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An act relating to condominium and cooperative associations; amending s. 718.111, F.S.; revising the methods of delivery for a copy of the most recent association financial report to include electronic delivery via the Internet; requiring a board to use best efforts to make prudent investment decisions in fulfilling its duty to manage operating and reserve funds of the association; authorizing an association, including a multicondominium association, to invest reserve funds in specified financial institutions; providing restrictions; prohibiting any funds not identified as reserve funds from being used for investments; requiring a board to create an investment committee composed of a specified minimum number of board members; requiring the board to adopt rules; requiring that all meetings of the investment committee be recorded and made part of the official records of the association; requiring that the investment policy statement developed pursuant to certain provisions address specified issues; requiring the investment committee to recommend investment advisers to the board; requiring the board to select one of the recommended investment advisers to provide services to the association; requiring such advisers to be registered; prohibiting an investment adviser from being related to any board member, community management company reserve study provider, or unit owner; requiring investment advisers to comply with

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the prudent investor rule; requiring an adviser to act as a fiduciary to the association; requiring that the investment and fiduciary standards of this section take precedence over any conflicting law; requiring the investment committee to recommend a replacement adviser if the committee determines that an investment adviser is not meeting requirements; requiring the association to provide the investment adviser with specified financial information at least once each calendar year, or sooner if a substantial financial obligation of the association becomes known to the board; requiring the investment adviser to annually review such financial information and provide the association with a portfolio allocation model that is suitably structured and prudently designed to match projected annual reserve fund requirements and liability, assets, and liquidity requirements; requiring the investment adviser to prepare a funding projection for each reserve component, including any of the component's redundancies; requiring that a specified minimum timeframe of projected reserves in cash or cash equivalents be available to the association; authorizing a portfolio managed by an investment adviser to contain any type of investment necessary to meet the objectives in the investment policy statement; providing exceptions; requiring that any funds invested by the investment adviser be held by third-party custodial accounts that are subject to insurance coverage by the Securities Investor

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Protection Corporation in an amount equal to or greater than the invested amount; authorizing the investment adviser to withdraw investment fees, expenses, and commissions from invested funds; requiring the investment adviser to annually provide the association with a written certification of compliance of this section and provide the association with a list of stocks, securities, and other obligations; requiring the investment adviser to submit monthly, quarterly, and annual reports to the association prepared in accordance with established financial industry standards; requiring that any principal, earnings, or interest managed be available to the association at no cost within a specified timeframe after the association's written or electronic request; requiring that unallocated income earned on reserve fund investments be spent only on specified expenditures; reenacting and amending s. 718.112, F.S.; authorizing a unit-owner-controlled association to obtain a line of credit in lieu of maintaining reserves for budgets adopted on or before a specified date upon a majority vote of the association; requiring that such line of credit be sufficient to meet the association's deferred maintenance obligations not funded in the association's reserve account for each budget; requiring that funding from the line of credit be immediately available for access by the board for a specified purpose; requiring that such lines of credit

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be included in the association's financial report; deleting a requirement that the majority of the members must approve of the board pausing contributions to the association's reserves for a specified purpose; authorizing the board to temporarily pause reserve fund contributions or reduce the amount of reserve funding for a specified purpose for a budget adopted on or before a specified date if the association has completed a milestone inspection within a specified timeframe and such inspection recommended certain repairs; requiring that such temporary pause or reduction be approved by a majority of the total voting interests of the association; providing applicability; requiring associations that have paused or reduced their reserve funding to have a structural integrity reserve study performed before the continuation of reserve contributions for specified purposes; providing that a vote of the members is not required for the board to change the accounting method for reserves to specified accounting methods; requiring specified design professionals or contractors who bid to perform a structural integrity reserve study to disclose in writing to the association their intent to bid on any services related to the maintenance, repair, or replacement that may be recommended by the structural integrity reserve study; prohibiting such professionals or contractors from having any interest in or being related to any person having any interest in the firm

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or entity providing the association's structural integrity reserve study unless such relationship is disclosed in writing; defining the term "relative"; providing that a contract for services is voidable and terminates upon the association filing a written notice terminating such a contract if such professional or contractor fails to provide a written disclosure of such relationship with the firm conducting the structural integrity reserve study; providing that such professional or contractor may be subject to discipline for his or her failure to provide such written disclosure; requiring that a structural integrity reserve study include a recommendation for a reserve funding schedule based on specified criteria; authorizing the study to recommend other types of reserve funding schedules, provided each recommended schedule is sufficient to meet the association's maintenance needs; requiring that reserves not required for certain items be separately identified in the structural integrity reserve study as such; authorizing an association to delay a required structural integrity reserve study for a specified timeframe if it has completed a milestone inspection or similar inspection, for a specified purpose; requiring the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes to adopt rules for the form for the structural integrity reserve study in coordination with the Florida Building Commission; making technical changes;

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amending s. 718.503, F.S.; revising the disclosures that must be included in a contract for the sale and resale of a residential unit; amending s. 8 of chapter 2024-244, Laws of Florida, as amended; revising the requirement of an association managing 25 or more units, rather than 150 or more units, to post digital copies of specified documents on its website or make such documents available through an application that can be downloaded on a mobile device; revising such documents to include the minutes of all meetings of the association, the board of administration, and the unit owners over the preceding 12 months; deleting obsolete language; amending s. 31 of chapter 2024-244 Laws of Florida; revising applicability; amending s. 719.104, F.S.; requiring a board to use best efforts to make prudent investment decisions in fulfilling its duty to manage operating and reserve funds of the association; authorizing an association to invest reserve funds in specified financial institutions; providing restrictions; prohibiting any funds not identified as reserve funds from being used for investments; requiring a board to create an investment committee composed of a specified minimum number of board members; requiring the board to adopt rules; requiring that all meetings of the investment committee be recorded and made part of the official records of the association; requiring that the investment policy statement developed pursuant to certain provisions address specified issues; requiring

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the investment committee to recommend investment advisers to the board; requiring the board to select one of the recommended investment advisers to provide services to the association; requiring such advisers to be registered; prohibiting an investment adviser from being related to any board member, community management company reserve study provider, or unit owner; requiring investment advisers to comply with the prudent investor rule; requiring an adviser to act as a fiduciary to the association; requiring that the investment and fiduciary standards of this section take precedence over any conflicting law; requiring the investment committee to recommend a replacement adviser if the committee determines that an investment adviser is not meeting requirements; requiring the association to provide the investment adviser with specified financial information at least once each calendar year, or sooner if a substantial financial obligation of the association becomes known to the board; requiring the investment adviser to annually review such financial information and provide the association with a portfolio allocation model that is suitably structured and prudently designed to match projected annual reserve fund requirements and liability, assets, and liquidity requirements; requiring the investment adviser to prepare a funding projection for each reserve component, including any of the component's redundancies; requiring that a minimum timeframe of projected reserves in cash or

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cash equivalents be available to the association; authorizing a portfolio managed by an investment adviser to contain any type of investment necessary to meet the objectives in the investment policy statement; providing exceptions; requiring that any funds invested by the investment adviser be held in third-party custodial accounts that are subject to insurance coverage by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation in an amount equal to or greater than the invested amount; authorizing the investment adviser to withdraw investment fees, expenses, and commissions from invested funds; requiring the investment adviser to annually provide the association with a written certification of compliance of this section and provide the association with a list of stocks, securities, and other obligations; requiring the investment adviser to submit monthly, quarterly, and annual reports to the association prepared in accordance with established financial industry standards; requiring that any principal, earnings, or interest managed be available to the association at no cost within a specified timeframe after the association's written or electronic request; requiring that unallocated income earned on reserve fund investments be spent only on specified expenditures; amending s. 719.106, F.S.; authorizing the board to pause contributions to its reserves or reduce reserve funding if a local building official determines the entire condominium building is

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uninhabitable due to a natural emergency; authorizing any reserve account fund held by the association to be expended to make the condominium building and its structures habitable, pursuant to the board's determination; requiring the association to immediately resume contributing funds to its reserves once the local building official determines that the condominium building is habitable; authorizing a unitowner-controlled association to obtain a line of credit in lieu of maintaining reserves for budgets adopted on or before a specified date upon a majority vote of the association; requiring that such line of credit be sufficient to meet the association's deferred maintenance obligations not funded in the association's reserve account for each budget; requiring that funding from the line of credit be immediately available for access by the board for a specified purpose; authorizing the board to temporarily pause reserve fund contributions or reduce the amount of reserve funding for a specified purpose for a budget adopted on or before a specified date if the association has completed a milestone inspection within a specified timeframe; requiring that such temporary pause or reduction be approved by a majority of the total voting interests of the association; providing applicability; requiring associations that have paused or reduced their reserve funding to have a structural integrity reserve study performed before the continuation of reserve contributions for

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specified purposes; providing that a vote of the members is not required for the board to change the accounting method for reserves to specified accounting methods; requiring specified design professionals or contractors who bid to perform a structural integrity reserve study to disclose in writing to the association their intent to bid on any services related to the maintenance, repair, or replacement that may be recommended by the structural integrity reserve study; prohibiting such professionals or contractors from having any interest in or being related to any person having any interest in the firm or entity providing the association's structural integrity reserve study unless such relationship is disclosed in writing; defining the term "relative"; providing that a contract for services is voidable and terminates upon the association filing a written notice terminating such a contract if such professional or contractor fails to provide a written disclosure of such relationship with the firm conducting the structural integrity reserve study; providing that such professional or contractor may be subject to discipline for his or her failure to provide such written disclosure; requiring that a structural integrity reserve study include a recommendation for a reserve funding schedule based on specified criteria; authorizing the study to recommend other types of reserve funding schedules, provided each recommended schedule is sufficient to meet the

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association's maintenance needs; requiring that reserves not required for certain items be separately identified in the structural integrity reserve study as such; authorizing an association to delay a required structural integrity reserve study for a specified timeframe if it has completed a milestone inspection or similar inspection, for a specified purpose; requiring the division to adopt, by rule, the form for the structural integrity reserve study in coordination with the Florida Building Commission; amending s. 719.503, F.S.; revising the disclosures that must be included in a contract for the sale and resale of an interest in a cooperative; reenacting s. 721.13(3)(e), F.S., relating to management, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 718.111, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting ss. 718.504(7)(a) and (21) (c), and 718.618(1)(d), F.S., relating to prospectus or offering circulars; and converter reserve accounts and warranties, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 718.112, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 718.501(1)(a) and (v), F.S., relating to the authority, responsibility, and duties of the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes, to incorporate the amendments made to ss. 718.111 and 718.112, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 718.706(1) and (3), F.S., relating to specific provisions pertaining to offering of units by bulk assignees or bulk buyers, to incorporate the amendments made to ss. 718.111,

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718.112, and 718.503, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 719.103(24), 719.501(1), and 719.504(7)(a) and (20)(c), F.S., relating to definitions; powers and duties of the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes; and prospectus or offering circulars, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 719.106, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (13) of section 718.111, Florida Statutes, is amended, subsection (16) is added to that section, and paragraph (g) of subsection (12) of that section is reenacted, to read:

718.111 The association.-

336 (12) OFFICIAL RECORDS.—

- (g)1. By January 1, 2019, an association managing a condominium with 150 or more units which does not contain timeshare units shall post digital copies of the documents specified in subparagraph 2. on its website or make such documents available through an application that can be downloaded on a mobile device.
  - a. The association's website or application must be:
- (I) An independent website, application, or web portal wholly owned and operated by the association; or
- (II) A website, application, or web portal operated by a third-party provider with whom the association owns, leases, rents, or otherwise obtains the right to operate a web page,

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subpage, web portal, collection of subpages or web portals, or an application which is dedicated to the association's activities and on which required notices, records, and documents may be posted or made available by the association.

- b. The association's website or application must be accessible through the Internet and must contain a subpage, web portal, or other protected electronic location that is inaccessible to the general public and accessible only to unit owners and employees of the association.
- c. Upon a unit owner's written request, the association must provide the unit owner with a username and password and access to the protected sections of the association's website or application which contain any notices, records, or documents that must be electronically provided.
- 2. A current copy of the following documents must be posted in digital format on the association's website or application:
- a. The recorded declaration of condominium of each condominium operated by the association and each amendment to each declaration.
- b. The recorded bylaws of the association and each amendment to the bylaws.
- c. The articles of incorporation of the association, or other documents creating the association, and each amendment to the articles of incorporation or other documents. The copy posted pursuant to this sub-subparagraph must be a copy of the articles of incorporation filed with the Department of State.
  - d. The rules of the association.
- e. A list of all executory contracts or documents to which the association is a party or under which the association or the

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unit owners have an obligation or responsibility and, after bidding for the related materials, equipment, or services has closed, a list of bids received by the association within the past year. Summaries of bids for materials, equipment, or services which exceed \$500 must be maintained on the website or application for 1 year. In lieu of summaries, complete copies of the bids may be posted.

- f. The annual budget required by s. 718.112(2)(f) and any proposed budget to be considered at the annual meeting.
- g. The financial report required by subsection (13) and any monthly income or expense statement to be considered at a meeting.
- h. The certification of each director required by s. 718.112(2)(d)4.b.
- i. All contracts or transactions between the association and any director, officer, corporation, firm, or association that is not an affiliated condominium association or any other entity in which an association director is also a director or officer and financially interested.
- j. Any contract or document regarding a conflict of interest or possible conflict of interest as provided in ss. 468.4335, 468.436(2)(b)6., and 718.3027(3).
- k. The notice of any unit owner meeting and the agenda for the meeting, as required by s. 718.112(2)(d)3., no later than 14 days before the meeting. The notice must be posted in plain view on the front page of the website or application, or on a separate subpage of the website or application labeled "Notices" which is conspicuously visible and linked from the front page. The association must also post on its website or application any

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document to be considered and voted on by the owners during the meeting or any document listed on the agenda at least 7 days before the meeting at which the document or the information within the document will be considered.

- 1. Notice of any board meeting, the agenda, and any other document required for the meeting as required by s. 718.112(2)(c), which must be posted no later than the date required for notice under s. 718.112(2)(c).
- m. The inspection reports described in ss. 553.899 and 718.301(4)(p) and any other inspection report relating to a structural or life safety inspection of condominium property.
- n. The association's most recent structural integrity reserve study, if applicable.
- o. Copies of all building permits issued for ongoing or planned construction.
- 3. The association shall ensure that the information and records described in paragraph (c), which are not allowed to be accessible to unit owners, are not posted on the association's website or application. If protected information or information restricted from being accessible to unit owners is included in documents that are required to be posted on the association's website or application, the association shall ensure the information is redacted before posting the documents.

  Notwithstanding the foregoing, the association or its agent is not liable for disclosing information that is protected or restricted under this paragraph unless such disclosure was made with a knowing or intentional disregard of the protected or restricted nature of such information.
  - 4. The failure of the association to post information

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required under subparagraph 2. is not in and of itself sufficient to invalidate any action or decision of the association's board or its committees.

(13) FINANCIAL REPORTING.-Within 90 days after the end of the fiscal year, or annually on a date provided in the bylaws, the association shall prepare and complete, or contract for the preparation and completion of, a financial report for the preceding fiscal year. Within 21 days after the final financial report is completed by the association or received from the third party, but not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year or other date as provided in the bylaws, the association shall deliver to each unit owner by United States mail or personal delivery at the mailing address, property address, e-mail address, or facsimile number provided to fulfill the association's notice requirements, a copy of the most recent financial report, and a notice that a copy of the most recent financial report will be, as requested by the owner, mailed, or hand delivered, or electronically delivered via the Internet to the unit owner, without charge, within 5 business days after receipt of a written request from the unit owner. The division shall adopt rules setting forth uniform accounting principles and standards to be used by all associations and addressing the financial reporting requirements for multicondominium associations. The rules must include, but not be limited to, standards for presenting a summary of association reserves, including a good faith estimate disclosing the annual amount of reserve funds that would be necessary for the association to fully fund reserves for each reserve item based on the straightline accounting method. This disclosure is not applicable to

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reserves funded via the pooling method. In adopting such rules, the division shall consider the number of members and annual revenues of an association. Financial reports shall be prepared as follows:

- (a) An association that meets the criteria of this paragraph shall prepare a complete set of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The financial statements must be based upon the association's total annual revenues, as follows:
- 1. An association with total annual revenues of \$150,000 or more, but less than \$300,000, shall prepare compiled financial statements.
- 2. An association with total annual revenues of at least \$300,000, but less than \$500,000, shall prepare reviewed financial statements.
- 3. An association with total annual revenues of \$500,000 or more shall prepare audited financial statements.
- (b)1. An association with total annual revenues of less than \$150,000 shall prepare a report of cash receipts and expenditures.
- 2. A report of cash receipts and disbursements must disclose the amount of receipts by accounts and receipt classifications and the amount of expenses by accounts and expense classifications, including, but not limited to, the following, as applicable: costs for security, professional and management fees and expenses, taxes, costs for recreation facilities, expenses for refuse collection and utility services, expenses for lawn care, costs for building maintenance and repair, insurance costs, administration and salary expenses, and

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reserves accumulated and expended for capital expenditures, deferred maintenance, and any other category for which the association maintains reserves.

- (c) An association may prepare, without a meeting of or approval by the unit owners:
- 1. Compiled, reviewed, or audited financial statements, if the association is required to prepare a report of cash receipts and expenditures;
- 2. Reviewed or audited financial statements, if the association is required to prepare compiled financial statements; or
- 3. Audited financial statements if the association is required to prepare reviewed financial statements.
- (d) If approved by a majority of the voting interests present at a properly called meeting of the association, an association may prepare:
- 1. A report of cash receipts and expenditures in lieu of a compiled, reviewed, or audited financial statement;
- 2. A report of cash receipts and expenditures or a compiled financial statement in lieu of a reviewed or audited financial statement; or
- 3. A report of cash receipts and expenditures, a compiled financial statement, or a reviewed financial statement in lieu of an audited financial statement.

Such meeting and approval must occur before the end of the fiscal year and is effective only for the fiscal year in which the vote is taken. An association may not prepare a financial report pursuant to this paragraph for consecutive fiscal years.

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If the developer has not turned over control of the association, all unit owners, including the developer, may vote on issues related to the preparation of the association's financial reports, from the date of incorporation of the association through the end of the second fiscal year after the fiscal year in which the certificate of a surveyor and mapper is recorded pursuant to s. 718.104(4)(e) or an instrument that transfers title to a unit in the condominium which is not accompanied by a recorded assignment of developer rights in favor of the grantee of such unit is recorded, whichever occurs first. Thereafter, all unit owners except the developer may vote on such issues until control is turned over to the association by the developer. Any audit or review prepared under this section shall be paid for by the developer if done before turnover of control of the association.

(e) A unit owner may provide written notice to the division of the association's failure to mail or hand deliver him or her a copy of the most recent financial report within 5 business days after he or she submitted a written request to the association for a copy of such report. If the division determines that the association failed to mail or hand deliver a copy of the most recent financial report to the unit owner, the division shall provide written notice to the association that the association must mail or hand deliver a copy of the most recent financial report to the unit owner and the division within 5 business days after it receives such notice from the division. An association that fails to comply with the division's request may not waive the financial reporting requirement provided in paragraph (d) for the fiscal year in

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which the unit owner's request was made and the following fiscal year. A financial report received by the division pursuant to this paragraph shall be maintained, and the division shall provide a copy of such report to an association member upon his or her request.

- (16) INVESTMENT OF ASSOCIATION FUNDS.—
- (a) A board shall, in fulfilling its duty to manage operating and reserve funds of an association, use best efforts to make prudent investment decisions that carefully consider risk and return in an effort to maximize returns on invested funds.
- (b) An association, including a multicondominium association, may invest reserve funds in one or any combination of depository accounts at a community bank, savings bank, commercial bank, savings and loan association, or credit union if the respective account balance at any institution does not exceed the amount of deposit insurance per account provided by any agency of the Federal Government or as otherwise available. Notwithstanding any declaration, only funds identified as reserve funds may be invested pursuant to this subsection.
- (c) The board shall create an investment committee composed of at least two board members and two-unit unit owners who are not board members. The board shall also adopt rules for invested funds, including, but not limited to, rules requiring periodic reviews of any investment manager's performance, the development of an investment policy statement, and that all meetings of the investment committee be recorded and made part of the official records of the association. The investment policy statement developed pursuant to this paragraph must, at a minimum, address

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risk, liquidity, and benchmark measurements; authorized classes of investments; authorized investment mixes; limitations on authority relating to investment transactions; requirements for projected reserve expenditures within, at minimum, the next 24 months to be held in cash or cash equivalents; projected expenditures relating to a mandatory structural inspection performed pursuant to s. 553.899; and protocols for proxy response.

- (d) The investment committee shall recommend investment advisers to the board, and the board shall select one of the recommended investment advisers to provide services to the association. Such investment advisers must be registered or have notice filed under s. 517.12. The selected investment adviser and any representative or association of the investment adviser may not be related by affinity or consanguinity to, or under common ownership with, any board member, community management company, reserve study provider, or unit owner. The investment adviser shall comply with the prudent investor rule in s. 518.11. The investment adviser shall act as a fiduciary to the association in compliance with the standards set forth in the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 at 29 U.S.C. s. 1104(a)(1)(A)-(C). In case of conflict with other laws authorizing investments, the investment and fiduciary standards set forth in this subsection must prevail. If at any time the investment committee determines that an investment adviser does not meet the requirements of this section, the investment committee must recommend a replacement investment adviser to the board.
  - (e) At least once each calendar year, or sooner if a

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substantial financial obligation of the association becomes known to the board, the association must provide the investment adviser with the association's investment policy statement, the most recent reserve study report, the association's structural integrity report, and the financial reports prepared pursuant to subsection (13). If there is no recent reserve study report, the association must provide the investment adviser with a good faith estimate disclosing the annual amount of reserve funds necessary for the association to fund reserves fully for the life of each reserve component and each component's redundancies. The investment adviser shall annually review these documents and provide the association with a portfolio allocation model that is suitably structured and prudently designed to match projected annual reserve fund requirements and liability, assets, and liquidity requirements. The investment adviser shall prepare a funding projection for each reserve component, including any of the component's redundancies. The association must have available at all times a minimum of 24 months of projected reserves in cash or cash equivalents.

(f) Portfolios managed by the investment adviser may contain any type of investment necessary to meet the objectives in the investment policy statement; however, portfolios may not contain stocks, securities, or other obligations that the State Board of Administration is prohibited from investing in under s. 215.471, s. 215.4725, or s. 215.473 or that state agencies are prohibited from investing in under s. 215.472, as determined by the investment adviser. Any funds invested by the investment adviser must be held in third-party custodial accounts that are subject to insurance coverage by the Securities Investor

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Protection Corporation in an amount equal to or greater than the invested amount. The investment adviser may withdraw investment fees, expenses, and commissions from invested funds.

- (g) The investment adviser shall:
- 1. Annually provide the association with a written certification of compliance with this section and a list of stocks, securities, and other obligations that are prohibited from being in association portfolios under paragraph (f); and
- 2. Submit monthly, quarterly, and annual reports to the association which are prepared in accordance with established financial industry standards and in accordance with chapter 517.
- (h) Any principal, earnings, or interest managed under this subsection must be available at no cost or charge to the association within 15 business days after delivery of the association's written or electronic request.
- (i) Unallocated income earned on reserve fund investments must be spent only on capital expenditures, planned maintenance, structural repairs, or other items for which the reserve accounts have been established. Any surplus of funds which exceeds the amount required to maintain reasonably funded reserves must be managed pursuant to s. 718.115.
- Section 2. Paragraphs (f) and (g) of subsection (2) of section 718.112, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (b) of that subsection is reenacted, to read:

718.112 Bylaws.-

- (2) REQUIRED PROVISIONS.—The bylaws shall provide for the following and, if they do not do so, shall be deemed to include the following:
  - (b) Quorum; voting requirements; proxies.-

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1. Unless a lower number is provided in the bylaws, the percentage of voting interests required to constitute a quorum at a meeting of the members is a majority of the voting interests. Unless otherwise provided in this chapter or in the declaration, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, and except as provided in subparagraph (d) 4., decisions shall be made by a majority of the voting interests represented at a meeting at which a quorum is present.

2. Except as specifically otherwise provided herein, unit owners in a residential condominium may not vote by general proxy, but may vote by limited proxies substantially conforming to a limited proxy form adopted by the division. A voting interest or consent right allocated to a unit owned by the association may not be exercised or considered for any purpose, whether for a quorum, an election, or otherwise. Limited proxies and general proxies may be used to establish a quorum. Limited proxies shall be used for votes taken to waive or reduce reserves in accordance with subparagraph (f)2.; for votes taken to waive the financial reporting requirements of s. 718.111(13); for votes taken to amend the declaration pursuant to s. 718.110; for votes taken to amend the articles of incorporation or bylaws pursuant to this section; and for any other matter for which this chapter requires or permits a vote of the unit owners. Except as provided in paragraph (d), a proxy, limited or general, may not be used in the election of board members in a residential condominium. General proxies may be used for other matters for which limited proxies are not required, and may be used in voting for nonsubstantive changes to items for which a limited proxy is required and given. Notwithstanding this

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subparagraph, unit owners may vote in person at unit owner meetings. This subparagraph does not limit the use of general proxies or require the use of limited proxies for any agenda item or election at any meeting of a timeshare condominium association or a nonresidential condominium association.

- 3. A proxy given is effective only for the specific meeting for which originally given and any lawfully adjourned meetings thereof. A proxy is not valid longer than 90 days after the date of the first meeting for which it was given. Each proxy is revocable at any time at the pleasure of the unit owner executing it.
- 4. A member of the board of administration or a committee may submit in writing his or her agreement or disagreement with any action taken at a meeting that the member did not attend. This agreement or disagreement may not be used as a vote for or against the action taken or to create a quorum.
- 5. A board or committee member's participation in a meeting via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication counts toward a quorum, and such member may vote as if physically present. A speaker must be used so that the conversation of such members may be heard by the board or committee members attending in person as well as by any unit owners present at a meeting.
  - (f) Annual budget.-
- 1. The proposed annual budget of estimated revenues and expenses must be detailed and must show the amounts budgeted by accounts and expense classifications, including, at a minimum, any applicable expenses listed in s. 718.504(21). The board shall adopt the annual budget at least 14 days before the start

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of the association's fiscal year. In the event that the board fails to timely adopt the annual budget a second time, it is deemed a minor violation and the prior year's budget shall continue in effect until a new budget is adopted. A multicondominium association must adopt a separate budget of common expenses for each condominium the association operates and must adopt a separate budget of common expenses for the association. In addition, if the association maintains limited common elements with the cost to be shared only by those entitled to use the limited common elements as provided for in s. 718.113(1), the budget or a schedule attached to it must show the amount budgeted for this maintenance. If, after turnover of control of the association to the unit owners, any of the expenses listed in s. 718.504(21) are not applicable, they do not need to be listed.

2.a. In addition to annual operating expenses, the budget must include reserve accounts for capital expenditures and deferred maintenance. These accounts must include, but are not limited to, roof replacement, building painting, and pavement resurfacing, regardless of the amount of deferred maintenance expense or replacement cost, and any other item that has a deferred maintenance expense or replacement cost that exceeds \$10,000. The amount to be reserved must be computed using a formula based upon estimated remaining useful life and estimated replacement cost or deferred maintenance expense of the reserve item. In a budget adopted by an association that is required to obtain a structural integrity reserve study, reserves must be maintained for the items identified in paragraph (g) for which the association is responsible pursuant to the declaration of

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condominium, and the reserve amount for such items must be based on the findings and recommendations of the association's most recent structural integrity reserve study. With respect to items for which an estimate of useful life is not readily ascertainable or with an estimated remaining useful life of greater than 25 years, an association is not required to reserve replacement costs for such items, but an association must reserve the amount of deferred maintenance expense, if any, which is recommended by the structural integrity reserve study for such items. The association may adjust replacement reserve assessments annually to take into account an inflation adjustment and any changes in estimates or extension of the useful life of a reserve item caused by deferred maintenance.

<u>b.</u> The members of a unit-owner-controlled association may determine, by a majority vote of the total voting interests of the association, to provide no reserves or less reserves than required by this subsection. For a budget adopted on or after December 31, 2024, the members of a unit-owner-controlled association that must obtain a structural integrity reserve study may not determine to provide no reserves or less reserves than required by this subsection for items listed in paragraph (g), except that members of an association operating a multicondominium may determine to provide no reserves or less reserves than required by this subsection if an alternative funding method has been approved by the division.

c. For a budget adopted on or before December 31, 2028, a unit-owner-controlled association that must have a structural reserve study may secure a line of credit in lieu of maintaining reserves for all or a portion of the reserves required under

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this paragraph upon a majority vote of the total voting interests of the association. The line of credit must be sufficient to meet the association's deferred maintenance obligation not funded in the association's reserve account for each budget. Funding from the line of credit must be immediately available for access by the board to fund required repair, maintenance, or replacement expenses without further approval by the members of the association. A line of credit secured under this sub-subparagraph must be included in the financial report required under s. 718.111(13).

d. If the local building official, as defined in s. 468.603, determines that the entire condominium building is uninhabitable due to a natural emergency, as defined in s. 252.34, the board, upon the approval of a majority of its members, may pause the contribution to its reserves or reduce reserve funding until the local building official determines that the condominium building is habitable. Any reserve account funds held by the association may be expended, pursuant to the board's determination, to make the condominium building and its structures habitable. Upon the determination by the local building official that the condominium building is habitable, the association must immediately resume contributing funds to its reserves.

e. For a budget adopted on or before December 31, 2028, if the association has completed a milestone inspection pursuant to s. 553.899 within the previous 2 calendar years, the board, upon the approval of a majority of the total voting interests of the association, may temporarily pause reserve fund contributions or reduce the amount of reserve funding for the purpose of funding

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repairs recommended by the milestone inspection. This subsubparagraph does not apply to a developer-controlled
association and an association in which the non-developer unit
owners have been in control for less than 1 year. An association
that has paused reserve contributions under this subparagraph
must have a structural integrity reserve study performed before
the continuation of reserve contributions in order to determine
the association's reserve funding needs and to recommend a
reserve funding plan.

- <u>f.b.</u> Before turnover of control of an association by a developer to unit owners other than a developer under s. 718.301, the developer-controlled association may not vote to waive the reserves or reduce funding of the reserves. If a meeting of the unit owners has been called to determine whether to waive or reduce the funding of reserves and no such result is achieved or a quorum is not attained, the reserves included in the budget shall go into effect. After the turnover, the developer may vote its voting interest to waive or reduce the funding of reserves.
- 3. Reserve funds and any interest accruing thereon shall remain in the reserve account or accounts, and may be used only for authorized reserve expenditures unless their use for other purposes is approved in advance by a majority vote of all the total voting interests of the association. Before turnover of control of an association by a developer to unit owners other than the developer pursuant to s. 718.301, the developer-controlled association may not vote to use reserves for purposes other than those for which they were intended. For a budget adopted on or after December 31, 2024, members of a unit-owner-

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controlled association that must obtain a structural integrity reserve study may not vote to use reserve funds, or any interest accruing thereon, for any other purpose other than the replacement or deferred maintenance costs of the components listed in paragraph (g). A vote of the members is not required for the board to change the accounting method for reserves to a pooling accounting method or a straight-line accounting method.

- 4. The only voting interests that are eligible to vote on questions that involve waiving or reducing the funding of reserves, or using existing reserve funds for purposes other than purposes for which the reserves were intended, are the voting interests of the units subject to assessment to fund the reserves in question. Proxy questions relating to waiving or reducing the funding of reserves or using existing reserve funds for purposes other than purposes for which the reserves were intended must contain the following statement in capitalized, bold letters in a font size larger than any other used on the face of the proxy ballot: WAIVING OF RESERVES, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, OR ALLOWING ALTERNATIVE USES OF EXISTING RESERVES MAY RESULT IN UNIT OWNER LIABILITY FOR PAYMENT OF UNANTICIPATED SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS REGARDING THOSE ITEMS.
  - (g) Structural integrity reserve study.-
- 1. A residential condominium association must have a structural integrity reserve study completed at least every 10 years after the condominium's creation for each building on the condominium property that is three stories or higher in height, as determined by the Florida Building Code, which includes, at a minimum, a study of the following items as related to the structural integrity and safety of the building:

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- b. Structure, including load-bearing walls and other primary structural members and primary structural systems as those terms are defined in s. 627.706.
  - c. Fireproofing and fire protection systems.
  - d. Plumbing.
  - e. Electrical systems.
  - f. Waterproofing and exterior painting.
  - g. Windows and exterior doors.
- h. Any other item that has a deferred maintenance expense or replacement cost that exceeds \$10,000 and the failure to replace or maintain such item negatively affects the items listed in sub-subparagraphs a.-g., as determined by the visual inspection portion of the structural integrity reserve study.
- 2. A structural integrity reserve study is based on a visual inspection of the condominium property.
- 3.a. A structural integrity reserve study may be performed by any person qualified to perform such study. However, the visual inspection portion of the structural integrity reserve study must be performed or verified by an engineer licensed under chapter 471, an architect licensed under chapter 481, or a person certified as a reserve specialist or professional reserve analyst by the Community Associations Institute or the Association of Professional Reserve Analysts.
- b. Any design professional as defined in s. 558.002 or contractor licensed under chapter 489 who bids to perform a structural integrity reserve study must disclose in writing to the association his or her intent to bid on any services related to any maintenance, repair, or replacement that may be

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recommended by the structural integrity reserve study. Any design professional as defined in s. 558.002 or contractor licensed under chapter 489 who submits a bid to the association for performing any services recommended by the structural integrity reserve study may not have an interest, directly or indirectly, in the firm or entity providing the association's structural integrity reserve study or be a relative of any person having a direct or indirect interest in such firm, unless such relationship is disclosed to the association in writing. As used in this section, the term "relative" means a relative within the third degree of consanguinity by blood or marriage. A contract for services is voidable and terminates upon the association filing a written notice terminating the contract if the design professional or licensed contractor failed to provide the written disclosure of the interests or relationships required under this paragraph. A design professional or licensed contractor may be subject to discipline under the applicable practice act for his or her profession for failure to provide the written disclosure of the interests or relationships required under this paragraph.

4.a.3. At a minimum, a structural integrity reserve study must identify each item of the condominium property being visually inspected, state the estimated remaining useful life and the estimated replacement cost or deferred maintenance expense of each item of the condominium property being visually inspected, and provide a reserve funding plan or schedule with a recommended annual reserve amount that achieves the estimated replacement cost or deferred maintenance expense of each item of condominium property being visually inspected by the end of the

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estimated remaining useful life of the item. At a minimum, the structural integrity reserve study must include a recommendation for a reserve funding schedule based on a baseline funding plan that provides a reserve funding goal in which the expenditures for each budget year for deferred maintenance, repair, and replacement of reserve items are sufficient to maintain the reserve cash balance above zero. The study may recommend other types of reserve funding schedules, provided that each recommended schedule is sufficient to meet the association's maintenance obligation.

b. The structural integrity reserve study may recommend that reserves do not need to be maintained for any item for which an estimate of useful life and an estimate of replacement cost cannot be determined, or the study may recommend a deferred maintenance expense amount for such item. The structural integrity reserve study may recommend that reserves for replacement costs do not need to be maintained for any item with an estimated remaining useful life of greater than 25 years, but the study may recommend a deferred maintenance expense amount for such item. If the structural integrity reserve study recommends reserves for any item for which reserves are not required under this paragraph, the amount of the recommended reserves for such item must be separately identified in the structural integrity reserve study as an item for which reserves are not required under this paragraph.

5.4. This paragraph does not apply to buildings less than three stories in height; single-family, two-family, or three-family dwellings with three or fewer habitable stories above ground; any portion or component of a building that has not been

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submitted to the condominium form of ownership; or any portion or component of a building that is maintained by a party other than the association.

- $\underline{6.5.}$  Before a developer turns over control of an association to unit owners other than the developer, the developer must have a turnover inspection report in compliance with s. 718.301(4)(p) and (q) for each building on the condominium property that is three stories or higher in height.
- 7.6. Associations existing on or before July 1, 2022, which are controlled by unit owners other than the developer, must have a structural integrity reserve study completed by December 31, 2025 2024, for each building on the condominium property that is three stories or higher in height. An association that is required to complete a milestone inspection in accordance with s. 553.899 on or before December 31, 2026, may complete the structural integrity reserve study simultaneously with the milestone inspection. In no event may the structural integrity reserve study be completed after December 31, 2026.
- 8.7. If the milestone inspection required by s. 553.899, or an inspection completed for a similar local requirement, was performed within the past 5 years and meets the requirements of this paragraph, such inspection may be used in place of the visual inspection portion of the structural integrity reserve study.
- 9. If the association completes a milestone inspection required by s. 553.899, or an inspection completed for a similar local requirement, the association may delay performance of a required structural integrity reserve study for no more than 2 budget years to permit the association to focus its financial

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resources on the completing the repair and maintenance recommendations of the milestone inspection.

10.8. If the officers or directors of an association willfully and knowingly fail to complete a structural integrity reserve study pursuant to this paragraph, such failure is a breach of an officer's and director's fiduciary relationship to the unit owners under s. 718.111(1).

11.9. Within 45 days after receiving the structural integrity reserve study, the association must distribute a copy of the study to each unit owner or deliver to each unit owner a notice that the completed study is available for inspection and copying upon a written request. Distribution of a copy of the study or notice must be made by United States mail or personal delivery to the mailing address, property address, or any other address of the owner provided to fulfill the association's notice requirements under this chapter, or by electronic transmission to the e-mail address or facsimile number provided to fulfill the association's notice requirements to unit owners who previously consented to receive notice by electronic transmission.

12.10. Within 45 days after receiving the structural integrity reserve study, the association must provide the division with a statement indicating that the study was completed and that the association provided or made available such study to each unit owner in accordance with this section. The statement must be provided to the division in the manner established by the division using a form posted on the division's website.

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structural integrity reserve study in coordination with the Florida Building Commission.

Section 3. Paragraphs (d) and (e) of subsection (2) of section 718.503, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of that section is reenacted, to read:

718.503 Developer disclosure prior to sale; nondeveloper unit owner disclosure prior to sale; voidability.—

- (1) DEVELOPER DISCLOSURE. -
- (d) Milestone inspection, turnover inspection report, or structural integrity reserve study.-If the association is required to have completed a milestone inspection as described in s. 553.899, a turnover inspection report for a turnover inspection performed on or after July 1, 2023, or a structural integrity reserve study, and the association has not completed the milestone inspection, the turnover inspection report, or the structural integrity reserve study, each contract entered into after December 31, 2024, for the sale of a residential unit shall contain in conspicuous type a statement indicating that the association is required to have a milestone inspection, a turnover inspection report, or a structural integrity reserve study and has not completed such inspection, report, or study, as appropriate. If the association is not required to have a milestone inspection as described in s. 553.899 or a structural integrity reserve study, each contract entered into after December 31, 2024, for the sale of a residential unit shall contain in conspicuous type a statement indicating that the association is not required to have a milestone inspection or a structural integrity reserve study, as appropriate. If the association has completed a milestone inspection as described in

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s. 553.899, a turnover inspection report for a turnover inspection performed on or after July 1, 2023, or a structural integrity reserve study, each contract entered into after December 31, 2024, for the sale of a residential unit shall contain in conspicuous type:

- 1. A clause which states: THE BUYER HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES
  THAT BUYER HAS BEEN PROVIDED A CURRENT COPY OF THE INSPECTORPREPARED SUMMARY OF THE MILESTONE INSPECTION REPORT AS DESCRIBED
  IN SECTION 553.899, FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; A COPY OF
  THE TURNOVER INSPECTION REPORT DESCRIBED IN SECTION
  718.301(4)(p) AND (q), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; AND A
  COPY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MOST RECENT STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY
  RESERVE STUDY DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 718.103(26) AND
  718.112(2)(g), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE, MORE THAN 15
  DAYS, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS, PRIOR TO
  EXECUTION OF THIS CONTRACT; and
- 2. A clause which states: THIS AGREEMENT IS VOIDABLE BY BUYER BY DELIVERING WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE BUYER'S INTENTION TO CANCEL WITHIN 15 DAYS, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS, AFTER THE DATE OF EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT BY THE BUYER AND RECEIPT BY BUYER OF A CURRENT COPY OF THE INSPECTOR-PREPARED SUMMARY OF THE MILESTONE INSPECTION REPORT AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 553.899, FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; A COPY OF THE TURNOVER INSPECTION REPORT DESCRIBED IN SECTION 718.301(4)(p) AND (q), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; AND A COPY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MOST RECENT STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY RESERVE STUDY DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 718.103(26) AND 718.112(2)(g), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE. ANY PURPORTED WAIVER OF THESE VOIDABILITY RIGHTS SHALL BE OF NO EFFECT. BUYER

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A contract that does not conform to the requirements of this paragraph is voidable at the option of the purchaser prior to closing.

1089 (2) NONDEVELOPER DISCLOSURE.—

- (d) Each contract entered into after July 1, 1992, for the resale of a residential unit  $\underline{\text{must}}$  shall contain in conspicuous type either:
- 1. A clause which states: THE BUYER HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT BUYER HAS BEEN PROVIDED A CURRENT COPY OF THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM, ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE ASSOCIATION, BYLAWS AND RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION, A COPY OF THE MOST RECENT ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND ANNUAL BUDGET, AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS DOCUMENT MORE THAN 15 3 DAYS, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS, PRIOR TO EXECUTION OF THIS CONTRACT; or
- 2. A clause which states: THIS AGREEMENT IS VOIDABLE BY BUYER BY DELIVERING WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE BUYER'S INTENTION TO

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A contract that does not conform to the requirements of this paragraph is voidable at the option of the purchaser prior to closing.

(e) If the association is required to have completed a milestone inspection as described in s. 553.899, a turnover inspection report for a turnover inspection performed on or after July 1, 2023, or a structural integrity reserve study, and the association has not completed the milestone inspection, the turnover inspection report, or the structural integrity reserve study, each contract entered into after December 31, 2024, for the sale of a residential unit shall contain in conspicuous type a statement indicating that the association is required to have

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a milestone inspection, a turnover inspection report, or a structural integrity reserve study and has not completed such inspection, report, or study, as appropriate. If the association is not required to have a milestone inspection as described in s. 553.899 or a structural integrity reserve study, each contract entered into after December 31, 2024, for the sale of a residential unit shall contain in conspicuous type a statement indicating that the association is not required to have a milestone inspection or a structural integrity reserve study, as appropriate. If the association has completed a milestone inspection as described in s. 553.899, a turnover inspection report for a turnover inspection performed on or after July 1, 2023, or a structural integrity reserve study, each contract entered into after December 31, 2024, for the resale of a residential unit shall contain in conspicuous type:

- 1. A clause which states: THE BUYER HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT BUYER HAS BEEN PROVIDED A CURRENT COPY OF THE INSPECTOR-PREPARED SUMMARY OF THE MILESTONE INSPECTION REPORT AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 553.899, FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; A COPY OF THE TURNOVER INSPECTION REPORT DESCRIBED IN SECTION 718.301(4)(p) AND (q), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; AND A COPY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MOST RECENT STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY RESERVE STUDY DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 718.103(26) AND 718.112(2)(g), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE, MORE THAN 15/3 DAYS, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS, PRIOR TO EXECUTION OF THIS CONTRACT; and
- 2. A clause which states: THIS AGREEMENT IS VOIDABLE BY BUYER BY DELIVERING WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE BUYER'S INTENTION TO CANCEL WITHIN 15  $\frac{3}{2}$  DAYS, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL

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1161 HOLIDAYS, AFTER THE DATE OF EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT BY THE 1162 BUYER AND RECEIPT BY BUYER OF A CURRENT COPY OF THE INSPECTOR-PREPARED SUMMARY OF THE MILESTONE INSPECTION REPORT AS DESCRIBED 1163 IN SECTION 553.899, FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; A COPY OF 1164 1165 THE TURNOVER INSPECTION REPORT DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1166 718.301(4)(p) AND (q), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; AND A 1167 COPY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MOST RECENT STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY RESERVE STUDY DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 718.103(26) AND 1168 718.112(2)(q), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE. ANY PURPORTED 1169 1170 WAIVER OF THESE VOIDABILITY RIGHTS SHALL BE OF NO EFFECT. BUYER 1171 MAY EXTEND THE TIME FOR CLOSING FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 15 3 DAYS, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS, AFTER 1172 THE BUYER RECEIVES A CURRENT COPY OF THE INSPECTOR-PREPARED 1173 1174 SUMMARY OF THE MILESTONE INSPECTION REPORT AS DESCRIBED IN 1175 SECTION 553.899, FLORIDA STATUTES; A COPY OF THE TURNOVER 1176 INSPECTION REPORT DESCRIBED IN SECTION 718.301(4)(p) AND (q), 1177 FLORIDA STATUTES; OR A COPY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MOST RECENT 1178 STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY RESERVE STUDY DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 1179 718.103(26) AND 718.112(2)(q), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF REQUESTED IN 1180 WRITING. BUYER'S RIGHT TO VOID THIS AGREEMENT SHALL TERMINATE AT CLOSING. 1181 1182 A contract that does not conform to the requirements of this 1183 1184 paragraph is voidable at the option of the purchaser prior to 1185 closing. Section 4. Section 8 of chapter 2024-244, Laws of Florida, 1186 is amended to read: 1187 Section 8. Effective January 1, 2026, paragraph (g) of 1188 subsection (12) of section 718.111, Florida Statutes, as amended 1189

1190 by this act, is amended to read:

718.111 The association.-

- (12) OFFICIAL RECORDS.-
- (g)1. By January 1, 2019, An association managing a condominium with  $\underline{25}$   $\underline{150}$  or more units which does not contain timeshare units shall post digital copies of the documents specified in subparagraph 2. on its website or make such documents available through an application that can be downloaded on a mobile device.
  - a. The association's website or application must be:
- (I) An independent website, application, or web portal wholly owned and operated by the association; or
- (II) A website, application, or web portal operated by a third-party provider with whom the association owns, leases, rents, or otherwise obtains the right to operate a web page, subpage, web portal, collection of subpages or web portals, or an application which is dedicated to the association's activities and on which required notices, records, and documents may be posted or made available by the association.
- b. The association's website or application must be accessible through the Internet and must contain a subpage, web portal, or other protected electronic location that is inaccessible to the general public and accessible only to unit owners and employees of the association.
- c. Upon a unit owner's written request, the association must provide the unit owner with a username and password and access to the protected sections of the association's website or application which contain any notices, records, or documents that must be electronically provided.

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1219 2. A current copy of the following documents must be posted in digital format on the association's website or application:

- a. The recorded declaration of condominium of each condominium operated by the association and each amendment to each declaration.
- b. The recorded bylaws of the association and each amendment to the bylaws.
- c. The articles of incorporation of the association, or other documents creating the association, and each amendment to the articles of incorporation or other documents. The copy posted pursuant to this sub-subparagraph must be a copy of the articles of incorporation filed with the Department of State.
  - d. The rules of the association.
- <u>e. The minutes of all meetings of the association, the board of administration, and the unit owners over the preceding 12 months.</u>
- <u>f.e.</u> A list of all executory contracts or documents to which the association is a party or under which the association or the unit owners have an obligation or responsibility and, after bidding for the related materials, equipment, or services has closed, a list of bids received by the association within the past year. Summaries of bids for materials, equipment, or services which exceed \$500 must be maintained on the website or application for 1 year. In lieu of summaries, complete copies of the bids may be posted.
- g.f. The annual budget required by s. 718.112(2)(f) and any proposed budget to be considered at the annual meeting.
- $\underline{\text{h.g.}}$  The financial report required by subsection (13) and any monthly income or expense statement to be considered at a

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i.h. The certification of each director required by s. 1250 718.112(2)(d)4.b.

j.i. All contracts or transactions between the association and any director, officer, corporation, firm, or association that is not an affiliated condominium association or any other entity in which an association director is also a director or officer and financially interested.

k. j. Any contract or document regarding a conflict of interest or possible conflict of interest as provided in ss. 468.4335, 468.436(2)(b)6., and 718.3027(3).

1.k. The notice of any unit owner meeting and the agenda for the meeting, as required by s. 718.112(2)(d)3., no later than 14 days before the meeting. The notice must be posted in plain view on the front page of the website or application, or on a separate subpage of the website or application labeled "Notices" which is conspicuously visible and linked from the front page. The association must also post on its website or application any document to be considered and voted on by the owners during the meeting or any document listed on the agenda at least 7 days before the meeting at which the document or the information within the document will be considered.

m. 1. Notice of any board meeting, the agenda, and any other document required for the meeting as required by s. 718.112(2)(c), which must be posted no later than the date required for notice under s. 718.112(2)(c).

n.m. The inspection reports described in ss. 553.899 and 718.301(4)(p) and any other inspection report relating to a structural or life safety inspection of condominium property.

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1277 <u>o.n.</u> The association's most recent structural integrity 1278 reserve study, if applicable.

- $\underline{p.o.}$  Copies of all building permits issued for ongoing or planned construction.
- 3. The association shall ensure that the information and records described in paragraph (c), which are not allowed to be accessible to unit owners, are not posted on the association's website or application. If protected information or information restricted from being accessible to unit owners is included in documents that are required to be posted on the association's website or application, the association shall ensure the information is redacted before posting the documents.

  Notwithstanding the foregoing, the association or its agent is not liable for disclosing information that is protected or restricted under this paragraph unless such disclosure was made with a knowing or intentional disregard of the protected or restricted nature of such information.
- 4. The failure of the association to post information required under subparagraph 2. is not in and of itself sufficient to invalidate any action or decision of the association's board or its committees.
- Section 5. Section 31 of chapter 2024-244, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 31. The amendments made to ss. 718.103(14) and 718.202(3) and 718.407(1), (2), and (6), Florida Statutes, as created by this act, <u>may not are intended to clarify existing law and shall</u> apply retroactively <u>and shall only apply to condominiums for which declarations were initially recorded on or after July 1, 2025. However, Such amendments do not revive or</u>

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reinstate any right or interest that has been fully and finally adjudicated as invalid before October 1, 2024.

Section 6. Subsection (13) is added to section 719.104, Florida Statutes, to read:

719.104 Cooperatives; access to units; records; financial reports; assessments; purchase of leases.—

- (13) INVESTMENT OF ASSOCIATION FUNDS.-
- (a) A board shall, in fulfilling its duty to manage operating and reserve funds of an association, use best efforts to make prudent investment decisions that carefully consider risk and return in an effort to maximize returns on invested funds.
- (b) An association may invest reserve funds in one or any combination of depository accounts at a community bank, savings bank, commercial bank, savings and loan association, or credit union if the respective account balance at any institution does not exceed the amount of deposit insurance per account provided by any agency of the Federal Government or as otherwise available. Notwithstanding any declaration, only funds identified as reserve funds may be invested pursuant to this subsection.
- (c) The board shall create an investment committee composed of at least two board members and two-unit unit members who are unit owners but not board members. The board shall also adopt rules for invested funds, including, but not limited to, rules requiring periodic reviews of any investment manager's performance, the development of an investment policy statement, and that all meetings of the investment committee be recorded and made part of the official records of the association. The

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investment policy statement developed pursuant to this paragraph must, at a minimum, address risk, liquidity, and benchmark measurements; authorized classes of investments; authorized investment mixes; limitations on authority relating to investment transactions; requirements for projected reserve expenditures within, at minimum, the next 24 months to be held in cash or cash equivalents; projected expenditures relating to an inspection performed pursuant to s. 553.899; and protocols for proxy response.

(d) The investment committee shall recommend investment advisers to the board, and the board shall select one of the recommended investment advisers to provide services to the association. Such investment advisers must be registered or have notice filed under s. 517.12. The investment adviser and any representative or association of the investment adviser may not be related by affinity or consanguinity to, or under common ownership with, any board member, community management company, reserve study provider, or unit owner. The investment adviser shall comply with the prudent investor rule in s. 518.11. The investment adviser shall act as a fiduciary to the association in compliance with the standards set forth in the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 at 29 U.S.C. s. 1104(a)(1)(A)-(C). In case of conflict with other provisions of law authorizing investments, the investment and fiduciary standards set forth in this paragraph must prevail. If at any time the investment committee determines that an investment adviser does not meet the requirements of this section, the investment committee must recommend a replacement investment adviser to the board.

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(e) At least once each calendar year, or sooner if a substantial financial obligation of the association becomes known to the board, the association must provide the investment adviser with the association's investment policy statement, the most recent reserve study report, the association's structural integrity report, and the financial reports prepared pursuant to subsection (13). If there is no recent reserve study report, the association must provide the investment adviser with a good faith estimate disclosing the annual amount of reserve funds necessary for the association to fully fund reserves for the life of each reserve component and each component's redundancies. The investment adviser shall annually review these documents and provide the association with a portfolio allocation model that is suitably structured and prudently designed to match projected annual reserve fund requirements and liability, assets, and liquidity requirements. The investment adviser shall prepare a funding projection for each reserve component, including any of the component's redundancies. The association shall have available at all times a minimum of 24 months of projected reserves in cash or cash equivalents.

(f) Portfolios managed by the investment adviser may contain any type of investment necessary to meet the objectives in the investment policy statement; however, portfolios may not contain stocks, securities, or other obligations that the State Board of Administration is prohibited from investing in under s. 215.471, s. 215.4725, or s. 215.473 or that state agencies are prohibited from investing in under s. 215.472, as determined by the investment adviser. Any funds invested by the investment adviser must be held in third-party custodial accounts that are

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subject to insurance coverage by the Securities Investor

Protection Corporation in an amount equal to or greater than the invested amount. The investment adviser may withdraw investment fees, expenses, and commissions from invested funds.

- (g) The investment adviser shall:
- 1. Annually provide the association with a written certification of compliance with this section and a list of stocks, securities, and other obligations that are prohibited from being in association portfolios under paragraph (f); and
- 2. Submit monthly, quarterly, and annual reports to the association which are prepared in accordance with established financial industry standards and in accordance with chapter 517.
- (h) Any principal, earnings, or interest managed under this subsection must be available at no cost or charge to the association within 15 business days after delivery of the association's written or electronic request.
- (i) Unallocated income earned on reserve fund investments may be spent only on capital expenditures, planned maintenance, structural repairs, or other items for which the reserve accounts have been established. Any surplus of funds which exceeds the amount required to maintain reasonably funded reserves must be managed pursuant to s. 718.115.
- Section 7. Paragraphs (j) and (k) of subsection (1) of section 719.106, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
  - 719.106 Bylaws; cooperative ownership.-
- (1) MANDATORY PROVISIONS.—The bylaws or other cooperative documents shall provide for the following, and if they do not, they shall be deemed to include the following:
  - (j) Annual budget.-

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1. The proposed annual budget of common expenses must be detailed and must show the amounts budgeted by accounts and expense classifications, including, if applicable, but not limited to, those expenses listed in s. 719.504(20). The board of administration shall adopt the annual budget at least 14 days before the start of the association's fiscal year. In the event that the board fails to timely adopt the annual budget a second time, it is deemed a minor violation and the prior year's budget shall continue in effect until a new budget is adopted.

2.a. In addition to annual operating expenses, the budget must include reserve accounts for capital expenditures and deferred maintenance. These accounts must include, but not be limited to, roof replacement, building painting, and pavement resurfacing, regardless of the amount of deferred maintenance expense or replacement cost, and for any other items for which the deferred maintenance expense or replacement cost exceeds \$10,000. The amount to be reserved must be computed by means of a formula which is based upon estimated remaining useful life and estimated replacement cost or deferred maintenance expense of the reserve item. In a budget adopted by an association that is required to obtain a structural integrity reserve study, reserves must be maintained for the items identified in paragraph (k) for which the association is responsible pursuant to the declaration, and the reserve amount for such items must be based on the findings and recommendations of the association's most recent structural integrity reserve study. With respect to items for which an estimate of useful life is not readily ascertainable or with an estimated remaining useful life of greater than 25 years, an association is not required to

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reserve replacement costs for such items, but an association must reserve the amount of deferred maintenance expense, if any, which is recommended by the structural integrity reserve study for such items. The association may adjust replacement reserve assessments annually to take into account an inflation adjustment and any changes in estimates or extension of the useful life of a reserve item caused by deferred maintenance.

<u>b.</u> The members of a unit-owner-controlled association may determine, by a majority vote of the total voting interests of the association, for a fiscal year to provide no reserves or reserves less adequate than required by this subsection. Before turnover of control of an association by a developer to unit owners other than a developer under s. 719.301, the developer-controlled association may not vote to waive the reserves or reduce funding of the reserves.

c. For a budget adopted on or after December 31, 2024, a unit-owner-controlled association that must obtain a structural integrity reserve study may not determine to provide no reserves or reserves less adequate than required by this paragraph for items listed in paragraph (k). If a meeting of the unit owners has been called to determine to provide no reserves, or reserves less adequate than required, and such result is not attained or a quorum is not attained, the reserves as included in the budget shall go into effect.

d. If the local building official, as defined in s.

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uninhabitable due to a natural emergency, as defined in s.

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determines that the condominium building is habitable. Any reserve account funds held by the association may be expended, pursuant to the board's determination, to make the condominium building and its structures habitable. Upon the determination by the local building official that the condominium building is habitable, the association must immediately resume contributing funds to its reserves.

- e. For a budget adopted on or before December 31, 2028, a unit-owner-controlled association that must have a structural reserve study may secure a line of credit in lieu of maintaining reserves for all or a portion of the reserves required under this paragraph and paragraph (f) upon a majority vote of the total voting interests of the association. The line of credit must be sufficient to meet the association's deferred maintenance obligation not funded in the association's reserve account for each budget. Funding from the line of credit must be immediately available for access by the board to fund required repair, maintenance, or replacement expenses without further approval by the members of the association.
- f. For a budget adopted on or before December 31, 2028, if the association has completed a milestone inspection pursuant to s. 553.899 within the previous 2 calendar years, the board, upon the approval of a majority of the total voting interests of the association, may temporarily pause reserve fund contributions or reduce the amount of reserve funding for the purpose of funding repairs recommended by the milestone inspection. This subparagraph does not apply to a developer-controlled association and an association in which the non-developer unit owners have been in control for less than 1 year. An association

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that has paused reserve contributions under this subsubparagraph must have a structural integrity reserve study
performed before the continuation of reserve contributions in
order to determine the association's reserve funding needs and
to recommend a reserve funding plan.

- 3. Reserve funds and any interest accruing thereon shall remain in the reserve account or accounts, and shall be used only for authorized reserve expenditures unless their use for other purposes is approved in advance by a vote of the majority of the total voting interests of the association. Before turnover of control of an association by a developer to unit owners other than the developer under s. 719.301, the developer may not vote to use reserves for purposes other than that for which they were intended. For a budget adopted on or after December 31, 2024, members of a unit-owner-controlled association that must obtain a structural integrity reserve study may not vote to use reserve funds, or any interest accruing thereon, for purposes other than the replacement or deferred maintenance costs of the components listed in paragraph (k). A vote of the members is not required for the board to change the accounting method for reserves to a pooling accounting method or a straight-line accounting method.
  - (k) Structural integrity reserve study.-
- 1. A residential cooperative association must have a structural integrity reserve study completed at least every 10 years for each building on the cooperative property that is three stories or higher in height, as determined by the Florida Building Code, that includes, at a minimum, a study of the following items as related to the structural integrity and

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a. Roof.

- b. Structure, including load-bearing walls and other primary structural members and primary structural systems as those terms are defined in s. 627.706.
  - c. Fireproofing and fire protection systems.
- d. Plumbing.
  - e. Electrical systems.
  - f. Waterproofing and exterior painting.
  - g. Windows and exterior doors.
- h. Any other item that has a deferred maintenance expense or replacement cost that exceeds \$10,000 and the failure to replace or maintain such item negatively affects the items listed in sub-subparagraphs a.-g., as determined by the visual inspection portion of the structural integrity reserve study.
- 2. A structural integrity reserve study is based on a visual inspection of the cooperative property.
- 3.a. A structural integrity reserve study may be performed by any person qualified to perform such study. However, the visual inspection portion of the structural integrity reserve study must be performed or verified by an engineer licensed under chapter 471, an architect licensed under chapter 481, or a person certified as a reserve specialist or professional reserve analyst by the Community Associations Institute or the Association of Professional Reserve Analysts.
- b. Any design professional as defined in s. 558.002(7) or contractor licensed under chapter 489 who bids to perform a structural integrity reserve study must disclose in writing to the association his or her intent to bid on any services related

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to any maintenance, repair, or replacement that may be recommended by the structural integrity reserve study. Any design professional as defined in s. 558.002(7) or contractor licensed under chapter 489 who submits a bid to the association for performing any services recommended by the structural integrity reserve study may not have an interest, directly or indirectly, in the firm or entity providing the association's structural integrity reserve study or be a relative of any person having a direct or indirect interest in such firm, unless such relationship is disclosed to the association in writing. As used in this section, the term "relative" means a relative within the third degree of consanguinity by blood or marriage. A contract for services is voidable and terminates upon the association filing a written notice terminating the contract if the design professional or licensed contractor failed to provide the written disclosure of the relationship required under this paragraph. A design professional or licensed contractor may be subject to discipline under the applicable practice act for his or her profession for failure to provide the written disclosure of the relationship required under this subparagraph.

4.a 3. At a minimum, a structural integrity reserve study must identify each item of the cooperative property being visually inspected, state the estimated remaining useful life and the estimated replacement cost or deferred maintenance expense of each item of the cooperative property being visually inspected, and provide a reserve funding schedule with a recommended annual reserve amount that achieves the estimated replacement cost or deferred maintenance expense of each item of cooperative property being visually inspected by the end of the

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estimated remaining useful life of the item. The structural integrity reserve study may recommend that reserves do not need to be maintained for any item for which an estimate of useful life and an estimate of replacement cost cannot be determined, or the study may recommend a deferred maintenance expense amount for such item. At a minimum, the structural integrity reserve study must include a recommendation for a reserve funding schedule based on a baseline funding plan that provides a reserve funding goal in which the expenditures for each budget year for deferred maintenance, repair, and replacement of reserve items are sufficient to maintain the reserve cash balance above zero. The study may recommend other types of reserve funding schedules, provided that each recommended schedule is sufficient to meet the association's maintenance obligation.

<u>b.</u> The structural integrity reserve study may recommend that reserves for replacement costs do not need to be maintained for any item with an estimated remaining useful life of greater than 25 years, but the study may recommend a deferred maintenance expense amount for such item. <u>If the structural</u> integrity reserve study recommends reserves for any item for which reserves are not required under this paragraph, the amount of the recommended reserves for such item must be separately identified in the structural integrity reserve study as an item for which reserves are not required under this paragraph.

5.4. This paragraph does not apply to buildings less than three stories in height; single-family, two-family, or three-family dwellings with three or fewer habitable stories above ground; any portion or component of a building that has not been

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submitted to the cooperative form of ownership; or any portion or component of a building that is maintained by a party other than the association.

- $\underline{6.5.}$  Before a developer turns over control of an association to unit owners other than the developer, the developer must have a turnover inspection report in compliance with s. 719.301(4)(p) and (q) for each building on the cooperative property that is three stories or higher in height.
- 7.6. Associations existing on or before July 1, 2022, which are controlled by unit owners other than the developer, must have a structural integrity reserve study completed by December 31, 2024, for each building on the cooperative property that is three stories or higher in height. An association that is required to complete a milestone inspection on or before December 31, 2026, in accordance with s. 553.899 may complete the structural integrity reserve study simultaneously with the milestone inspection. In no event may the structural integrity reserve study be completed after December 31, 2026.
- 8.7. If the milestone inspection required by s. 553.899, or an inspection completed for a similar local requirement, was performed within the past 5 years and meets the requirements of this paragraph, such inspection may be used in place of the visual inspection portion of the structural integrity reserve study.
- 9. If the association completes a milestone inspection required by s. 553.899, or an inspection completed for a similar local requirement, the association may delay performance of a required structural integrity reserve study for no more than 2 budget years to permit the association to focus its financial

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resources on the completing the repair and maintenance recommendations of the milestone inspection.

10.8. If the officers or directors of an association willfully and knowingly fail to complete a structural integrity reserve study pursuant to this paragraph, such failure is a breach of an officer's and director's fiduciary relationship to the unit owners under s. 719.104(9).

11.9. Within 45 days after receiving the structural integrity reserve study, the association must distribute a copy of the study to each unit owner or deliver to each unit owner a notice that the completed study is available for inspection and copying upon a written request. Distribution of a copy of the study or notice must be made by United States mail or personal delivery at the mailing address, property address, or any other address of the owner provided to fulfill the association's notice requirements under this chapter, or by electronic transmission to the e-mail address or facsimile number provided to fulfill the association's notice requirements to unit owners who previously consented to receive notice by electronic transmission.

12.10. Within 45 days after receiving the structural integrity reserve study, the association must provide the division with a statement indicating that the study was completed and that the association provided or made available such study to each unit owner in accordance with this section. Such statement must be provided to the division in the manner established by the division using a form posted on the division's website.

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structural integrity reserve study in coordination with the Florida Building Commission.

Section 8. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (2) of section 719.503, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of that section is reenacted, to read:

- 719.503 Disclosure prior to sale.—
- (1) DEVELOPER DISCLOSURE.—
- (d) Milestone inspection, turnover inspection report, or structural integrity reserve study.-If the association is required to have completed a milestone inspection as described in s. 553.899, a turnover inspection report for a turnover inspection performed on or after July 1, 2023, or a structural integrity reserve study, and the association has not completed the milestone inspection, the turnover inspection report, or the structural integrity reserve study, each contract entered into after December 31, 2024, for the sale of a residential unit shall contain in conspicuous type a statement indicating that the association is required to have a milestone inspection, a turnover inspection report, or a structural integrity reserve study and has not completed such inspection, report, or study, as appropriate. If the association is not required to have a milestone inspection as described in s. 553.899 or a structural integrity reserve study, each contract entered into after December 31, 2024, for the sale of a residential unit shall contain in conspicuous type a statement indicating that the association is not required to have a milestone inspection or a structural integrity reserve study, as appropriate. If the association has completed a milestone inspection as described in s. 553.899, a turnover inspection report for a turnover

inspection performed on or after July 1, 2023, or a structural integrity reserve study, each contract entered into after
December 31, 2024, for the sale of a residential unit shall

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- 1. A clause which states: THE BUYER HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES
  THAT BUYER HAS BEEN PROVIDED A CURRENT COPY OF THE INSPECTORPREPARED SUMMARY OF THE MILESTONE INSPECTION REPORT AS DESCRIBED
  IN SECTION 553.899, FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; A COPY OF
  THE TURNOVER INSPECTION REPORT DESCRIBED IN SECTION
  719.301(4)(p) AND (q), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; AND A
  COPY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MOST RECENT STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY
  RESERVE STUDY DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 719.103(24) AND
  719.106(1)(k), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE, MORE THAN 15
  DAYS, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS, PRIOR TO
  EXECUTION OF THIS CONTRACT; and
- 2. A clause which states: THIS AGREEMENT IS VOIDABLE BY BUYER BY DELIVERING WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE BUYER'S INTENTION TO CANCEL WITHIN 15 DAYS, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS, AFTER THE DATE OF EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT BY THE BUYER AND RECEIPT BY BUYER OF A CURRENT COPY OF THE INSPECTOR-PREPARED SUMMARY OF THE MILESTONE INSPECTION REPORT AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 553.899, FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; A COPY OF THE TURNOVER INSPECTION REPORT DESCRIBED IN SECTION 719.301(4)(p) AND (q), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; AND A COPY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MOST RECENT STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY RESERVE STUDY DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 719.103(24) AND 719.106(1)(k), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE. ANY PURPORTED WAIVER OF THESE VOIDABILITY RIGHTS SHALL BE OF NO EFFECT. BUYER MAY EXTEND THE TIME FOR CLOSING FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 15

1741 DAYS, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS, AFTER 1742 THE BUYER RECEIVES A CURRENT COPY OF THE INSPECTOR-PREPARED SUMMARY OF THE MILESTONE INSPECTION REPORT AS DESCRIBED IN 1743 SECTION 553.899, FLORIDA STATUTES; A COPY OF THE TURNOVER 1744 1745 INSPECTION REPORT DESCRIBED IN SECTION 719.301(4)(p) AND (q), FLORIDA STATUTES; OR A COPY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MOST RECENT 1746 1747 STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY RESERVE STUDY DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 719.103(24) AND 719.106(1)(k), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF REQUESTED IN 1748 WRITING. BUYER'S RIGHT TO VOID THIS AGREEMENT SHALL TERMINATE AT 1749 1750 CLOSING.

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A contract that does not conform to the requirements of this paragraph is voidable at the option of the purchaser prior to closing.

- 1755 (2) NONDEVELOPER DISCLOSURE.—
  - (c) Each contract entered into after July 1, 1992, for the resale of an interest in a cooperative shall contain in conspicuous type either:
  - 1. A clause which states: THE BUYER HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT BUYER HAS BEEN PROVIDED A CURRENT COPY OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE ASSOCIATION, BYLAWS, RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION, AND THE QUESTION AND ANSWER SHEET MORE THAN  $\underline{15}$   $\underline{3}$  DAYS, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS, PRIOR TO EXECUTION OF THIS CONTRACT; or
  - 2. A clause which states: THIS AGREEMENT IS VOIDABLE BY BUYER BY DELIVERING WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE BUYER'S INTENTION TO CANCEL WITHIN  $\underline{15}$  3 DAYS, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS, AFTER THE DATE OF EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT BY THE BUYER AND RECEIPT BY BUYER OF A CURRENT COPY OF THE ARTICLES OF

1770 INCORPORATION, BYLAWS, AND RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION, AND 1771 QUESTION AND ANSWER SHEET, IF SO REQUESTED IN WRITING. ANY 1772 PURPORTED WAIVER OF THESE VOIDABILITY RIGHTS SHALL BE OF NO 1773 EFFECT. BUYER MAY EXTEND THE TIME FOR CLOSING FOR A PERIOD OF 1774 NOT MORE THAN 15 3 DAYS, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL 1775 HOLIDAYS, AFTER THE BUYER RECEIVES THE ARTICLES OF 1776 INCORPORATION, BYLAWS, RULES, AND QUESTION AND ANSWER SHEET, IF 1777 REQUESTED IN WRITING. BUYER'S RIGHT TO VOID THIS AGREEMENT SHALL 1778 TERMINATE AT CLOSING.

A contract that does not conform to the requirements of this paragraph is voidable at the option of the purchaser prior to

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(d) If the association is required to have completed a milestone inspection as described in s. 553.899, a turnover inspection report for a turnover inspection performed on or after July 1, 2023, or a structural integrity reserve study, and the association has not completed the milestone inspection, the turnover inspection report, or the structural integrity reserve study, each contract entered into after December 31, 2024, for the sale of a residential unit shall contain in conspicuous type a statement indicating that the association is required to have a milestone inspection, a turnover inspection report, or a structural integrity reserve study and has not completed such inspection, report, or study, as appropriate. If the association is not required to have a milestone inspection as described in s. 553.899 or a structural integrity reserve study, each contract entered into after December 31, 2024, for the sale of a residential unit shall contain in conspicuous type a statement

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indicating that the association is not required to have a milestone inspection or a structural integrity reserve study, as appropriate. If the association has completed a milestone inspection as described in s. 553.899, a turnover inspection report for a turnover inspection performed on or after July 1, 2023, or a structural integrity reserve study, each contract entered into after December 31, 2024, for the resale of a residential unit shall contain in conspicuous type:

- 1. A clause which states: THE BUYER HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT BUYER HAS BEEN PROVIDED A CURRENT COPY OF THE INSPECTOR-PREPARED SUMMARY OF THE MILESTONE INSPECTION REPORT AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 553.899, FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; A COPY OF THE TURNOVER INSPECTION REPORT DESCRIBED IN SECTION 719.301(4)(p) AND (q), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; AND A COPY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MOST RECENT STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY RESERVE STUDY DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 719.103(24) AND 719.106(1)(k), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE, MORE THAN 15 3 DAYS, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS, PRIOR TO EXECUTION OF THIS CONTRACT; and
- 2. A clause which states: THIS AGREEMENT IS VOIDABLE BY BUYER BY DELIVERING WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE BUYER'S INTENTION TO CANCEL WITHIN 15 3 DAYS, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS, AFTER THE DATE OF EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT BY THE BUYER AND RECEIPT BY BUYER OF A CURRENT COPY OF THE INSPECTOR-PREPARED SUMMARY OF THE MILESTONE INSPECTION REPORT AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 553.899, FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; A COPY OF THE TURNOVER INSPECTION REPORT DESCRIBED IN SECTION 719.301(4)(p) AND (q), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; AND A COPY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MOST RECENT STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY

1828 RESERVE STUDY DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 719.103(24) AND 1829 719.106(1)(k), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE. ANY PURPORTED 1830 WAIVER OF THESE VOIDABILITY RIGHTS SHALL BE OF NO EFFECT. BUYER 1831 MAY EXTEND THE TIME FOR CLOSING FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 15 1832 3 DAYS, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS, AFTER THE BUYER RECEIVES A CURRENT COPY OF THE INSPECTOR-PREPARED 1833 1834 SUMMARY OF THE MILESTONE INSPECTION REPORT AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 553.899, FLORIDA STATUTES; A COPY OF THE TURNOVER 1835 INSPECTION REPORT DESCRIBED IN SECTION 719.301(4)(p) AND (q), 1836 1837 FLORIDA STATUTES; OR A COPY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MOST RECENT 1838 STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY RESERVE STUDY DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 1839 719.103(24) AND 719.106(1)(k), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF REQUESTED IN WRITING. BUYER'S RIGHT TO VOID THIS AGREEMENT SHALL TERMINATE AT 1840 1841 CLOSING.

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A contract that does not conform to the requirements of this paragraph is voidable at the option of the purchaser prior to closing.

Section 9. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 718.111, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (e) of subsection (3) of section 721.13, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

721.13 Management.-

- (3) The duties of the managing entity include, but are not limited to:
- (e) Arranging for an annual audit of the financial statements of the timeshare plan by a certified public accountant licensed by the Board of Accountancy of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, in

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accordance with generally accepted auditing standards as defined by the rules of the Board of Accountancy of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. The financial statements required by this section must be prepared on an accrual basis using fund accounting, and must be presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A copy of the audited financial statements must be filed with the division for review and forwarded to the board of directors and officers of the owners' association, if one exists, no later than 5 calendar months after the end of the timeshare plan's fiscal year. If no owners' association exists, each purchaser must be notified, no later than 5 months after the end of the timeshare plan's fiscal year, that a copy of the audited financial statements is available upon request to the managing entity. Notwithstanding any requirement of s. 718.111(13) or s. 719.104(4), the audited financial statements required by this section are the only annual financial reporting requirements for timeshare condominiums or timeshare cooperatives.

Section 10. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 718.112, Florida Statutes, in references thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (7) and paragraph (c) of subsection (21) of section 718.504, Florida Statutes, are reenacted to read:

718.504 Prospectus or offering circular.—Every developer of a residential condominium which contains more than 20 residential units, or which is part of a group of residential condominiums which will be served by property to be used in common by unit owners of more than 20 residential units, shall prepare a prospectus or offering circular and file it with the

1886 Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes 1887 prior to entering into an enforceable contract of purchase and 1888 sale of any unit or lease of a unit for more than 5 years and 1889 shall furnish a copy of the prospectus or offering circular to 1890 each buyer. In addition to the prospectus or offering circular, 1891 each buyer shall be furnished a separate page entitled 1892 "Frequently Asked Questions and Answers," which shall be in 1893 accordance with a format approved by the division and a copy of the financial information required by s. 718.111. This page 1894 1895 shall, in readable language, inform prospective purchasers 1896 regarding their voting rights and unit use restrictions, 1897 including restrictions on the leasing of a unit; shall indicate 1898 whether and in what amount the unit owners or the association is 1899 obligated to pay rent or land use fees for recreational or other 1900 commonly used facilities; shall contain a statement identifying that amount of assessment which, pursuant to the budget, would 1901 1902 be levied upon each unit type, exclusive of any special 1903 assessments, and which shall further identify the basis upon 1904 which assessments are levied, whether monthly, quarterly, or 1905 otherwise; shall state and identify any court cases in which the 1906 association is currently a party of record in which the 1907 association may face liability in excess of \$100,000; shall 1908 state whether the condominium is created within a portion of a 1909 building or within a multiple parcel building; and which shall 1910 further state whether membership in a recreational facilities 1911 association is mandatory, and if so, shall identify the fees 1912 currently charged per unit type. The division shall by rule 1913 require such other disclosure as in its judgment will assist 1914 prospective purchasers. The prospectus or offering circular may

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include more than one condominium, although not all such units are being offered for sale as of the date of the prospectus or offering circular. The prospectus or offering circular must contain the following information:

- (7) A description of the recreational and other facilities that will be used in common with other condominiums, community associations, or planned developments which require the payment of the maintenance and expenses of such facilities, directly or indirectly, by the unit owners. The description shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
- (a) Each building and facility committed to be built and a summary description of the structural integrity of each building for which reserves are required pursuant to s. 718.112(2)(g).

Descriptions shall include location, areas, capacities, numbers, volumes, or sizes and may be stated as approximations or minimums.

- (21) An estimated operating budget for the condominium and the association, and a schedule of the unit owner's expenses shall be attached as an exhibit and shall contain the following information:
- (c) The estimated items of expenses of the condominium and the association, except as excluded under paragraph (b), including, but not limited to, the following items, which shall be stated as an association expense collectible by assessments or as unit owners' expenses payable to persons other than the association:
  - 1. Expenses for the association and condominium:
  - a. Administration of the association.

b. Management fees.

- c. Maintenance.
- 1946 d. Rent for recreational and other commonly used 1947 facilities.
- 1948 e. Taxes upon association property.
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  - k. Reserves for all applicable items referenced in s.
- 1955 718.112(2)(g).
- 1956 l. Fees payable to the division.
- 1957 2. Expenses for a unit owner:
- 1958 a. Rent for the unit, if subject to a lease.
  - b. Rent payable by the unit owner directly to the lessor or agent under any recreational lease or lease for the use of commonly used facilities, which use and payment is a mandatory condition of ownership and is not included in the common expense or assessments for common maintenance paid by the unit owners to the association.
  - Section 11. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 718.112, Florida Statutes, in references thereto, paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section 718.618, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:
    - 718.618 Converter reserve accounts; warranties.-
- 1970 (1) When existing improvements are converted to ownership
  1971 as a residential condominium, the developer shall establish
  1972 converter reserve accounts for capital expenditures and deferred

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maintenance, or give warranties as provided by subsection (6), or post a surety bond as provided by subsection (7). The developer shall fund the converter reserve accounts in amounts calculated as follows:

(d) In addition to establishing the reserve accounts specified above, the developer shall establish those other reserve accounts required by s. 718.112(2)(f), and shall fund those accounts in accordance with the formula provided therein. The vote to waive or reduce the funding or reserves required by s. 718.112(2)(f) does not affect or negate the obligations arising under this section.

Section 12. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to sections 718.111 and 718.112, Florida Statutes, in references thereto, paragraphs (a) and (v) of subsection (1) of section 718.501, Florida Statutes, are reenacted to read:

718.501 Authority, responsibility, and duties of Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes.—

(1) The division may enforce and ensure compliance with this chapter and rules relating to the development, construction, sale, lease, ownership, operation, and management of residential condominium units and complaints related to the procedural completion of milestone inspections under s. 553.899. In performing its duties, the division has complete jurisdiction to investigate complaints and enforce compliance with respect to associations that are still under developer control or the control of a bulk assignee or bulk buyer pursuant to part VII of this chapter and complaints against developers, bulk assignees, or bulk buyers involving improper turnover or failure to

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turnover, pursuant to s. 718.301. However, after turnover has occurred, the division has jurisdiction to investigate complaints related only to:

- 2005 (a)1. Procedural aspects and records relating to financial 2006 issues, including annual financial reporting under s.
- 718.111(13); assessments for common expenses, fines, and
  commingling of reserve and operating funds under s. 718.111(14);
  use of debit cards for unintended purposes under s. 718.111(15);
- 2010 the annual operating budget and the allocation of reserve funds
- 2011 under s. 718.112(2)(f); financial records under s.
- 718.111(12)(a)11.; and any other record necessary to determine the revenues and expenses of the association.
- 2014 2. Elections, including election and voting requirements under s. 718.112(2)(b) and (d), recall of board members under s. 718.112(2)(1), electronic voting under s. 718.128, and elections that occur during an emergency under s. 718.1265(1)(a).
  - 3. The maintenance of and unit owner access to association records under s. 718.111(12).
  - 4. The procedural aspects of meetings, including unit owner meetings, quorums, voting requirements, proxies, board of administration meetings, and budget meetings under s. 718.112(2).
  - 5. The disclosure of conflicts of interest under ss. 718.111(1)(a) and 718.3027, including limitations contained in s. 718.111(3)(f).
- 2027 6. The removal of a board director or officer under ss. 2028 718.111(1)(a) and (15) and 718.112(2)(p) and (q).
- 7. The procedural completion of structural integrity reserve studies under s. 718.112(2)(g).

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8. Any written inquiries by unit owners to the association relating to such matters, including written inquiries under s. 718.112(2)(a)2.

(v) The division shall submit to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees an annual report that includes, but need not be limited to, the number of training programs provided for condominium association board members and unit owners, the number of complaints received by type, the number and percent of complaints acknowledged in writing within 30 days and the number and percent of investigations acted upon within 90 days in accordance with paragraph (n), and the number of investigations exceeding the 90-day requirement. The annual report must also include an evaluation of the division's core business processes and make recommendations for improvements, including statutory changes. After December 31, 2024, the division must include a list of the associations that have completed the structural integrity reserve study required under s. 718.112(2)(g). The report shall be submitted by September 30 following the end of the fiscal year.

Section 13. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to sections 718.111, 718.112, and 718.503, Florida Statutes, in references thereto, subsections (1) and (3) of section 718.706, Florida Statutes, are reenacted to read:

718.706 Specific provisions pertaining to offering of units by a bulk assignee or bulk buyer.—

(1) Before offering more than seven units in a single condominium for sale or for lease for a term exceeding 5 years,

a bulk assignee or a bulk buyer must file the following documents with the division and provide such documents to a prospective purchaser or tenant:

- (a) An updated prospectus or offering circular, or a supplement to the prospectus or offering circular, filed by the original developer prepared in accordance with s. 718.504, which must include the form of contract for sale and for lease in compliance with s. 718.503(2);
- (b) An updated Frequently Asked Questions and Answers sheet:
- (c) The executed escrow agreement if required under s.718.202; and
- (d) The financial information required by s. 718.111(13). However, if a financial information report did not exist before the acquisition of title by the bulk assignee or bulk buyer, and if accounting records that permit preparation of the required financial information report for that period cannot be obtained despite good faith efforts by the bulk assignee or the bulk buyer, the bulk assignee or bulk buyer is excused from the requirement of this paragraph. However, the bulk assignee or bulk buyer must include in the purchase contract the following statement in conspicuous type:

ALL OR A PORTION OF THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION REPORT REQUIRED UNDER S. 718.111(13) FOR THE TIME PERIOD BEFORE THE SELLER'S ACQUISITION OF THE UNIT IS NOT AVAILABLE OR CANNOT BE OBTAINED DESPITE THE GOOD FAITH EFFORTS OF THE SELLER.

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(3) A bulk assignee, while in control of the board of administration of the association, may not authorize, on behalf of the association:

- (a) The waiver of reserves or the reduction of funding of the reserves pursuant to s. 718.112(2)(f)2., unless approved by a majority of the voting interests not controlled by the developer, bulk assignee, and bulk buyer; or
- (b) The use of reserve expenditures for other purposes pursuant to s. 718.112(2)(f)3., unless approved by a majority of the voting interests not controlled by the developer, bulk assignee, and bulk buyer.

Section 14. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 719.106, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, subsection (24) of section 719.103, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

719.103 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

(24) "Structural integrity reserve study" means a study of the reserve funds required for future major repairs and replacement of the cooperative property performed as required under s. 719.106(1)(k).

Section 15. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 719.106, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, subsection (1) of section 719.501, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

719.501 Powers and duties of Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes.—

(1) The Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, referred to as the "division" in this part, in

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addition to other powers and duties prescribed by chapter 718, has the power to enforce and ensure compliance with this chapter and adopted rules relating to the development, construction, sale, lease, ownership, operation, and management of residential cooperative units; complaints related to the procedural completion of the structural integrity reserve studies under s. 719.106(1)(k); and complaints related to the procedural completion of milestone inspections under s. 553.899. In performing its duties, the division shall have the following powers and duties:

- (a) The division may make necessary public or private investigations within or outside this state to determine whether any person has violated this chapter or any rule or order hereunder, to aid in the enforcement of this chapter, or to aid in the adoption of rules or forms hereunder.
- (b) The division may require or permit any person to file a statement in writing, under oath or otherwise, as the division determines, as to the facts and circumstances concerning a matter to be investigated.
- (c) For the purpose of any investigation under this chapter, the division director or any officer or employee designated by the division director may administer oaths or affirmations, subpoena witnesses and compel their attendance, take evidence, and require the production of any matter which is relevant to the investigation, including the existence, description, nature, custody, condition, and location of any books, documents, or other tangible things and the identity and location of persons having knowledge of relevant facts or any other matter reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of

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material evidence. Upon failure by a person to obey a subpoena or to answer questions propounded by the investigating officer and upon reasonable notice to all persons affected thereby, the division may apply to the circuit court for an order compelling compliance.

- (d) Notwithstanding any remedies available to unit owners and associations, if the division has reasonable cause to believe that a violation of any provision of this chapter or related rule has occurred, the division may institute enforcement proceedings in its own name against a developer, association, officer, or member of the board, or its assignees or agents, as follows:
- 1. The division may permit a person whose conduct or actions may be under investigation to waive formal proceedings and enter into a consent proceeding whereby orders, rules, or letters of censure or warning, whether formal or informal, may be entered against the person.
- 2. The division may issue an order requiring the developer, association, officer, or member of the board, or its assignees or agents, to cease and desist from the unlawful practice and take such affirmative action as in the judgment of the division will carry out the purposes of this chapter. Such affirmative action may include, but is not limited to, an order requiring a developer to pay moneys determined to be owed to a condominium association.
- 3. The division may bring an action in circuit court on behalf of a class of unit owners, lessees, or purchasers for declaratory relief, injunctive relief, or restitution.
  - 4. The division may impose a civil penalty against a

2176 developer or association, or its assignees or agents, for any 2177 violation of this chapter or related rule. The division may 2178 impose a civil penalty individually against any officer or board 2179 member who willfully and knowingly violates a provision of this 2180 chapter, a rule adopted pursuant to this chapter, or a final order of the division. The term "willfully and knowingly" means 2181 2182 that the division informed the officer or board member that his 2183 or her action or intended action violates this chapter, a rule 2184 adopted under this chapter, or a final order of the division, 2185 and that the officer or board member refused to comply with the 2186 requirements of this chapter, a rule adopted under this chapter, 2187 or a final order of the division. The division, prior to 2188 initiating formal agency action under chapter 120, shall afford 2189 the officer or board member an opportunity to voluntarily comply 2190 with this chapter, a rule adopted under this chapter, or a final order of the division. An officer or board member who complies 2191 2192 within 10 days is not subject to a civil penalty. A penalty may 2193 be imposed on the basis of each day of continuing violation, but 2194 in no event shall the penalty for any offense exceed \$5,000. The 2195 division shall adopt, by rule, penalty guidelines applicable to possible violations or to categories of violations of this 2196 2197 chapter or rules adopted by the division. The guidelines must 2198 specify a meaningful range of civil penalties for each such 2199 violation of the statute and rules and must be based upon the 2200 harm caused by the violation, upon the repetition of the 2201 violation, and upon such other factors deemed relevant by the 2202 division. For example, the division may consider whether the 2203 violations were committed by a developer or owner-controlled 2204 association, the size of the association, and other factors. The

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quidelines must designate the possible mitigating or aggravating circumstances that justify a departure from the range of penalties provided by the rules. It is the legislative intent that minor violations be distinguished from those which endanger the health, safety, or welfare of the cooperative residents or other persons and that such quidelines provide reasonable and meaningful notice to the public of likely penalties that may be imposed for proscribed conduct. This subsection does not limit the ability of the division to informally dispose of administrative actions or complaints by stipulation, agreed settlement, or consent order. All amounts collected shall be deposited with the Chief Financial Officer to the credit of the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes Trust Fund. If a developer fails to pay the civil penalty, the division shall thereupon issue an order directing that such developer cease and desist from further operation until such time as the civil penalty is paid or may pursue enforcement of the penalty in a court of competent jurisdiction. If an association fails to pay the civil penalty, the division shall thereupon pursue enforcement in a court of competent jurisdiction, and the order imposing the civil penalty or the cease and desist order shall not become effective until 20 days after the date of such order. Any action commenced by the division shall be brought in the county in which the division has its executive offices or in the county where the violation occurred.

(e) The division may prepare and disseminate a prospectus and other information to assist prospective owners, purchasers, lessees, and developers of residential cooperatives in assessing

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the rights, privileges, and duties pertaining thereto.

- (f) The division has authority to adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement and enforce the provisions of this chapter.
- (g) The division shall establish procedures for providing notice to an association when the division is considering the issuance of a declaratory statement with respect to the cooperative documents governing such cooperative community.
- (h) The division shall furnish each association which pays the fees required by paragraph (2)(a) a copy of this act, subsequent changes to this act on an annual basis, an amended version of this act as it becomes available from the Secretary of State's office on a biennial basis, and the rules adopted thereto on an annual basis.
- (i) The division shall annually provide each association with a summary of declaratory statements and formal legal opinions relating to the operations of cooperatives which were rendered by the division during the previous year.
- (j) The division shall adopt uniform accounting principles, policies, and standards to be used by all associations in the preparation and presentation of all financial statements required by this chapter. The principles, policies, and standards shall take into consideration the size of the association and the total revenue collected by the association.
- (k) The division shall provide training and educational programs for cooperative association board members and unit owners. The training may, in the division's discretion, include web-based electronic media and live training and seminars in various locations throughout the state. The division may review

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and approve education and training programs for board members and unit owners offered by providers and shall maintain a current list of approved programs and providers and make such list available to board members and unit owners in a reasonable and cost-effective manner.

- (1) The division shall maintain a toll-free telephone number accessible to cooperative unit owners.
- (m) When a complaint is made to the division, the division shall conduct its inquiry with reasonable dispatch and with due regard to the interests of the affected parties. Within 30 days after receipt of a complaint, the division shall acknowledge the complaint in writing and notify the complainant whether the complaint is within the jurisdiction of the division and whether additional information is needed by the division from the complainant. The division shall conduct its investigation and shall, within 90 days after receipt of the original complaint or timely requested additional information, take action upon the complaint. However, the failure to complete the investigation within 90 days does not prevent the division from continuing the investigation, accepting or considering evidence obtained or received after 90 days, or taking administrative action if reasonable cause exists to believe that a violation of this chapter or a rule of the division has occurred. If an investigation is not completed within the time limits established in this paragraph, the division shall, on a monthly basis, notify the complainant in writing of the status of the investigation. When reporting its action to the complainant, the division shall inform the complainant of any right to a hearing pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57.

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(n) The division shall develop a program to certify both volunteer and paid mediators to provide mediation of cooperative disputes. The division shall provide, upon request, a list of such mediators to any association, unit owner, or other participant in arbitration proceedings under s. 718.1255 requesting a copy of the list. The division shall include on the list of voluntary mediators only persons who have received at least 20 hours of training in mediation techniques or have mediated at least 20 disputes. In order to become initially certified by the division, paid mediators must be certified by the Supreme Court to mediate court cases in county or circuit courts. However, the division may adopt, by rule, additional factors for the certification of paid mediators, which factors must be related to experience, education, or background. Any person initially certified as a paid mediator by the division must, in order to continue to be certified, comply with the factors or requirements imposed by rules adopted by the division.

Section 16. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 719.106, Florida Statutes, in references thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (7) and paragraph (c) of subsection (20) of section 719.504, Florida Statutes, are reenacted to read:

719.504 Prospectus or offering circular.—Every developer of a residential cooperative which contains more than 20 residential units, or which is part of a group of residential cooperatives which will be served by property to be used in common by unit owners of more than 20 residential units, shall prepare a prospectus or offering circular and file it with the

2321 Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes 2322 prior to entering into an enforceable contract of purchase and 2323 sale of any unit or lease of a unit for more than 5 years and 2324 shall furnish a copy of the prospectus or offering circular to 2325 each buyer. In addition to the prospectus or offering circular, 2326 each buyer shall be furnished a separate page entitled 2327 "Frequently Asked Questions and Answers," which must be in 2328 accordance with a format approved by the division. This page 2329 must, in readable language: inform prospective purchasers 2330 regarding their voting rights and unit use restrictions, 2331 including restrictions on the leasing of a unit; indicate 2332 whether and in what amount the unit owners or the association is obligated to pay rent or land use fees for recreational or other 2333 commonly used facilities; contain a statement identifying that 2334 2335 amount of assessment which, pursuant to the budget, would be 2336 levied upon each unit type, exclusive of any special 2337 assessments, and which identifies the basis upon which 2338 assessments are levied, whether monthly, quarterly, or 2339 otherwise; state and identify any court cases in which the 2340 association is currently a party of record in which the 2341 association may face liability in excess of \$100,000; and state 2342 whether membership in a recreational facilities association is 2343 mandatory and, if so, identify the fees currently charged per 2344 unit type. The division shall by rule require such other 2345 disclosure as in its judgment will assist prospective purchasers. The prospectus or offering circular may include more 2346 2347 than one cooperative, although not all such units are being 2348 offered for sale as of the date of the prospectus or offering 2349 circular. The prospectus or offering circular must contain the

following information:

- (7) A description of the recreational and other facilities that will be used in common with other cooperatives, community associations, or planned developments which require the payment of the maintenance and expenses of such facilities, directly or indirectly, by the unit owners. The description shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
- (a) Each building and facility committed to be built and a summary description of the structural integrity of each building for which reserves are required pursuant to s. 719.106(1)(k).

Descriptions shall include location, areas, capacities, numbers, volumes, or sizes and may be stated as approximations or minimums.

- (20) An estimated operating budget for the cooperative and the association, and a schedule of the unit owner's expenses shall be attached as an exhibit and shall contain the following information:
- (c) The estimated items of expenses of the cooperative and the association, except as excluded under paragraph (b), including, but not limited to, the following items, which shall be stated as an association expense collectible by assessments or as unit owners' expenses payable to persons other than the association:
  - 1. Expenses for the association and cooperative:
  - a. Administration of the association.
  - b. Management fees.
    - c. Maintenance.
    - d. Rent for recreational and other commonly used areas.

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Section 17. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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