partnership, a foreign  
 7           limited partnership, and a limited liability  
 8           partnership, respectively, to submit a biennial report  
 9           to the Department of State; revising report filing  
 10          fees; providing for reduction of certain biennial  
 11          report filing and supplemental corporate fees if the  
 12          report is submitted by a specified date of the year in  
 13          which the report is due; amending s. 607.193, F.S.;  
 14          providing that the supplemental corporate fee is due  
 15          in the year that the biennial report is submitted;  
 16          providing that a late charge imposed on a supplemental  
 17          report may be waived by the department in cases of  
 18          demonstrated hardship; amending ss. 607.0121,  
 19          607.0128, 607.01401, 607.0141, 607.0502, 607.0705,  
 20          607.1420, 607.1421, 607.1509, 607.15101, 607.1530,  
 21          607.1531, 607.15315, 607.1601, 607.1622, 608.448,  
 22          608.4481, 608.4482, 608.4511, 608.509, 608.5101,  
 23          608.512, 608.513, 608.5135, 617.0121, 617.0128,  
 24          617.0141, 617.0502, 617.1420, 617.1421, 617.1509,  
 25          617.1510, 617.1530, 617.1531, 617.1533, 617.1601,  
 26          617.1622, 620.1115, 620.1209, 620.1210, 620.1809,  
 27          620.1810, 620.1906, 620.1909, and 620.9003, F.S.;  
 28          conforming provisions to changes made by the act;

29 providing an effective date.

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31 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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33 Section 1. Subsections (4), (17), and (23) of section  
 34 607.0122, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

35 607.0122 Fees for filing documents and issuing  
 36 certificates.—The Department of State shall collect the  
 37 following fees when the documents described in this section are  
 38 delivered to the department for filing:

39 (4) Corporation's statement of change of registered agent  
 40 or registered office or both if not included on the biennial  
 41 ~~annual~~ report: \$35.

42 (17) Biennial Annual report: \$122.50, which shall be  
 43 reduced by 15 percent if filed by January 31 of the year the  
 44 report is due ~~\$61.25~~.

45 (23) Supplemental corporate fee: \$177.50, which shall be  
 46 reduced by 15 percent if filed by January 31 of the year the  
 47 biennial report is due ~~\$88.75~~.

48 Section 2. Section 607.193, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 49 to read:

50 607.193 Supplemental corporate fee.—

51 (1) In addition to any other taxes imposed by law, a  
 52 biennial ~~an annual~~ supplemental corporate fee of \$177.50 ~~\$88.75~~  
 53 is imposed on each business entity that is authorized to  
 54 transact business in this state and is required to file a  
 55 biennial ~~an annual~~ report with the Department of State under s.  
 56 607.1622, s. 608.4511, or s. 620.1210.

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57 (2) (a) The business entity shall remit the supplemental  
58 corporate fee to the Department of State at the time it files  
59 the biennial ~~annual~~ report required by s. 607.1622, s. 608.4511,  
60 or s. 620.1210.

61 (b) In addition to the fees levied under ss. 607.0122,  
62 608.452, and 620.1109 and the supplemental corporate fee, a late  
63 charge of \$400 shall be imposed if the supplemental corporate  
64 fee is remitted after May 1 of the year the biennial report is  
65 due, except in circumstances in which a business entity was  
66 administratively dissolved or its certificate of authority was  
67 revoked due to its failure to file a biennial ~~an annual~~ report  
68 and the entity subsequently applied for reinstatement and paid  
69 the applicable reinstatement fee. In cases of demonstrated  
70 hardship that prevented the timely filing of the supplemental  
71 corporate fee, the Department of State may waive the late charge  
72 of \$400.

73 (3) The Department of State shall adopt rules and  
74 prescribe forms necessary to carry out the purposes of this  
75 section.

76 Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 608.452, Florida  
77 Statutes, is amended to read:

78 608.452 Fees of the Department of State.—The fees of the  
79 Department of State under this chapter are as follows:

80 (4) For filing a biennial ~~an annual~~ report, \$100, which  
81 shall be discounted by 15 percent if filed by January 31 of the  
82 year in which the report is due ~~\$50~~.

83 Section 4. Subsections (4) and (17) of section 617.0122,  
84 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

85           617.0122 Fees for filing documents and issuing  
 86 certificates.—The Department of State shall collect the  
 87 following fees on documents delivered to the department for  
 88 filing:

89           (4) Corporation's statement of change of registered agent  
 90 or registered office or both if not included on the biennial  
 91 ~~annual~~ report: \$35.

92           (17) Biennial ~~Annual~~ report: \$122.50, which shall be  
 93 reduced by 15 percent if filed by January 31 of the year in  
 94 which the report is due ~~\$61.25~~.

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 96 Any citizen support organization that is required by rule of the  
 97 Department of Environmental Protection to be formed as a  
 98 nonprofit organization and is under contract with the department  
 99 is exempt from any fees required for incorporation as a  
 100 nonprofit organization, and the Secretary of State may not  
 101 assess any such fees if the citizen support organization is  
 102 certified by the Department of Environmental Protection to the  
 103 Secretary of State as being under contract with the Department  
 104 of Environmental Protection.

105           Section 5. Section 620.1109, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 106 to read:

107           620.1109 Department of State; fees.—In addition to the  
 108 supplemental corporate fee of \$177.50 ~~\$88.75~~ imposed pursuant to  
 109 s. 607.193, the fees of the Department of State under this act  
 110 are as follows:

111           (1) For furnishing a certified copy, \$52.50 for the first  
 112 15 pages plus \$1.00 for each additional page.

- 113 (2) For filing an original certificate of limited  
114 partnership, \$965.
- 115 (3) For filing an original application for registration as  
116 a foreign limited partnership, \$965.
- 117 (4) For filing certificate of conversion, \$52.50.
- 118 (5) For filing certificate of merger, \$52.50 for each  
119 party thereto.
- 120 (6) For filing a reinstatement, \$500 for each calendar  
121 year or part thereof the limited partnership was  
122 administratively dissolved or foreign limited partnership was  
123 revoked in the records of the Department of State.
- 124 (7) For filing a biennial ~~an annual~~ report, \$822.50;  
125 however, the fee for filing the biennial report and the  
126 supplemental report shall be reduced by 15 percent if the  
127 biennial report is filed by January 31 of the year in which the  
128 report is due ~~\$411.25~~.
- 129 (8) For filing a certificate:
  - 130 (a) Designating a registered agent, \$35;
  - 131 (b) Changing a registered agent or registered office  
132 address, \$35;
  - 133 (c) Resigning as a registered agent, \$87.50; or
  - 134 (d) Of amendment or restatement of the certificate of  
135 limited partnership, \$52.50;
- 136 (9) For filing a statement of termination, \$52.50.
- 137 (10) For filing a notice of cancellation for foreign  
138 limited partnership, \$52.50.
- 139 (11) For furnishing a certificate of status or  
140 authorization, \$8.75.

141 (12) For filing a certificate of dissolution, \$52.50.

142 (13) For filing a certificate of revocation of  
 143 dissolution, \$52.50.

144 (14) For filing any other domestic or foreign limited  
 145 partnership document, \$52.50.

146 Section 6. Paragraph (h) of subsection (1) of section  
 147 620.81055, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

148 620.81055 Fees for filing documents and issuing  
 149 certificates; powers of the Department of State.—

150 (1) The Department of State shall collect the following  
 151 fees when documents authorized by this act are delivered to the  
 152 Department of State for filing:

153 (h) Limited liability partnership biennial ~~annual~~ report:  
 154 \$50; however, the fee for filing the biennial report and the  
 155 supplemental report shall be reduced by 15 percent if the  
 156 biennial report is filed by January 31 of the year in which the  
 157 report is due \$25.

158 Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 607.0121, Florida  
 159 Statutes, is amended to read:

160 607.0121 Forms.—

161 (1) The Department of State may prescribe and furnish on  
 162 request forms for:

163 (a) An application for certificate of status,

164 (b) A foreign corporation's application for certificate of  
 165 authority to transact business in the state,

166 (c) A foreign corporation's application for certificate of  
 167 withdrawal, and

168 (d) The biennial ~~annual~~ report, for which the department

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169 may prescribe the use of the uniform business report, pursuant  
 170 to s. 606.06.

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 172 If the Department of State so requires, the use of these forms  
 173 shall be mandatory.

174 Section 8. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section  
 175 607.0128, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

176 607.0128 Certificate of status.—

177 (2) A certificate of status or authorization sets forth:

178 (d) That its most recent biennial ~~annual~~ report required  
 179 by s. 607.1622 has been delivered to the department; and

180 Section 9. Subsection (20) of section 607.01401, Florida  
 181 Statutes, is amended to read:

182 607.01401 Definitions.—As used in this act, unless the  
 183 context otherwise requires, the term:

184 (20) "Principal office" means the office (in or out of  
 185 this state) where the principal executive offices of a domestic  
 186 or foreign corporation are located as designated in the articles  
 187 of incorporation or other initial filing until a biennial ~~an~~  
 188 ~~annual~~ report has been filed, and thereafter as designated in  
 189 the biennial ~~annual~~ report.

190 Section 10. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section  
 191 607.0141, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

192 607.0141 Notice.—

193 (4) Written notice to a domestic or foreign corporation  
 194 authorized to transact business in this state may be addressed:

195 (b) To the corporation or its secretary at its principal  
 196 office or electronic mail address as authorized and shown in its

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197 most recent biennial ~~annual~~ report or, in the case of a  
198 corporation that has not yet delivered a biennial ~~an annual~~  
199 report, in a domestic corporation's articles of incorporation or  
200 in a foreign corporation's application for certificate of  
201 authority.

202 Section 11. Subsections (2) and (4) of section 607.0502,  
203 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

204 607.0502 Change of registered office or registered agent;  
205 resignation of registered agent.—

206 (2) Any registered agent may resign his or her agency  
207 appointment by signing and delivering for filing with the  
208 Department of State a statement of resignation and mailing a  
209 copy of such statement to the corporation at its principal  
210 office address shown in its most recent biennial ~~annual~~ report  
211 or, if none, filed in the articles of incorporation or other  
212 most recently filed document. The statement of resignation shall  
213 state that a copy of such statement has been mailed to the  
214 corporation at the address so stated. The agency is terminated  
215 as of the 31st day after the date on which the statement was  
216 filed and unless otherwise provided in the statement,  
217 termination of the agency acts as a termination of the  
218 registered office.

219 (4) Changes of the registered office or registered agent  
220 may be made by a change on the corporation's biennial ~~annual~~  
221 report form filed with the Department of State.

222 Section 12. Subsection (5) of section 607.0705, Florida  
223 Statutes, is amended to read:

224 607.0705 Notice of meeting.—



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225 (5) Notwithstanding the foregoing, no notice of a  
226 shareholders' meeting need be given to a shareholder if:  
227 (a) A biennial ~~An annual~~ report and proxy statements for  
228 two consecutive annual meetings of shareholders; or  
229 (b) All, and at least two checks in payment of dividends  
230 or interest on securities during a 12-month period;  
231  
232 have been sent by first-class United States mail, addressed to  
233 the shareholder at her or his address as it appears on the share  
234 transfer books of the corporation, and returned undeliverable.  
235 The obligation of the corporation to give notice of a  
236 shareholders' meeting to any such shareholder shall be  
237 reinstated once the corporation has received a new address for  
238 such shareholder for entry on its share transfer books.

239 Section 13. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
240 607.1420, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:  
241 607.1420 Grounds for administrative dissolution.—  
242 (1) The Department of State may commence a proceeding  
243 under s. 607.1421 to administratively dissolve a corporation if:  
244 (a) The corporation has failed to file its biennial ~~annual~~  
245 report and pay the biennial ~~annual~~ report filing fee by 5 p.m.  
246 Eastern Time on the third Friday in September of the year in  
247 which the report is due;

248 Section 14. Subsection (1) of section 607.1421, Florida  
249 Statutes, is amended to read:  
250 607.1421 Procedure for and effect of administrative  
251 dissolution.—  
252 (1) If the Department of State determines that one or more

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253 grounds exist under s. 607.1420 for dissolving a corporation, it  
254 shall serve the corporation with notice of its intention to  
255 administratively dissolve the corporation. If the corporation  
256 has provided the department with an electronic mail address,  
257 such notice shall be by electronic transmission. Administrative  
258 dissolution for failure to file a biennial ~~an annual~~ report  
259 shall occur on the fourth Friday in September of the ~~each~~ year  
260 in which the report is due. The Department of State shall issue  
261 a certificate of dissolution to each dissolved corporation.  
262 Issuance of the certificate of dissolution may be by electronic  
263 transmission to any corporation that has provided the department  
264 with an electronic mail address.

265 Section 15. Subsection (1) of section 607.1509, Florida  
266 Statutes, is amended to read:

267 607.1509 Resignation of registered agent of foreign  
268 corporation.—

269 (1) The registered agent of a foreign corporation may  
270 resign his or her agency appointment by signing and delivering  
271 to the Department of State for filing a statement of resignation  
272 and mailing a copy of such statement to the corporation at the  
273 corporation's principal office address shown in its most recent  
274 biennial ~~annual~~ report or, if none, shown in its application for  
275 a certificate of authority or other most recently filed  
276 document. The statement of resignation must state that a copy of  
277 such statement has been mailed to the corporation at the address  
278 so stated. The statement of resignation may include a statement  
279 that the registered office is also discontinued.

280 Section 16. Subsection (2) of section 607.15101, Florida

281 Statutes, is amended to read:

282       607.15101 Service of process, notice, or demand on a  
283 foreign corporation.—

284       (2) A foreign corporation may be served by registered or  
285 certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the  
286 secretary of the foreign corporation at its principal office  
287 shown in its application for a certificate of authority or in  
288 its most recent biennial ~~annual~~ report if the foreign  
289 corporation:

290           (a) Has no registered agent or its registered agent cannot  
291 with reasonable diligence be served;

292           (b) Has withdrawn from transacting business in this state  
293 under s. 607.1520; or

294           (c) Has had its certificate of authority revoked under s.  
295 607.1531.

296       Section 17. Subsection (1) of section 607.1530, Florida  
297 Statutes, is amended to read:

298       607.1530 Grounds for revocation of authority to transact  
299 business.—The Department of State may commence a proceeding  
300 under s. 607.1531 to revoke the certificate of authority of a  
301 foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this  
302 state if:

303           (1) The foreign corporation has failed to file its  
304 biennial ~~annual~~ report with the Department of State by 5 p.m.  
305 Eastern Time on the third Friday in September of the year in  
306 which the report is due.

307       Section 18. Subsection (1) of section 607.1531, Florida  
308 Statutes, is amended to read:

309 607.1531 Procedure for and effect of revocation.—

310 (1) If the Department of State determines that one or more  
 311 grounds exist under s. 607.1530 for revocation of a certificate  
 312 of authority, the Department of State shall serve the foreign  
 313 corporation with notice of its intent to revoke the foreign  
 314 corporation's certificate of authority. If the foreign  
 315 corporation has provided the department with an electronic mail  
 316 address, such notice shall be by electronic transmission.  
 317 Revocation for failure to file a biennial ~~an annual~~ report shall  
 318 occur on the fourth Friday in September of the ~~each~~ year in  
 319 which the report is due. The department shall issue a  
 320 certificate of revocation to each revoked corporation. Issuance  
 321 of the certificate of revocation may be by electronic  
 322 transmission to any corporation that has provided the department  
 323 with an electronic mail address.

324 Section 19. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section  
 325 607.15315, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

326 607.15315 Revocation; application for reinstatement.—

327 (1)

328 (b) As an alternative, the foreign corporation may submit  
 329 a current biennial ~~annual~~ report, signed by the registered agent  
 330 and an officer or director, that ~~which~~ substantially complies  
 331 with the requirements of paragraph (a).

332 Section 20. Paragraph (g) of subsection (5) of section  
 333 607.1601, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

334 607.1601 Corporate records.—

335 (5) A corporation shall keep a copy of the following  
 336 records:

337 (g) Its most recent biennial ~~annual~~ report delivered to  
 338 the Department of State under s. 607.1622.

339 Section 21. Section 607.1622, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 340 to read:

341 607.1622 Biennial ~~Annual~~ report for Department of State.—

342 (1) Each domestic corporation and each foreign corporation  
 343 authorized to transact business in this state shall deliver to  
 344 the Department of State for filing a sworn biennial ~~annual~~  
 345 report on such forms as the Department of State prescribes that  
 346 sets forth:

347 (a) The name of the corporation and the state or country  
 348 under the law of which it is incorporated;

349 (b) The date of incorporation or, if a foreign  
 350 corporation, the date on which it was admitted to do business in  
 351 this state;

352 (c) The address of its principal office and the mailing  
 353 address of the corporation;

354 (d) The corporation's federal employer identification  
 355 number, if any, or, if none, whether one has been applied for;

356 (e) The names and business street addresses of its  
 357 directors and principal officers;

358 (f) The street address of its registered office and the  
 359 name of its registered agent at that office in this state;

360 (g) Language permitting a voluntary contribution of \$5 per  
 361 taxpayer, which contribution shall be transferred into the  
 362 Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund. A statement providing an  
 363 explanation of the purpose of the trust fund shall also be  
 364 included; and

365 (h) Such additional information as may be necessary or  
 366 appropriate to enable the Department of State to carry out the  
 367 provisions of this act.

368 (2) Proof to the satisfaction of the Department of State  
 369 that on or before May 1 such report was deposited in the United  
 370 States mail in a sealed envelope, properly addressed with  
 371 postage prepaid, shall be deemed compliance with this  
 372 requirement.

373 (3) If a biennial ~~an annual~~ report does not contain the  
 374 information required by this section, the Department of State  
 375 shall promptly notify the reporting domestic or foreign  
 376 corporation in writing and return the report to it for  
 377 correction. If the report is corrected to contain the  
 378 information required by this section and delivered to the  
 379 Department of State within 30 days after the effective date of  
 380 notice, it is deemed to be timely filed.

381 (4) Each report shall be executed by the corporation by an  
 382 officer or director or, if the corporation is in the hands of a  
 383 receiver or trustee, shall be executed on behalf of the  
 384 corporation by such receiver or trustee, and the signing thereof  
 385 shall have the same legal effect as if made under oath, without  
 386 the necessity of appending such oath thereto.

387 (5) The first biennial ~~annual~~ report must be delivered to  
 388 the Department of State between January 1 and May 1 of the year  
 389 following the calendar year in which a domestic corporation was  
 390 incorporated or a foreign corporation was authorized to transact  
 391 business. Subsequent ~~annual~~ reports must be delivered to the  
 392 Department of State between January 1 and May 1 of the

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393 subsequent calendar years in which the report is due.

394 (6) Information in the biennial ~~annual~~ report must be  
395 current as of the date the ~~annual~~ report is executed on behalf  
396 of the corporation.

397 (7) If an additional updated report is received, the  
398 department shall file the document and make the information  
399 contained therein part of the official record.

400 (8) Any corporation failing to file a biennial ~~an annual~~  
401 report that ~~which~~ complies with the requirements of this section  
402 shall not be permitted to maintain or defend any action in any  
403 court of this state until such report is filed and all fees and  
404 taxes due under this act are paid and shall be subject to  
405 dissolution or cancellation of its certificate of authority to  
406 do business as provided in this act.

407 (9) The department shall prescribe the forms on which to  
408 make the biennial ~~annual~~ report called for in this section and  
409 may substitute the uniform business report, pursuant to s.  
410 606.06, as a means of satisfying the requirement of this part.

411 Section 22. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
412 608.448, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

413 608.448 Grounds for administrative dissolution.—

414 (1) The Department of State may commence a proceeding  
415 under s. 608.4481 to administratively dissolve a limited  
416 liability company if:

417 (a) The limited liability company has failed to file its  
418 biennial ~~annual~~ report and pay the biennial ~~annual~~ report filing  
419 fee by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on the third Friday in September of  
420 the year in which the report is due.

421 Section 23. Subsection (1) of section 608.4481, Florida  
 422 Statutes, is amended to read:

423 608.4481 Procedure for and effect of administrative  
 424 dissolution.—

425 (1) If the Department of State determines that one or more  
 426 grounds exist under s. 608.448 for dissolving a limited  
 427 liability company, it shall serve the limited liability company  
 428 with notice of its intent to administratively dissolve the  
 429 limited liability company. If the limited liability company has  
 430 provided the department with an electronic mail address, such  
 431 notice shall be by electronic transmission. Administrative  
 432 dissolution for failure to file a biennial ~~an annual~~ report  
 433 shall occur on the fourth Friday in September of the ~~each~~ year  
 434 in which the report is due. The Department of State shall issue  
 435 a certificate of dissolution to each dissolved limited liability  
 436 company. Issuance of the certificate of dissolution may be by  
 437 electronic transmission to any limited liability company that  
 438 has provided the department with an electronic mail address.

439 Section 24. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section  
 440 608.4482, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

441 608.4482 Reinstatement following administrative  
 442 dissolution.—

443 (1)

444 (b) As an alternative to the procedures of paragraph (a),  
 445 an administratively dissolved limited liability company may  
 446 submit a current biennial ~~annual~~ report, signed by the  
 447 registered agent, that ~~which~~ substantially complies with the  
 448 requirements of paragraph (a).



449 Section 25. Section 608.4511, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 450 to read:

451 608.4511 Biennial ~~Annual~~ report for Department of State.-

452 (1) Each domestic limited liability company and each  
 453 foreign limited liability company authorized to transact  
 454 business in this state shall deliver to the Department of State  
 455 for filing a sworn biennial ~~annual~~ report on such forms as the  
 456 Department of State prescribes that sets forth:

457 (a) The name of the limited liability company and the  
 458 state or country under the law of which it is organized.

459 (b) The date of organization or, if a foreign limited  
 460 liability company, the date on which it was admitted to do  
 461 business in this state.

462 (c) The street address and the mailing address of its  
 463 principal office.

464 (d) The limited liability company's federal employer  
 465 identification number or, if none, whether one has been applied  
 466 for.

467 (e) The names and business, residence, or mailing address  
 468 of its managing members or managers.

469 (f) The street address of its registered office and the  
 470 name of its registered agent at that office in this state.

471 (g) Such additional information as may be necessary or  
 472 appropriate to enable the Department of State to carry out the  
 473 provisions of this chapter.

474 (2) Proof to the satisfaction of the Department of State  
 475 that on or before May 1 such report was deposited in the United  
 476 States mail in a sealed envelope, properly addressed with

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477 postage prepaid, shall be deemed timely compliance with this  
478 requirement.

479 (3) If a biennial ~~an annual~~ report does not contain the  
480 information required by this section, the Department of State  
481 shall promptly notify the reporting domestic or foreign limited  
482 liability company in writing and return the report to it for  
483 correction. If the report is corrected to contain the  
484 information required by this section and delivered to the  
485 Department of State within 30 days after the effective date of  
486 notice, it is deemed to be timely filed.

487 (4) Each report shall be executed by the limited liability  
488 company by a managing member or manager or, if the limited  
489 liability company is in the hands of a receiver or trustee,  
490 shall be executed on behalf of the limited liability company by  
491 such receiver or trustee, and the signing thereof shall have the  
492 same legal effect as if made under oath, without the necessity  
493 of appending such oath thereto.

494 (5) The first biennial ~~annual~~ report shall be delivered to  
495 the Department of State between January 1 and May 1 of the year  
496 following the calendar year in which a domestic limited  
497 liability company was organized or a foreign limited liability  
498 company was authorized to transact business. Subsequent biennial  
499 ~~annual~~ reports shall be delivered to the Department of State  
500 between January 1 and May 1 of the subsequent calendar years in  
501 which the report is due.

502 (6) Information in the biennial ~~annual~~ report shall be  
503 current as of the date the biennial ~~annual~~ report is executed on  
504 behalf of the limited liability company.

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505 (7) Any limited liability company failing to file a  
506 biennial ~~an annual~~ report that ~~which~~ complies with the  
507 requirements of this section shall not be permitted to  
508 prosecute, maintain, or defend any action in any court of this  
509 state until such report is filed and all fees, penalties, and  
510 taxes due under this chapter are paid and shall be subject to  
511 dissolution or cancellation of its certificate of authority to  
512 do business as provided in this chapter.

513 (8) The department shall prescribe the forms on which to  
514 make the biennial ~~annual~~ report called for in this section and  
515 may substitute the uniform business report, pursuant to s.  
516 606.06, as a means of satisfying the requirement of this part.

517 Section 26. Subsection (1) of section 608.509, Florida  
518 Statutes, is amended to read:

519 608.509 Resignation of registered agent or foreign limited  
520 liability company.—

521 (1) The registered agent of a foreign limited liability  
522 company may resign his or her agency appointment by signing and  
523 delivering to the Department of State for filing the original  
524 statement of resignation and mailing a copy of such statement to  
525 the limited liability company at the limited liability company's  
526 principal office address shown in its most recent biennial  
527 ~~annual~~ report or, if none, shown in its certificate of authority  
528 or most recently filed document. This statement of resignation  
529 shall state that a copy of such statement has been mailed to the  
530 limited liability company at the address so stated. The  
531 statement of resignation may include a statement that the  
532 registered office is also discontinued.

533 Section 27. Subsection (2) of section 608.5101, Florida  
 534 Statutes, is amended to read:

535 608.5101 Service of process; notice or demand on a foreign  
 536 limited liability company.—

537 (2) A foreign limited liability company may be served by  
 538 registered or certified mail, return receipt requested,  
 539 addressed to the secretary of the foreign limited liability  
 540 company at its principal office shown in its application for a  
 541 certificate of authority or in its most recent biennial ~~annual~~  
 542 report if the foreign limited liability company:

543 (a) Has no registered agent or its registered agent cannot  
 544 with reasonable diligence be served;

545 (b) Has withdrawn from transacting business in this state  
 546 under s. 608.511; or

547 (c) Has had its certificate of authority revoked under s.  
 548 608.513.

549 Section 28. Subsection (1) of section 608.512, Florida  
 550 Statutes, is amended to read:

551 608.512 Grounds for revocation of authority to transact  
 552 business.—The Department of State may commence a proceeding  
 553 under s. 608.513 to revoke the certificate of authority of a  
 554 foreign limited liability company authorized to transact  
 555 business in this state if:

556 (1) The foreign limited liability company has failed to  
 557 file its biennial ~~annual~~ report with the Department of State by  
 558 5 p.m. Eastern Time on the third Friday in September of the year  
 559 in which the report is due.

560 Section 29. Subsection (1) of section 608.513, Florida

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561 Statutes, is amended to read:

562 608.513 Procedure for and effect of revocation.—

563 (1) If the Department of State determines that one or more  
564 grounds exist under s. 608.512 for revocation of a certificate  
565 of authority, the Department of State shall serve the foreign  
566 limited liability company with notice of its intent to revoke  
567 the foreign limited liability company's certificate of  
568 authority. If the foreign limited liability company has provided  
569 the department with an electronic mail address, such notice  
570 shall be by electronic transmission. Revocation for failure to  
571 file a biennial ~~an annual~~ report shall occur on the fourth  
572 Friday in September of the each year in which the report is due.  
573 The Department of State shall issue a certificate of revocation  
574 to each revoked foreign limited liability company. Issuance of  
575 the certificate of revocation may be by electronic transmission  
576 to any foreign limited liability company that has provided the  
577 department with an electronic mail address.

578 Section 30. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section  
579 608.5135, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

580 608.5135 Revocation; application for reinstatement.—

581 (1)

582 (b) As an alternative, the foreign limited liability  
583 company may submit a current biennial ~~annual~~ report, signed by  
584 the registered agent and a manager or managing member, that  
585 ~~which~~ substantially complies with the requirements of paragraph  
586 (a).

587 Section 31. Subsection (1) of section 617.0121, Florida  
588 Statutes, is amended to read:

589 617.0121 Forms.—

590 (1) The Department of State may prescribe and furnish on  
591 request forms for:

592 (a) An application for certificate of status;~~;~~

593 (b) A foreign corporation's application for certificate of  
594 authority to conduct its affairs in the state;~~;~~

595 (c) A foreign corporation's application for certificate of  
596 withdrawal;~~;~~ and

597 (d) The biennial ~~annual~~ report, for which the department  
598 may prescribe the use of the uniform business report, pursuant  
599 to s. 606.06.

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601 If the Department of State so requires, the use of these forms  
602 shall be mandatory.

603 Section 32. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section  
604 617.0128, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

605 617.0128 Certificate of status.—

606 (2) A certificate of status or authorization sets forth:

607 (d) That its most recent biennial ~~annual~~ report required  
608 by s. 617.1622 has been delivered to the department; and

609 Section 33. Subsection (5) of section 617.0141, Florida  
610 Statutes, is amended to read:

611 617.0141 Notice.—

612 (5) Written notice to a domestic or foreign corporation  
613 authorized to conduct its affairs in this state may be addressed  
614 to its registered agent at its registered office or to the  
615 corporation or its secretary at its principal office shown in  
616 its most recent biennial ~~annual~~ report or, in the case of a

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617 corporation that has not yet delivered a biennial ~~an annual~~  
618 report, in a domestic corporation's articles of incorporation or  
619 in a foreign corporation's application for certificate of  
620 authority.

621 Section 34. Subsections (2) and (4) of section 617.0502,  
622 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

623 617.0502 Change of registered office or registered agent;  
624 resignation of registered agent.—

625 (2) Any registered agent may resign his or her agency  
626 appointment by signing and delivering for filing with the  
627 Department of State a statement of resignation and mailing a  
628 copy of such statement to the corporation at its principal  
629 office address shown in its most recent biennial ~~annual~~ report  
630 or, if none, filed in the articles of incorporation or other  
631 most recently filed document. The statement of resignation shall  
632 state that a copy of such statement has been mailed to the  
633 corporation at the address so stated. The agency is terminated  
634 as of the 31st day after the date on which the statement was  
635 filed and unless otherwise provided in the statement,  
636 termination of the agency acts as a termination of the  
637 registered office.

638 (4) Changes of the registered office or registered agent  
639 may be made by a change on the corporation's biennial ~~annual~~  
640 report form filed with the Department of State.

641 Section 35. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
642 617.1420, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

643 617.1420 Grounds for administrative dissolution.—

644 (1) The Department of State may commence a proceeding

645 | under s. 617.1421 to administratively dissolve a corporation if:

646 |       (a) The corporation has failed to file its biennial ~~annual~~  
 647 | report and pay the biennial ~~annual~~ report filing fee by 5 p.m.  
 648 | Eastern Time on the third Friday in September of the year in  
 649 | which the report is due;

650 |       Section 36. Subsection (1) of section 617.1421, Florida  
 651 | Statutes, is amended to read:

652 |       617.1421 Procedure for and effect of administrative  
 653 | dissolution.—

654 |       (1) If the Department of State determines that one or more  
 655 | grounds exist under s. 617.1420 for administratively dissolving  
 656 | a corporation, it shall serve the corporation with notice of its  
 657 | intent under s. 617.0504(2) to administratively dissolve the  
 658 | corporation. If the corporation has provided the department with  
 659 | an electronic mail address, such notice shall be by electronic  
 660 | transmission. Administrative dissolution for failure to file a  
 661 | biennial ~~an annual~~ report shall occur on the fourth Friday in  
 662 | September of the each year in which the report is due. The  
 663 | Department of State shall issue a certificate of dissolution to  
 664 | each dissolved corporation. Issuance of the certificate of  
 665 | dissolution may be by electronic transmission to any corporation  
 666 | that has provided the department with an electronic mail  
 667 | address.

668 |       Section 37. Subsection (1) of section 617.1509, Florida  
 669 | Statutes, is amended to read:

670 |       617.1509 Resignation of registered agent of foreign  
 671 | corporation.—

672 |       (1) The registered agent of a foreign corporation may



673 resign his or her agency appointment by signing and delivering  
 674 to the Department of State for filing a statement of resignation  
 675 and mailing a copy of such statement to the corporation at the  
 676 corporation's principal office address shown in its most recent  
 677 biennial ~~annual~~ report or, if none, shown in its application for  
 678 a certificate of authority or other most recently filed  
 679 document. The statement of resignation must state that a copy of  
 680 such statement has been mailed to the corporation at the address  
 681 so stated. The statement of resignation may include a statement  
 682 that the registered office is also discontinued.

683 Section 38. Subsection (2) of section 617.1510, Florida  
 684 Statutes, is amended to read:

685 617.1510 Service of process, notice, or demand on a  
 686 foreign corporation.—

687 (2) A foreign corporation may be served by registered or  
 688 certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the  
 689 secretary of the foreign corporation at its principal office  
 690 shown in its application for a certificate of authority or in  
 691 its most recent biennial ~~annual~~ report if the foreign  
 692 corporation:

693 (a) Has no registered agent or its registered agent cannot  
 694 with reasonable diligence be served;

695 (b) Has withdrawn from conducting its affairs in this  
 696 state under s. 617.1520; or

697 (c) Has had its certificate of authority revoked under s.  
 698 617.1531.

699 Section 39. Subsection (1) of section 617.1530, Florida  
 700 Statutes, is amended to read:

701           617.1530 Grounds for revocation of authority to conduct  
 702 affairs.—The Department of State may commence a proceeding under  
 703 s. 617.1531 to revoke the certificate of authority of a foreign  
 704 corporation authorized to conduct its affairs in this state if:

705           (1) The foreign corporation has failed to file its  
 706 biennial ~~annual~~ report with the Department of State by 5 p.m.  
 707 Eastern Time on the third Friday in September of the year in  
 708 which the report is due.

709           Section 40. Subsection (1) of section 617.1531, Florida  
 710 Statutes, is amended to read:

711           617.1531 Procedure for and effect of revocation.—

712           (1) If the Department of State determines that one or more  
 713 grounds exist under s. 617.1530 for revocation of a certificate  
 714 of authority, the Department of State shall serve the foreign  
 715 corporation with notice of its intent to revoke the foreign  
 716 corporation's certificate of authority. If the foreign  
 717 corporation has provided the department with an electronic mail  
 718 address, such notice shall be by electronic transmission.

719 Revocation for failure to file a biennial ~~an annual~~ report shall  
 720 occur on the fourth Friday in September of the ~~each~~ year in  
 721 which the report is due. The Department of State shall issue a  
 722 certificate of revocation to each revoked corporation. Issuance  
 723 of the certificate of revocation may be by electronic  
 724 transmission to any foreign corporation that has provided the  
 725 department with an electronic mail address.

726           Section 41. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section  
 727 617.1533, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

728           617.1533 Reinstatement following revocation.—

729 (1)  
 730 (b) In the alternative, the foreign corporation may submit  
 731 a current biennial ~~annual~~ report, signed by the registered agent  
 732 and an officer or director, that ~~which~~ substantially complies  
 733 with the requirements of paragraph (a).

734 Section 42. Paragraph (f) of subsection (5) of section  
 735 617.1601, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

736 617.1601 Corporate records.—

737 (5) A corporation shall keep a copy of the following  
 738 records:

739 (f) Its most recent biennial ~~annual~~ report delivered to  
 740 the Department of State under s. 617.1622.

741 Section 43. Section 617.1622, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 742 to read:

743 617.1622 Biennial ~~Annual~~ report for Department of State.—

744 (1) Each domestic and each foreign corporation authorized  
 745 to conduct its affairs in this state shall deliver to the  
 746 Department of State for filing a sworn biennial ~~annual~~ report,  
 747 on such form as the Department of State prescribes, that sets  
 748 forth:

749 (a) The name of the corporation and the state or country  
 750 under the law of which it is incorporated;

751 (b) The date of incorporation or, if a foreign  
 752 corporation, the date on which it was admitted to conduct its  
 753 affairs in this state;

754 (c) The address of the principal office and the mailing  
 755 address of the corporation;

756 (d) The corporation's federal employer identification

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757 number, if any, or, if none, whether one has been applied for;

758 (e) The names and business street addresses of its  
759 directors and principal officers;

760 (f) The street address of its registered office in this  
761 state and the name of its registered agent at that office; and

762 (g) Such additional information as may be necessary or  
763 appropriate to enable the Department of State to carry out the  
764 provisions of this act.

765 (2) The deposit of such report, on or before May 1, in the  
766 United States mail in a sealed envelope, properly addressed with  
767 postage prepaid, constitutes compliance with subsection (1).

768 (3) If a biennial ~~annual~~ report does not contain the  
769 information required by subsection (1), the Department of State  
770 shall promptly notify the reporting domestic or foreign  
771 corporation in writing and return the report to it for  
772 correction. If the report is corrected to contain the  
773 information required by subsection (1) and delivered to the  
774 Department of State within 30 days after the effective date of  
775 notice, it is deemed to be timely filed.

776 (4) Each biennial ~~annual~~ report must be executed by the  
777 corporation by an officer or director or, if the corporation is  
778 in the hands of a receiver or trustee, must be executed on  
779 behalf of the corporation by such receiver or trustee, and the  
780 signing of the biennial ~~annual~~ report shall have the same legal  
781 effect as if made under oath, without the necessity of appending  
782 such oath thereto.

783 (5) The first biennial ~~annual~~ report must be delivered to  
784 the Department of State between January 1 and May 1 of the year

785 following the calendar year in which a domestic corporation was  
 786 incorporated or a foreign corporation was authorized to conduct  
 787 affairs. Subsequent annual reports must be delivered to the  
 788 Department of State between January 1 and May 1 of the  
 789 subsequent calendar years in which the report is due.

790 (6) Information in the biennial ~~annual~~ report must be  
 791 current as of the date the biennial ~~annual~~ report is executed on  
 792 behalf of the corporation.

793 (7) If an additional report is received, the department  
 794 shall file the document and make the information contained  
 795 therein part of the official record.

796 (8) Any corporation that fails to file a biennial ~~an~~  
 797 ~~annual~~ report that ~~which~~ complies with the requirements of this  
 798 section may not maintain or defend any action in any court of  
 799 this state until such report is filed and all fees and taxes due  
 800 under this act are paid, and such corporation is subject to  
 801 dissolution or cancellation of its certificate of authority to  
 802 conduct its affairs as provided in this act.

803 (9) The department shall prescribe the forms on which to  
 804 make the biennial ~~annual~~ report called for in this section and  
 805 may substitute the uniform business report, pursuant to s.  
 806 606.06, as a means of satisfying the requirement of this  
 807 section.

808 Section 44. Subsection (3) of section 620.1115, Florida  
 809 Statutes, is amended to read:

810 620.1115 Change of registered agent or registered office.—

811 (3) The changes described in this section may also be made  
 812 on the limited partnership or foreign limited partnership's

813 | biennial ~~annual~~ report filed with the Department of State.

814 |       Section 45. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) and paragraph  
815 | (d) of subsection (2) of section 620.1209, Florida Statutes, are  
816 | amended to read:

817 |       620.1209 Certificate of status.—

818 |       (1) The Department of State, upon request and payment of  
819 | the requisite fee, shall furnish a certificate of status for a  
820 | limited partnership if the records filed in the Department of  
821 | State show that the Department of State has filed a certificate  
822 | of limited partnership. A certificate of status must state:

823 |       (d) Whether the limited partnership's most recent biennial  
824 | ~~annual~~ report required by s. 620.1210 has been filed by the  
825 | Department of State.

826 |       (2) The Department of State, upon request and payment of  
827 | the requisite fee, shall furnish a certificate of status for a  
828 | foreign limited partnership if the records filed in the  
829 | Department of State show that the Department of State has filed  
830 | a certificate of authority. A certificate of status must state:

831 |       (d) Whether the foreign limited partnership's most recent  
832 | biennial ~~annual~~ report required by s. 620.1210 has been filed by  
833 | the Department of State.

834 |       Section 46. Section 620.1210, Florida Statutes, is amended  
835 | to read:

836 |       620.1210 Biennial ~~Annual~~ report for Department of State.—

837 |       (1) A limited partnership or a foreign limited partnership  
838 | authorized to transact business in this state shall deliver to  
839 | the Department of State for filing a biennial ~~an annual~~ report  
840 | that states:

841 (a) The name of the limited partnership or, if a foreign  
 842 limited partnership, the name under which the foreign limited  
 843 partnership is registered to transact business in this state.

844 (b) The street and mailing address of the limited  
 845 partnership or foreign limited partnership, the name of its  
 846 registered agent in this state, and the street address of its  
 847 registered office in this state.

848 (c) The name and business address of each general partner.  
 849 Each general partner that is not an individual must be organized  
 850 or otherwise registered with the Department of State as required  
 851 by law, must maintain an active status, and must not be  
 852 dissolved, revoked, or withdrawn.

853 (d) Federal Employer Identification number.

854 (e) Any additional information that is necessary or  
 855 appropriate to enable the Department of State to carry out the  
 856 provisions of this act.

857 (2) Information in a biennial ~~an annual~~ report must be  
 858 current as of the date the biennial ~~annual~~ report is delivered  
 859 to the Department of State for filing.

860 (3) The first biennial ~~annual~~ report must be delivered to  
 861 the Department of State between January 1 and May 1 of the year  
 862 following the calendar year in which a limited partnership was  
 863 formed or a foreign limited partnership was authorized to  
 864 transact business. A biennial ~~An annual~~ report must be delivered  
 865 to the Department of State between January 1 and May 1 of each  
 866 subsequent calendar year in which the report is due.

867 (4) If a biennial ~~an annual~~ report does not contain the  
 868 information required in subsection (1), the Department of State

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869 shall promptly notify the reporting limited partnership or  
870 foreign limited partnership and return the report to it for  
871 correction. If the report is corrected to contain the  
872 information required in subsection (1) and delivered to the  
873 Department of State within 30 days after the effective date of  
874 the notice, it is timely delivered.

875 (5) If a filed biennial ~~annual~~ report contains the address  
876 of a designated office, name of a registered agent, or  
877 registered office address that ~~which~~ differs from the  
878 information shown in the records of the Department of State  
879 immediately before the filing, the differing information in the  
880 biennial ~~annual~~ report is considered a statement of change under  
881 s. 620.1115.

882 Section 47. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 620.1809,  
883 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

884 620.1809 Administrative dissolution.—

885 (1) The Department of State may dissolve a limited  
886 partnership administratively if the limited partnership does  
887 not:

888 (a) Pay any fee or penalty due to the Department of State  
889 under this act;

890 (b) Deliver its biennial ~~annual~~ report to the Department  
891 of State by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on the third Friday in September  
892 of the year in which the report is due;

893 (c) Appoint and maintain a registered agent as required by  
894 s. 620.1114; or

895 (d) Deliver for filing a statement of a change under s.  
896 620.1115 within 30 days after a change has occurred in the name



897 of the registered agent or the registered office address.

898 (2) If the Department of State determines that a ground  
 899 exists for administratively dissolving a limited partnership,  
 900 the Department of State shall serve notice on the limited  
 901 partnership of its intent to administratively dissolve the  
 902 limited partnership. If the limited partnership has provided the  
 903 department with an electronic mail address, such notice shall be  
 904 by electronic transmission. Administrative dissolution for  
 905 failure to file a biennial ~~an annual~~ report shall occur on the  
 906 fourth Friday in September of the each year in which the report  
 907 is due. The Department of State shall issue a certificate of  
 908 dissolution to each dissolved limited partnership. Issuance of  
 909 the certificate of dissolution may be by electronic transmission  
 910 to any limited partnership that has provided the department with  
 911 an electronic mail address.

912 Section 48. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 620.1810,  
 913 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

914 620.1810 Reinstatement following administrative  
 915 dissolution.—

916 (2) As an alternative to submitting the form of  
 917 reinstatement referred to in subsection (1), the limited  
 918 partnership may submit a current biennial ~~annual~~ report, signed  
 919 by its registered agent and a general partner, that ~~which~~  
 920 contains the same information described in subsection (1).

921 (3) If the Department of State determines that the  
 922 application for reinstatement, or current biennial ~~annual~~ report  
 923 described in subsection (2), contains the information required  
 924 by subsection (1) and that the information is correct, the

925 Department of State shall reinstate the limited partnership.

926 Section 49. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and subsection  
927 (2) of section 620.1906, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

928 620.1906 Revocation of certificate of authority.—

929 (1) A certificate of authority of a foreign limited  
930 partnership to transact business in this state may be revoked by  
931 the Department of State in the manner provided in subsections  
932 (2) and (3) if the foreign limited partnership does not:

933 (b) Deliver its biennial ~~annual~~ report to the Department  
934 of State by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on the third Friday in September  
935 of the year in which the report is due;

936 (2) If the Department of State determines that one or more  
937 grounds exist under this section for revocation of a foreign  
938 limited partnership, it shall notify the foreign limited  
939 partnership of its intent to revoke the foreign limited  
940 partnership's certificate of authority. If the foreign limited  
941 partnership has provided the department with an electronic mail  
942 address, such notice shall be by electronic transmission.

943 Revocation for failure to file a biennial ~~an annual~~ report shall  
944 occur on the fourth Friday in September of the ~~each~~ year in  
945 which the report is due. The Department of State shall issue a  
946 certificate of revocation to each revoked foreign limited  
947 partnership. Issuance of the certificate of revocation may be by  
948 electronic transmission to any foreign limited partnership that  
949 has provided the department with an electronic mail address.

950 Section 50. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 620.1909,  
951 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

952 620.1909 Reinstatement following administrative

953 revocation.—

954 (2) As an alternative to submitting the form of  
 955 reinstatement referred to in subsection (1), the foreign limited  
 956 partnership may submit a current biennial ~~annual~~ report, signed  
 957 by its registered agent and a general partner, that ~~which~~  
 958 contains the same information described in subsection (1).

959 (3) If the Department of State determines that the  
 960 application for reinstatement or the current biennial ~~annual~~  
 961 report described in subsection (2) contains the information  
 962 required by subsection (1) and that the information is correct,  
 963 it shall reinstate the foreign limited partnership's certificate  
 964 of authority.

965 Section 51. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section  
 966 620.9003, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

967 620.9003 Biennial ~~Annual~~ report.—

968 (1) A limited liability partnership, and a foreign limited  
 969 liability partnership authorized to transact business in this  
 970 state, shall file a biennial ~~an-annual~~ report in the office of  
 971 the Secretary of State that ~~which~~ contains:

972 (a) The name of the limited liability partnership and the  
 973 state or other jurisdiction under whose laws the foreign limited  
 974 liability partnership is formed;

975 (b) The current street address of the partnership's chief  
 976 executive office and, if different, the current street address  
 977 of its principal office in this state, if there is one;

978 (c) The partnership's Federal Employer Identification  
 979 Number, if any, or, if none, whether one has been applied for;  
 980 and

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981 (d) The name and street address of the partnership's  
982 current agent for service of process, who must be an individual  
983 resident of this state or other person authorized to do business  
984 in this state.

985 (2) A biennial ~~An annual~~ report must be filed between  
986 January 1 and May 1 of each year following the calendar year in  
987 which a partnership files a statement of qualification or a  
988 foreign partnership becomes authorized to transact business in  
989 this state.

990 (3) The Department of State may administratively revoke  
991 the statement of qualification of a partnership that fails to  
992 file its biennial ~~annual~~ report and pay the required filing fee  
993 by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on the third Friday in September of the  
994 year in which the report is due. The Department of State shall  
995 serve a 60-day notice on the limited liability partnership of  
996 its intent to revoke the statement of qualification. If the  
997 partnership has provided the department with an electronic mail  
998 address, such notice shall be by electronic transmission.  
999 Revocation for failure to file a biennial ~~an annual~~ report shall  
1000 occur on the fourth Friday in September of the ~~each~~ year in  
1001 which the report is due. The Department of State shall issue a  
1002 certificate of revocation of the statement of qualification to  
1003 each revoked partnership. Issuance of the certificate of  
1004 revocation of the statement of qualification may be by  
1005 electronic transmission to any partnership that has provided the  
1006 department with an electronic mail address.

1007 Section 52. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.