1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to condominium associations; amending
3	s. 627.351, F.S.; prohibiting Citizens Property
4	Insurance Corporation from issuing or renewing
5	insurance policies to unit owners or associations
6	under certain circumstances; amending s. 718.110,
7	F.S.; providing that the declaration of a
8	nonresidential condominium may be amended to change
9	certain provisions if all affected record owners join
10	in the execution of such amendment; requiring certain
11	documents to be served at a unit owner's address as
12	reflected in the association's official records;
13	amending s. 718.111, F.S.; requiring, rather than
14	authorizing, an association to provide adequate
15	insurance coverage; revising the requisite intent
16	necessary for criminal penalties; requiring
17	associations to maintain the most recent annual
18	financial statement and annual budget on the
19	condominium property; removing the requirement for an
20	association to provide a unit owner specified notice
21	that the most updated financial report will be
22	provided to the unit owner upon request; providing
23	legislative findings; authorizing the board of an
24	association to levy special assessments and obtain
25	loans for certain purposes without approval of the
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26 membership; providing applicability; requiring an 27 association to post the adopted minutes of certain 28 meetings on the association's website or application; 29 amending s. 718.112, F.S.; authorizing an association 30 to adopt written reasonable rules governing unit owner 31 questions at a meeting; authorizing an association 32 operating a nonresidential condominium to provide for 33 different voting and election procedures; authorizing 34 the board of an association to pause or reduce 35 contributions to its reserves without requiring 36 approval from the members of the association; 37 authorizing a majority of the total voting interests of certain associations to approve the provision of a 38 39 specified line of credit to be used for certain 40 purposes; authorizing an association's reserve 41 accounts to be pooled; specifying that a conflict of 42 interest exists if the person conducting a structural 43 integrity reserve study or milestone inspection provides or contracts to provide repair or replacement 44 services on certain property; revising applicability; 45 requiring the Department of Business and Professional 46 47 Regulation to initiate rulemaking by a specified date 48 for a certain purpose; prohibiting the suspension of a 49 voting interest of a condominium when voting to recall 50 a member of the board of administration; prohibiting

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51 any prior suspension of voting rights from having any 52 effect; removing certain provisions relating to the 53 method for recalling members of the board; requiring 54 that a recall agreement be served on the association 55 by registered mail, rather than by certified mail or 56 by personal service; providing that service must be 57 provided in a specified manner to be valid; providing 58 that a rejection of a unit owner's recall agreement applies under certain circumstances; providing that 59 60 there is a rebuttable presumption that a unit owner 61 executing a recall agreement is the designated voter 62 for the unit; prohibiting an association from enforcing a voting certificate requirement under 63 64 certain circumstances; requiring that a rescission or revocation of a unit owner's recall agreement be in 65 66 writing and delivered to the association before an association is served with the written recall 67 agreement; providing construction; revising the 68 69 timeframe in which a certain petition or action must be filed; requiring that an association be named as 70 71 the respondent in such petition or action; revising 72 the timeframe in which the Division of Florida 73 Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes or a court 74 may not accept a recall petition or a court action; 75 providing that a director or an officer is delinguent

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76 if payment is not made by a specified due date 77 identified in the declarations, bylaws, or articles of 78 incorporation; providing that a payment is delinquent 79 on the first day of the assessment period if no 80 specified due date is in the declarations, bylaws, or 81 articles of incorporation; amending s. 718.113, F.S.; 82 requiring the board to determine whose responsibility 83 it is to pay for removal or reinstallation of hurricane protection; removing authorization for an 84 85 association to enforce and collect certain charges as assessments; amending s. 718.116, F.S.; providing 86 87 legislative findings; authorizing the board of an association to levy special assessments for certain 88 89 purposes without approval of the membership; providing applicability; amending s. 718.117, F.S.; authorizing 90 termination of a condominium if the estimated costs of 91 92 replacement, in addition to certain construction or 93 repair costs, exceed the estimated fair market value of the units; requiring approval for termination of a 94 95 condominium by a specified percentage of the voting 96 interests under certain circumstances; removing provision prohibiting a plan of termination if a 97 98 certain percentage of the total voting interests 99 reject the plan; specifying how members can reject a 100 plan of termination; providing that certain provisions

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101 relating to a plan of termination apply to residential 102 condominiums only; requiring a plan of termination to 103 be approved by the division; authorizing condominiums to amend their declarations by a specified vote to 104 105 include certain provisions of statutory law; providing additional reasons a unit owner or lienor can contest 106 107 the apportionment of proceed from a sale of the 108 condominium; amending s. 718.1255, F.S.; providing requirements for bringing an action to challenge an 109 110 election or a recall; authorizing certain persons to 111 file a notice of removal and complaint in circuit 112 court within a specified timeframe after service of a 113 petition to arbitrate an election or recall disputes; 114 barring actions that are not timely filed and 115 rendering the arbitration decision final; providing 116 requirements for filing a notice of removal and 117 complaint and bringing an action to challenge the 118 arbitration decision; specifying the sole method in which the division or court may award costs and 119 attorney fees in a dispute involving the recall of a 120 121 director; amending s. 718.128, F.S.; removing a 122 requirement for written notice of certain meetings; 123 requiring, after a specified percentage of voting 124 interests adopts a resolution, a board to hold a 125 meeting within a certain timeframe; requiring a board

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126 to receive a petition to adopt a resolution within a 127 certain timeframe; requiring an association to have a 128 designated e-mail address for receipt of ballots 129 transmitted electronically; providing requirements for 130 electronically transmitting a ballot; providing a presumption; amending s. 718.203, F.S.; providing that 131 132 all condominiums, not just residential, can be covered 133 by an insured warranty program; amending s. 718.301, F.S.; providing that certain provisions of law 134 135 relating to transfer of control of an association do 136 not apply to certain residential condominiums 137 beginning on a specified date; amending s. 718.302, 138 F.S.; providing that if unit owners own a specified 139 percentage of voting interests in certain condominiums 140 that certain agreements may be cancelled by the unit 141 owners; amending s. 718.407, F.S.; requiring that a 142 specified report be provided to an association within 143 a certain amount of time after the end of the fiscal year; requiring copies of receipts and invoices be 144 included with the report; authorizing an association 145 146 to challenge the apportionment of certain costs of the shared facilities within a certain amount of time; 147 148 providing construction; amending s. 718.503, F.S.; 149 requiring a developer or unit owner to provide one 150 notice, instead of two, to a buyer before the sale of

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151	a unit; requiring a unit owner to provide the most
152	recent annual financial statement and annual budget to
153	a buyer before the sale of a unit; amending ch. 2024-
154	244, Laws of Florida; providing that certain
155	amendments that were made to the Condominium Act do
156	not revive, reinstate, or retroactively apply to a
157	right or interest of a condominium unit owner or
158	condominium association in a matter pending
159	adjudication before a specified date; providing
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176 health of the state. The state therefore has a compelling public 177 interest and a public purpose to assist in assuring that property in the state is insured and that it is insured at 178 affordable rates so as to facilitate the remediation, 179 180 reconstruction, and replacement of damaged or destroyed property 181 in order to reduce or avoid the negative effects otherwise 182 resulting to the public health, safety, and welfare, to the 183 economy of the state, and to the revenues of the state and local governments which are needed to provide for the public welfare. 184 185 It is necessary, therefore, to provide affordable property 186 insurance to applicants who are in good faith entitled to 187 procure insurance through the voluntary market but are unable to do so. The Legislature intends, therefore, that affordable 188 property insurance be provided and that it continue to be 189 190 provided, as long as necessary, through Citizens Property Insurance Corporation, a government entity that is an integral 191 192 part of the state, and that is not a private insurance company. 193 To that end, the corporation shall strive to increase the 194 availability of affordable property insurance in this state, 195 while achieving efficiencies and economies, and while providing 196 service to policyholders, applicants, and agents which is no less than the quality generally provided in the voluntary 197 198 market, for the achievement of the foregoing public purposes. Because it is essential for this government entity to have the 199 200 maximum financial resources to pay claims following a

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201 catastrophic hurricane, it is the intent of the Legislature that 202 the corporation continue to be an integral part of the state and 203 that the income of the corporation be exempt from federal income 204 taxation and that interest on the debt obligations issued by the 205 corporation be exempt from federal income taxation.

206 2. The Residential Property and Casualty Joint 207 Underwriting Association originally created by this statute 208 shall be known as the Citizens Property Insurance Corporation. 209 The corporation shall provide insurance for residential and 210 commercial property, for applicants who are entitled, but, in good faith, are unable to procure insurance through the 211 212 voluntary market. The corporation shall operate pursuant to a plan of operation approved by order of the Financial Services 213 214 Commission. The plan is subject to continuous review by the 215 commission. The commission may, by order, withdraw approval of all or part of a plan if the commission determines that 216 217 conditions have changed since approval was granted and that the 218 purposes of the plan require changes in the plan. For the 219 purposes of this subsection, residential coverage includes both 220 personal lines residential coverage, which consists of the type 221 of coverage provided by homeowner, mobile home owner, dwelling, 222 tenant, condominium unit owner, and similar policies; and commercial lines residential coverage, which consists of the 223 type of coverage provided by condominium association, apartment 224 225 building, and similar policies.

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3. With respect to coverage for personal lines residential structures:

a. Effective January 1, 2017, a structure that has a dwelling replacement cost of \$700,000 or more, or a single condominium unit that has a combined dwelling and contents replacement cost of \$700,000 or more, is not eligible for coverage by the corporation.

b. The requirements of sub-subparagraph a. do not apply in counties where the office determines there is not a reasonable degree of competition. In such counties a personal lines residential structure that has a dwelling replacement cost of less than \$1 million, or a single condominium unit that has a combined dwelling and contents replacement cost of less than \$1 million, is eligible for coverage by the corporation.

240 4. It is the intent of the Legislature that policyholders, applicants, and agents of the corporation receive service and 241 242 treatment of the highest possible level but never less than that 243 generally provided in the voluntary market. It is also intended 244 that the corporation be held to service standards no less than 245 those applied to insurers in the voluntary market by the office with respect to responsiveness, timeliness, customer courtesy, 246 and overall dealings with policyholders, applicants, or agents 247 of the corporation. 248

5.a. Effective January 1, 2009, a personal lines
residential structure that is located in the "wind-borne debris"

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region," as defined in s. 1609.2, International Building Code 251 252 (2006), and that has an insured value on the structure of 253 \$750,000 or more is not eligible for coverage by the corporation 254 unless the structure has opening protections as required under 255 the Florida Building Code for a newly constructed residential 256 structure in that area. A residential structure is deemed to 257 comply with this sub-subparagraph if it has shutters or opening 258 protections on all openings and if such opening protections 259 complied with the Florida Building Code at the time they were 260 installed.

261 b. Any major structure, as defined in s. 161.54(6)(a), 262 that is newly constructed, or rebuilt, repaired, restored, or remodeled to increase the total square footage of finished area 263 264 by more than 25 percent, pursuant to a permit applied for after 265 July 1, 2015, is not eligible for coverage by the corporation if 266 the structure is seaward of the coastal construction control 267 line established pursuant to s. 161.053 or is within the Coastal 268 Barrier Resources System as designated by 16 U.S.C. ss. 3501-269 3510.

6. With respect to wind-only coverage for commercial lines residential condominiums, effective July 1, 2014, a condominium shall be deemed ineligible for coverage if 50 percent or more of the units are rented more than eight times in a calendar year for a rental agreement period of less than 30 days.

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7. The corporation may not issue or renew an insurance

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276 policy for a condominium unit owner or a condominium association 277 unless the condominium association has complied with the 278 inspection requirements in ss. 553.899 and 718.112(2)(g). 279 Section 2. Subsections (4) and (10) of section 718.110, 280 Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 718.110 Amendment of declaration; correction of error or 281 282 omission in declaration by circuit court.-283 (4) (a) Subject to paragraph (b), unless otherwise provided in the declaration as originally recorded, an no amendment may 284 285 not change the configuration or size of any unit in any material fashion, materially alter or modify the appurtenances to the 286 287 unit, or change the proportion or percentage by which the unit owner shares the common expenses of the condominium and owns the 288 289 common surplus of the condominium unless the record owner of the 290 unit and all record owners of liens on the unit join in the 291 execution of the amendment and unless all the record owners of 292 all other units in the same condominium approve the amendment. 293 The acquisition of property by the association and material 294 alterations or substantial additions to such property or the 295 common elements by the association in accordance with s. 296 718.111(7) or s. 718.113, and amendments providing for the 297 transfer of use rights in limited common elements pursuant to s. 718.106(2)(b) may not be considered shall not be deemed to 298 constitute a material alteration or modification of the 299 appurtenances to the units. Except as provided in paragraph (b), 300

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301 a declaration recorded after April 1, 1992, may not require the 302 approval of less than a majority of total voting interests of 303 the condominium for amendments under this subsection, unless 304 otherwise required by a governmental entity.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (14), the declaration of a 305 nonresidential condominium formed on or after July 1, 2025, may 306 307 be amended to change the configuration or size of a unit in any 308 material fashion, materially alter or modify the appurtenances 309 to the unit, or change the proportion or percentage by which the 310 unit owner shares the common expenses of the condominium and owns the common surplus of the condominium, if the record owners 311 312 of all affected units and all record owners of liens on the affected units join in the execution of the amendment. The 313 314 approval of the record owners of the nonaffected units in such 315 condominium is not required.

If there is an omission or error in a declaration of 316 (10)317 condominium, or any other document required to establish the 318 condominium, and the omission or error would affect the valid 319 existence of the condominium, the circuit court may entertain a 320 petition of one or more of the unit owners in the condominium, or of the association, to correct the error or omission, and the 321 322 action may be a class action. The court may require that one or more methods of correcting the error or omission be submitted to 323 the unit owners to determine the most acceptable correction. All 324 325 unit owners, the association, and the mortgagees of a first

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326 mortgage of record must be joined as parties to the action. 327 Service of process on unit owners may be by publication, but the 328 plaintiff must furnish every unit owner not personally served with process with a copy of the petition and final decree of the 329 330 court by certified mail, return receipt requested, at the unit owner's last known residence address as reflected in the 331 332 association's official records. If an action to determine 333 whether the declaration or another condominium document complies with the mandatory requirements for the formation of a 334 335 condominium is not brought within 3 years of the recording of 336 the certificate of a surveyor and mapper pursuant to s. 337 718.104(4)(e) or the recording of an instrument that transfers title to a unit in the condominium which is not accompanied by a 338 339 recorded assignment of developer rights in favor of the grantee 340 of such unit, whichever occurs first, the declaration and other documents will effectively create a condominium, as of the date 341 342 the declaration was recorded, regardless of whether the 343 documents substantially comply with the mandatory requirements 344 of law. However, both before and after the expiration of this 3-345 year period, the circuit court has jurisdiction to entertain a 346 petition permitted under this subsection for the correction of 347 the documentation, and other methods of amendment may be utilized to correct the errors or omissions at any time. 348 349 Paragraph (a) of subsection (11), paragraphs Section 3.

350 (a) and (c) of subsection (12), and subsection (13) of section

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351 718.111, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (16) is
352 added to that section, to read:

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718.111 The association.-

354 (11) INSURANCE.-In order to protect the safety, health, 355 and welfare of the people of the State of Florida and to ensure 356 consistency in the provision of insurance coverage to 357 condominiums and their unit owners, this subsection applies to 358 every residential condominium in the state, regardless of the date of its declaration of condominium. It is the intent of the 359 Legislature to encourage lower or stable insurance premiums for 360 361 associations described in this subsection.

362 Every condominium association must provide adequate (a) 363 property insurance as determined under this paragraph, 364 regardless of any requirement in the declaration of condominium 365 for certain coverage by the association for full insurable 366 value, replacement cost, or similar coverage, must be based on 367 the replacement cost of the property to be insured as determined 368 by an independent insurance appraisal or update of a prior 369 appraisal. The replacement cost must be determined at least once 370 every 36 months.

An association or group of associations may provide
 adequate property insurance through a self-insurance fund that
 complies with the requirements of ss. 624.460-624.488.

374 <u>2. The amount of adequate insurance coverage for full</u>
 375 <u>insurable value, replacement cost, or similar coverage may be</u>

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376 based on the replacement cost of the property to be insured as 377 determined by an independent insurance appraisal or update of a 378 previous appraisal. The replacement cost of property covered 379 must be determined every 3 years, at a minimum.

380 3.2. The association's obligation to obtain and 381 association may also provide adequate property insurance 382 coverage for a group of at least three communities created and 383 operating under this chapter, chapter 719, chapter 720, or 384 chapter 721 may be satisfied by obtaining and maintaining for 385 such communities insurance coverage sufficient to cover an 386 amount equal to the probable maximum loss for the communities 387 for a 250-year windstorm event.

388 <u>a.</u> Such probable maximum loss must be determined through 389 the use of a competent model that has been accepted by the 390 Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology.

391 b. A policy or program providing such coverage may not be 392 issued or renewed after July 1, 2008, unless it has been 393 reviewed and approved by the Office of Insurance Regulation. The 394 review and approval must include approval of the policy and 395 related forms pursuant to ss. 627.410 and 627.411, approval of 396 the rates pursuant to s. 627.062, a determination that the loss 397 model approved by the commission was accurately and appropriately applied to the insured structures to determine the 398 250-year probable maximum loss, and a determination that 399 400 complete and accurate disclosure of all material provisions is

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401 provided to condominium unit owners before execution of the 402 agreement by a condominium association.

403 <u>4.3.</u> When determining the adequate amount of property
404 insurance coverage, the association may consider deductibles as
405 determined by this subsection.

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(12) OFFICIAL RECORDS.-

407 (a) From the inception of the association, the association
408 shall maintain each of the following items, if applicable, which
409 constitutes the official records of the association:

410 1. A copy of the plans, permits, warranties, and other411 items provided by the developer under s. 718.301(4).

412 2. A photocopy of the recorded declaration of condominium
413 of each condominium operated by the association and each
414 amendment to each declaration.

3. A photocopy of the recorded bylaws of the associationand each amendment to the bylaws.

4. A certified copy of the articles of incorporation of
the association, or other documents creating the association,
and each amendment thereto.

420 5. A copy of the current rules of the association.

421 6. A book or books that contain the minutes of all
422 meetings of the association, the board of administration, and
423 the unit owners.

424 7. A current roster of all unit owners and their mailing425 addresses, unit identifications, voting certifications, and, if

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426 known, telephone numbers. The association shall also maintain 427 the e-mail addresses and facsimile numbers of unit owners 428 consenting to receive notice by electronic transmission. In 429 accordance with sub-subparagraph (c)4.e. (c)5.e., the e-mail 430 addresses and facsimile numbers are only accessible to unit 431 owners if consent to receive notice by electronic transmission 432 is provided, or if the unit owner has expressly indicated that 433 such personal information can be shared with other unit owners and the unit owner has not provided the association with a 434 435 request to opt out of such dissemination with other unit owners. An association must ensure that the e-mail addresses and 436 437 facsimile numbers are only used for the business operation of 438 the association and may not be sold or shared with outside third 439 parties. If such personal information is included in documents 440 that are released to third parties, other than unit owners, the 441 association must redact such personal information before the document is disseminated. However, the association is not liable 442 443 for an inadvertent disclosure of the e-mail address or facsimile 444 number for receiving electronic transmission of notices unless such disclosure was made with a knowing or intentional disregard 445 446 of the protected nature of such information.

447 8. All current insurance policies of the association and448 condominiums operated by the association.

449 9. A current copy of any management agreement, lease, or450 other contract to which the association is a party or under

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451 which the association or the unit owners have an obligation or 452 responsibility.

453 10. Bills of sale or transfer for all property owned by454 the association.

Accounting records for the association and separate 455 11. accounting records for each condominium that the association 456 457 operates. Any person who knowingly or intentionally defaces or 458 destroys such records, or who knowingly or intentionally fails 459 to create or maintain such records, with the intent of causing harm to the association or one or more of its members, is 460 personally subject to a civil penalty pursuant to s. 461 462 718.501(1)(e). The accounting records must include, but are not 463 limited to:

464 a. Accurate, itemized, and detailed records of all465 receipts and expenditures.

b. All invoices, transaction receipts, or deposit slips
that substantiate any receipt or expenditure of funds by the
association.

469 c. A current account and a monthly, bimonthly, or
470 quarterly statement of the account for each unit designating the
471 name of the unit owner, the due date and amount of each
472 assessment, the amount paid on the account, and the balance due.

d. All audits, reviews, accounting statements, structural
integrity reserve studies, and financial reports of the
association or condominium. Structural integrity reserve studies

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476 must be maintained for at least 15 years after the study is 477 completed.

e. All contracts for work to be performed. Bids for work
to be performed are also considered official records and must be
maintained by the association for at least 1 year after receipt
of the bid.

482 12. Ballots, sign-in sheets, voting proxies, and all other 483 papers and electronic records relating to voting by unit owners, 484 which must be maintained for 1 year from the date of the 485 election, vote, or meeting to which the document relates, 486 notwithstanding paragraph (b).

487 13. All rental records if the association is acting as488 agent for the rental of condominium units.

489 14. A copy of the current question and answer sheet as490 described in s. 718.504.

491 15. A copy of the inspection reports described in ss.
492 553.899 and 718.301(4)(p) and any other inspection report
493 relating to a structural or life safety inspection of
494 condominium property. Such record must be maintained by the
495 association for 15 years after receipt of the report.

496 16. Bids for materials, equipment, or services.

497 17. All affirmative acknowledgments made pursuant to s.498 718.121(4)(c).

499 18. A copy of all building permits.

500 19. A copy of all satisfactorily completed board member

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501 educational certificates.

502 20. All other written records of the association not 503 specifically included in the foregoing which are related to the 504 operation of the association.

505 (c)1.a. The official records of the association are open 506 to inspection by any association member and any person 507 authorized by an association member as a representative of such 508 member at all reasonable times. The right to inspect the records 509 includes the right to make or obtain copies, at the reasonable expense, if any, of the member and of the person authorized by 510 the association member as a representative of such member. A 511 512 renter of a unit has a right to inspect and copy only the 513 declaration of condominium, the association's bylaws and rules, 514 and the inspection reports described in ss. 553.899 and 515 718.301(4)(p). The association may adopt reasonable rules 516 regarding the frequency, time, location, notice, and manner of 517 record inspections and copying but may not require a member to 518 demonstrate any purpose or state any reason for the inspection. 519 The failure of an association to provide the records within 10 520 working days after receipt of a written request creates a 521 rebuttable presumption that the association willfully failed to 522 comply with this paragraph. A unit owner who is denied access to official records is entitled to the actual damages or minimum 523 524 damages for the association's willful failure to comply. Minimum 525 damages are \$50 per calendar day for up to 10 days, beginning on

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526 the 11th working day after receipt of the written request. The 527 failure to permit inspection entitles any person prevailing in 528 an enforcement action to recover reasonable attorney fees from 529 the person in control of the records who, directly or 530 indirectly, knowingly denied access to the records. If the 531 requested records are posted on an association's website, or are 532 available for download through an application on a mobile 533 device, the association may fulfill its obligations under this paragraph by directing to the website or the application all 534 535 persons authorized to request access.

In response to a written request to inspect records, 536 b. 537 the association must simultaneously provide to the requestor a checklist of all records made available for inspection and 538 539 copying. The checklist must also identify any of the 540 association's official records that were not made available to the requestor. An association must maintain a checklist provided 541 542 under this sub-subparagraph for 7 years. An association 543 delivering a checklist pursuant to this sub-subparagraph creates 544 a rebuttable presumption that the association has complied with 545 this paragraph.

2. A director or member of the board or association or a community association manager who knowingly <u>and</u>, willfully <u>or</u> <u>intentionally</u>, and repeatedly violates subparagraph 1. commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, and must be removed from office and a

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551 vacancy declared. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term 552 "repeatedly" means two or more violations within a 12-month 553 period.

Any person who willfully and knowingly or intentionally 554 3. 555 defaces or destroys accounting records that are required by this 556 chapter to be maintained during the period for which such 557 records are required to be maintained, or who willfully and 558 knowingly or intentionally fails to create or maintain 559 accounting records that are required to be created or maintained, with the intent of causing harm to the association 560 561 or one or more of its members, commits a misdemeanor of the 562 first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 563 775.083; is personally subject to a civil penalty pursuant to s. 718.501(1)(d); and must be removed from office and a vacancy 564 565 declared.

566 4. A person who willfully and knowingly or intentionally 567 refuses to release or otherwise produce association records with 568 the intent to avoid or escape detection, arrest, trial, or 569 punishment for the commission of a crime, or to assist another 570 person with such avoidance or escape, commits a felony of the 571 third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, 572 or s. 775.084, and must be removed from office and a vacancy declared. 573

574 5. The association shall maintain an adequate number of 575 copies of the declaration, articles of incorporation, bylaws,

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576 and rules, and all amendments to each of the foregoing, as well as the question and answer sheet as described in s. 718.504 and 577 578 the most recent annual financial statement and annual budget 579 year-end financial information required under this section, on 580 the condominium property to ensure their availability to unit owners and prospective purchasers, and may charge its actual 581 582 costs for preparing and furnishing these documents to those 583 requesting the documents. An association shall allow a member or 584 his or her authorized representative to use a portable device, 585 including a smartphone, tablet, portable scanner, or any other technology capable of scanning or taking photographs, to make an 586 587 electronic copy of the official records in lieu of the association's providing the member or his or her authorized 588 589 representative with a copy of such records. The association may 590 not charge a member or his or her authorized representative for 591 the use of a portable device. Notwithstanding this paragraph, 592 the following records are not accessible to unit owners:

593 Any record protected by the lawyer-client privilege as a. 594 described in s. 90.502 and any record protected by the work-595 product privilege, including a record prepared by an association 596 attorney or prepared at the attorney's express direction, which 597 reflects a mental impression, conclusion, litigation strategy, or legal theory of the attorney or the association, and which 598 was prepared exclusively for civil or criminal litigation or for 599 600 adversarial administrative proceedings, or which was prepared in

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anticipation of such litigation or proceedings until theconclusion of the litigation or proceedings.

b. Information obtained by an association in connection
with the approval of the lease, sale, or other transfer of a
unit.

606 c. Personnel records of association or management company 607 employees, including, but not limited to, disciplinary, payroll, 608 health, and insurance records. For purposes of this sub-609 subparagraph, the term "personnel records" does not include 610 written employment agreements with an association employee or 611 management company, or budgetary or financial records that 612 indicate the compensation paid to an association employee.

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d. Medical records of unit owners.

614 Social security numbers, driver license numbers, credit e. 615 card numbers, e-mail addresses, telephone numbers, facsimile numbers, emergency contact information, addresses of a unit 616 617 owner other than as provided to fulfill the association's notice 618 requirements, and other personal identifying information of any 619 person, excluding the person's name, unit designation, mailing 620 address, property address, and any address, e-mail address, or 621 facsimile number provided to the association to fulfill the 622 association's notice requirements. Notwithstanding the restrictions in this sub-subparagraph, an association may print 623 and distribute to unit owners a directory containing the name, 624 625 unit address, and all telephone numbers of each unit owner.

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626 However, an owner may exclude his or her telephone numbers from 627 the directory by so requesting in writing to the association. An 628 owner may consent in writing to the disclosure of other contact 629 information described in this sub-subparagraph. The association 630 is not liable for the inadvertent disclosure of information that is protected under this sub-subparagraph if the information is 631 included in an official record of the association and is 632 633 voluntarily provided by an owner and not requested by the association. 634

635 f. Electronic security measures that are used by the636 association to safeguard data, including passwords.

g. The software and operating system used by the
association which allow the manipulation of data, even if the
owner owns a copy of the same software used by the association.
The data is part of the official records of the association.

h. All affirmative acknowledgments made pursuant to s.718.121(4)(c).

(13) FINANCIAL REPORTING.-Within 90 days after the end of 643 644 the fiscal year, or annually on a date provided in the bylaws, 645 the association shall prepare and complete, or contract for the 646 preparation and completion of, a financial report for the 647 preceding fiscal year. Within 21 days after the final financial report is completed by the association or received from the 648 third party, but not later than 120 days after the end of the 649 650 fiscal year or other date as provided in the bylaws, the

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651 association shall deliver to each unit owner by United States 652 mail or personal delivery at the mailing address, property 653 address, e-mail address, or facsimile number provided to fulfill 654 the association's notice requirements, a copy of the most recent 655 financial report, and a notice that a copy of the most recent 656 financial report will be mailed or hand delivered to the unit 657 owner, without charge, within 5 business days after receipt of a 658 written request from the unit owner. The division shall adopt 659 rules setting forth uniform accounting principles and standards 660 to be used by all associations and addressing the financial reporting requirements for multicondominium associations. The 661 662 rules must include, but not be limited to, standards for presenting a summary of association reserves, including a good 663 664 faith estimate disclosing the annual amount of reserve funds 665 that would be necessary for the association to fully fund 666 reserves for each reserve item based on the straight-line 667 accounting method. This disclosure is not applicable to reserves 668 funded via the pooling method. In adopting such rules, the 669 division shall consider the number of members and annual 670 revenues of an association. Financial reports shall be prepared 671 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

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676 annual revenues, as follows:

677 1. An association with total annual revenues of \$150,000
678 or more, but less than \$300,000, shall prepare compiled
679 financial statements.

An association with total annual revenues of at least
\$300,000, but less than \$500,000, shall prepare reviewed
financial statements.

683 3. An association with total annual revenues of \$500,000684 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 688 689 disclose the amount of receipts by accounts and receipt 690 classifications and the amount of expenses by accounts and 691 expense classifications, including, but not limited to, the 692 following, as applicable: costs for security, professional and 693 management fees and expenses, taxes, costs for recreation 694 facilities, expenses for refuse collection and utility services, 695 expenses for lawn care, costs for building maintenance and repair, insurance costs, administration and salary expenses, and 696 697 reserves accumulated and expended for capital expenditures, 698 deferred maintenance, and any other category for which the association maintains reserves. 699

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(c) An association may prepare, without a meeting of or

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701 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;

705 2. Reviewed or audited financial statements, if the 706 association is required to prepare compiled financial 707 statements; or

708 3. Audited financial statements if the association is709 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:

713 1. A report of cash receipts and expenditures in lieu of a714 compiled, reviewed, or audited financial statement;

715 2. A report of cash receipts and expenditures or a 716 compiled financial statement in lieu of a reviewed or audited 717 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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726 If the developer has not turned over control of the association, 727 all unit owners, including the developer, may vote on issues 728 related to the preparation of the association's financial 729 reports, from the date of incorporation of the association 730 through the end of the second fiscal year after the fiscal year 731 in which the certificate of a surveyor and mapper is recorded 732 pursuant to s. 718.104(4)(e) or an instrument that transfers 733 title to a unit in the condominium which is not accompanied by a 734 recorded assignment of developer rights in favor of the grantee 735 of such unit is recorded, whichever occurs first. Thereafter, 736 all unit owners except the developer may vote on such issues 737 until control is turned over to the association by the 738 developer. Any audit or review prepared under this section shall 739 be paid for by the developer if done before turnover of control 740 of the association.

741 A unit owner may provide written notice to the (e) division of the association's failure to mail or hand deliver 742 743 him or her a copy of the most recent financial report within 5 744 business days after he or she submitted a written request to the 745 association for a copy of such report. If the division 746 determines that the association failed to mail or hand deliver a 747 copy of the most recent financial report to the unit owner, the division shall provide written notice to the association that 748 749 the association must mail or hand deliver a copy of the most 750 recent financial report to the unit owner and the division

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751 within 5 business days after it receives such notice from the 752 division. An association that fails to comply with the 753 division's request may not waive the financial reporting 754 requirement provided in paragraph (d) for the fiscal year in 755 which the unit owner's request was made and the following fiscal 756 year. A financial report received by the division pursuant to 757 this paragraph shall be maintained, and the division shall 758 provide a copy of such report to an association member upon his 759 or her request. 760

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(16) SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND OBTAINING LOANS.-

The Legislature finds that: (a)1.

762 a. Condominiums are created as authorized by statute and 763 are subject to covenants that encumber the land and restrict the 764 use of real property.

765 In some circumstances, the declaration, articles of b. 766 incorporation, or bylaws of an association restrict the 767 authority of the board of administration to levy special 768 assessments or to obtain a loan without first receiving approval 769 of the membership, which may preclude an association from 770 obtaining immediate funding to carry out its obligations to 771 perform necessary maintenance, repair, or replacement of the 772 condominium property as required by the milestone inspection 773 report and structural integrity reserve study report in order to 774 protect the health and safety of the unit owners and tenants of 775 the property.

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776 c. It is contrary to the public policy of this state to 777 limit the ability of an association to obtain the funds needed 778 to perform necessary maintenance, repair, or replacement of the condominium property as required by the milestone inspection 779 780 report and structural integrity reserve study report in order to 781 protect the health and safety of the unit owners and tenants of 782 the property. 783 d. It is in the best interest of this state to provide a 784 method for the boards of administration of associations to 785 obtain the funds needed to perform necessary maintenance, 786 repair, or replacement of the condominium property as required 787 by the milestone inspection report and structural integrity 788 reserve study report without the approval of the membership in 789 order to protect the health and safety of the unit owners and 790 tenants of the property. 791 2. The Legislature further finds that authorizing the 792 board of administration of an association to meet its fiduciary 793 duty, to levy special assessments, and to obtain a loan for 794 necessary maintenance, repair, or replacement of the condominium 795 property as required by the milestone inspection report and 796 structural integrity reserve study report in order to protect 797 the health and safety of the unit owners and tenants of the 798 property is in the public interest; that requiring an 799 association to obtain membership approval endangers the public 800 safety; and that there is a compelling state interest in

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801 enabling the board of administration of an association to levy 802 special assessments and obtain loans to perform necessary 803 maintenance, repair, or replacement of the condominium property 804 as required by the milestone inspection report and structural 805 integrity reserve study report without the approval of the 806 membership in order to protect the health and safety of the unit 807 owners and tenants of the property. 808 (b) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary 809 contained in an association's declaration, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, the board of administration of an 810 811 association may levy special assessments and obtain a loan to 812 perform necessary maintenance, repair, or replacement of the 813 condominium property as required by the milestone inspection 814 report and structural integrity reserve study report without the 815 approval of the membership in order to protect the health and 816 safety of the unit owners and tenants of the property. 817 This section applies to all condominiums in existence (C) 818 on or after July 1, 2025, which are not controlled by the 819 developer as defined in s. 718.103 or a bulk assignee or bulk 820 buyer, as those terms are defined in s. 718.703. 821 Section 4. Effective January 1, 2026, paragraph (g) of 822 subsection (12) of section 718.111, Florida Statutes, as amended 823 by section 8 of 2024-244, Laws of Florida, is amended to read: 824 718.111 The association.-825 (12) OFFICIAL RECORDS.-

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826 (g)1. An association managing a condominium with 25 or more units which does not contain timeshare units shall post 827 828 digital copies of the documents specified in subparagraph 2. on 829 its website or make such documents available through an 830 application that can be downloaded on a mobile device. 831 The association's website or application must be: a. 832 (I) An independent website, application, or web portal 833 wholly owned and operated by the association; or 834 A website, application, or web portal operated by a (II) 835 third-party provider with whom the association owns, leases,

836 rents, or otherwise obtains the right to operate a web page, 837 subpage, web portal, collection of subpages or web portals, or 838 an application which is dedicated to the association's 839 activities and on which required notices, records, and documents 840 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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851 2. A current copy of the following documents must be 852 posted in digital format on the association's website or 853 application:

a. The recorded declaration of condominium of each
condominium operated by the association and each amendment to
each declaration.

857 b. The recorded bylaws of the association and each858 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.

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d. The rules of the association.

865 <u>e. The adopted minutes of all meetings of the association,</u>
 866 <u>the board of administration, and the unit owners over the</u>
 867 <u>preceding 7 years.</u>

868 f.e. A list of all executory contracts or documents to 869 which the association is a party or under which the association 870 or the unit owners have an obligation or responsibility and, after bidding for the related materials, equipment, or services 871 872 has closed, a list of bids received by the association within the past year. Summaries of bids for materials, equipment, or 873 services which exceed \$500 must be maintained on the website or 874 875 application for 1 year. In lieu of summaries, complete copies of

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876 the bids may be posted.

877 <u>g.f.</u> The annual budget required by s. 718.112(2)(f) and 878 any proposed budget to be considered at the annual meeting.

879 <u>h.g.</u> The financial report required by subsection (13) and 880 any monthly income or expense statement to be considered at a 881 meeting.

882 <u>i.h.</u> The certification of each director required by s. 883 718.112(2)(d)4.b.

884 <u>j.i.</u> All contracts or transactions between the association 885 and any director, officer, corporation, firm, or association 886 that is not an affiliated condominium association or any other 887 entity in which an association director is also a director or 888 officer and financially interested.

889 <u>k.j.</u> Any contract or document regarding a conflict of 890 interest or possible conflict of interest as provided in ss. 891 468.4335, 468.436(2)(b)6., and 718.3027(3).

892 1.k. The notice of any unit owner meeting and the agenda 893 for the meeting, as required by s. 718.112(2)(d)3., no later 894 than 14 days before the meeting. The notice must be posted in 895 plain view on the front page of the website or application, or 896 on a separate subpage of the website or application labeled 897 "Notices" which is conspicuously visible and linked from the front page. The association must also post on its website or 898 application any document to be considered and voted on by the 899 900 owners during the meeting or any document listed on the agenda

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901 at least 7 days before the meeting at which the document or the 902 information within the document will be considered.

903 <u>m.l.</u> Notice of any board meeting, the agenda, and any 904 other document required for the meeting as required by s. 905 718.112(2)(c), which must be posted no later than the date 906 required for notice under s. 718.112(2)(c).

907 <u>n.m.</u> The inspection reports described in ss. 553.899 and 908 718.301(4)(p) and any other inspection report relating to a 909 structural or life safety inspection of condominium property.

910 <u>o.n.</u> The association's most recent structural integrity 911 reserve study, if applicable.

912 <u>p.o.</u> Copies of all building permits issued for ongoing or 913 planned construction.

914 3. The association shall ensure that the information and 915 records described in paragraph (c), which are not allowed to be 916 accessible to unit owners, are not posted on the association's 917 website or application. If protected information or information 918 restricted from being accessible to unit owners is included in 919 documents that are required to be posted on the association's 920 website or application, the association shall ensure the 921 information is redacted before posting the documents. 922 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the association or its agent is not liable for disclosing information that is protected or 923 restricted under this paragraph unless such disclosure was made 924 925 with a knowing or intentional disregard of the protected or

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926 restricted nature of such information.

927 4. The failure of the association to post information
928 required under subparagraph 2. is not in and of itself
929 sufficient to invalidate any action or decision of the
930 association's board or its committees.

931 Section 5. Paragraphs (c), (d), (f), (g), (l), and (p) of 932 subsection (2) of section 718.112, Florida Statutes, are 933 amended, and paragraph (m) of that subsection is republished, to 934 read:

718.112 Bylaws.-

936 (2) REQUIRED PROVISIONS.—The bylaws shall provide for the
937 following and, if they do not do so, shall be deemed to include
938 the following:

939 Board of administration meetings.-In a residential (C) 940 condominium association of more than 10 units, the board of 941 administration shall meet at least once each quarter. At least 942 four times each year, the meeting agenda must include an 943 opportunity for members to ask questions of the board, including 944 questions relating to the status of any construction or repair 945 projects, the status of all revenue and expenditures during the current fiscal year, and any other issues affecting the 946 947 condominium. Meetings of the board of administration at which a 948 quorum of the members is present are open to all unit owners. Members of the board of administration may use e-mail as a means 949 of communication but may not cast a vote on an association 950

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951 matter via e-mail. A unit owner may tape record or videotape the 952 meetings. The right to attend such meetings includes the right 953 to speak at such meetings with reference to all designated 954 agenda items and the right to ask questions relating to reports 955 on the status of construction or repair projects, the status of 956 revenues and expenditures during the current fiscal year, and 957 other issues affecting the condominium. The division shall adopt 958 reasonable rules governing the tape recording and videotaping of 959 the meeting. The association may adopt written reasonable rules 960 governing the frequency, duration, and manner of unit owner 961 statements and questions.

962 Adequate notice of all board meetings, which must 1. 963 specifically identify all agenda items, must be posted 964 conspicuously on the condominium property at least 48 continuous 965 hours before the meeting except in an emergency. If 20 percent 966 of the voting interests petition the board to address an item of 967 business, the board, within 60 days after receipt of the 968 petition, shall place the item on the agenda at its next regular 969 board meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose. 970 An item not included on the notice may be taken up on an emergency basis by a vote of at least a majority plus one of the 971 972 board members. Such emergency action must be noticed and ratified at the next regular board meeting. Written notice of a 973 974 meeting at which a nonemergency special assessment or an 975 amendment to rules regarding unit use will be considered must be

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976 mailed, delivered, or electronically transmitted to the unit 977 owners and posted conspicuously on the condominium property at 978 least 14 days before the meeting. Evidence of compliance with 979 this 14-day notice requirement must be made by an affidavit 980 executed by the person providing the notice and filed with the 981 official records of the association.

982 2. Upon notice to the unit owners, the board shall, by 983 duly adopted rule, designate a specific location on the 984 condominium property at which all notices of board meetings must 985 be posted. If there is no condominium property at which notices 986 can be posted, notices shall be mailed, delivered, or 987 electronically transmitted to each unit owner at least 14 days 988 before the meeting. In lieu of or in addition to the physical 989 posting of the notice on the condominium property, the 990 association may, by reasonable rule, adopt a procedure for 991 conspicuously posting and repeatedly broadcasting the notice and 992 the agenda on a closed-circuit cable television system serving 993 the condominium association. However, if broadcast notice is 994 used in lieu of a notice physically posted on condominium 995 property, the notice and agenda must be broadcast at least four 996 times every broadcast hour of each day that a posted notice is 997 otherwise required under this section. If broadcast notice is provided, the notice and agenda must be broadcast in a manner 998 and for a sufficient continuous length of time so as to allow an 999 average reader to observe the notice and read and comprehend the 1000

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1001 entire content of the notice and the agenda. In addition to any 1002 of the authorized means of providing notice of a meeting of the 1003 board, the association may, by rule, adopt a procedure for conspicuously posting the meeting notice and the agenda on a 1004 1005 website serving the condominium association for at least the 1006 minimum period of time for which a notice of a meeting is also 1007 required to be physically posted on the condominium property. 1008 Any rule adopted shall, in addition to other matters, include a 1009 requirement that the association send an electronic notice in 1010 the same manner as a notice for a meeting of the members, which 1011 must include a hyperlink to the website at which the notice is 1012 posted, to unit owners whose e-mail addresses are included in 1013 the association's official records.

1014 Notice of any meeting in which regular or special 3. 1015 assessments against unit owners are to be considered must 1016 specifically state that assessments will be considered and 1017 provide the estimated cost and description of the purposes for 1018 such assessments. If an agenda item relates to the approval of a 1019 contract for goods or services, a copy of the contract must be provided with the notice and be made available for inspection 1020 1021 and copying upon a written request from a unit owner or made available on the association's website or through an application 1022 that can be downloaded on a mobile device. 1023

10244. Meetings of a committee to take final action on behalf1025of the board or make recommendations to the board regarding the

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1026 association budget are subject to this paragraph. Meetings of a 1027 committee that does not take final action on behalf of the board 1028 or make recommendations to the board regarding the association 1029 budget are subject to this section, unless those meetings are 1030 exempted from this section by the bylaws of the association.

1031 5. Notwithstanding any other law, the requirement that 1032 board meetings and committee meetings be open to the unit owners 1033 does not apply to:

a. Meetings between the board or a committee and the
association's attorney, with respect to proposed or pending
litigation, if the meeting is held for the purpose of seeking or
rendering legal advice; or

b. Board meetings held for the purpose of discussingpersonnel matters.

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(d) Unit owner meetings.-

1041 1. An annual meeting of the unit owners must be held at 1042 the location provided in the association bylaws and, if the 1043 bylaws are silent as to the location, the meeting must be held 1044 within 45 miles of the condominium property. However, such 1045 distance requirement does not apply to an association governing 1046 a timeshare condominium.

1047 2. Unless the bylaws provide otherwise, a vacancy on the 1048 board caused by the expiration of a director's term must be 1049 filled by electing a new board member, and the election must be 1050 by secret ballot. An election is not required if the number of

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1051 vacancies equals or exceeds the number of candidates. For 1052 purposes of this paragraph, the term "candidate" means an 1053 eligible person who has timely submitted the written notice, as 1054 described in sub-subparagraph 4.a., of his or her intention to 1055 become a candidate. Except in a timeshare or nonresidential 1056 condominium, or if the staggered term of a board member does not 1057 expire until a later annual meeting, or if all members' terms 1058 would otherwise expire but there are no candidates, the terms of 1059 all board members expire at the annual meeting, and such members 1060 may stand for reelection unless prohibited by the bylaws. Board 1061 members may serve terms longer than 1 year if permitted by the 1062 bylaws or articles of incorporation. A board member may not 1063 serve more than 8 consecutive years unless approved by an 1064 affirmative vote of unit owners representing two-thirds of all 1065 votes cast in the election or unless there are not enough 1066 eligible candidates to fill the vacancies on the board at the 1067 time of the vacancy. Only board service that occurs on or after 1068 July 1, 2018, may be used when calculating a board member's term 1069 limit. If the number of board members whose terms expire at the 1070 annual meeting equals or exceeds the number of candidates, the 1071 candidates become members of the board effective upon the 1072 adjournment of the annual meeting. Unless the bylaws provide 1073 otherwise, any remaining vacancies shall be filled by the affirmative vote of the majority of the directors making up the 1074 newly constituted board even if the directors constitute less 1075

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1076 than a quorum or there is only one director. In a residential condominium association of more than 10 units or in a 1077 1078 residential condominium association that does not include timeshare units or timeshare interests, co-owners of a unit may 1079 1080 not serve as members of the board of directors at the same time 1081 unless they own more than one unit or unless there are not 1082 enough eligible candidates to fill the vacancies on the board at 1083 the time of the vacancy. A unit owner in a residential 1084 condominium desiring to be a candidate for board membership must 1085 comply with sub-subparagraph 4.a. and must be eligible to be a candidate to serve on the board of directors at the time of the 1086 1087 deadline for submitting a notice of intent to run in order to 1088 have his or her name listed as a proper candidate on the ballot 1089 or to serve on the board. A person who has been suspended or 1090 removed by the division under this chapter, or who is delinquent 1091 in the payment of any assessment due to the association, is not 1092 eligible to be a candidate for board membership and may not be 1093 listed on the ballot. For purposes of this paragraph, a person 1094 is delinquent if a payment is not made by the due date as 1095 specifically identified in the declaration of condominium, 1096 bylaws, or articles of incorporation. If a due date is not 1097 specifically identified in the declaration of condominium, 1098 bylaws, or articles of incorporation, the due date is the first day of the assessment period. A person who has been convicted of 1099 any felony in this state or in a United States District or 1100

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1101 Territorial Court, or who has been convicted of any offense in 1102 another jurisdiction which would be considered a felony if 1103 committed in this state, is not eligible for board membership 1104 unless such felon's civil rights have been restored for at least 1105 5 years as of the date such person seeks election to the board. 1106 The validity of an action by the board is not affected if it is 1107 later determined that a board member is ineligible for board 1108 membership due to having been convicted of a felony. This subparagraph does not limit the term of a member of the board of 1109 1110 a nonresidential or timeshare condominium.

1111 3. The bylaws must provide the method of calling meetings 1112 of unit owners, including annual meetings. Written notice of an 1113 annual meeting must include an agenda; be mailed, hand 1114 delivered, or electronically transmitted to each unit owner at least 14 days before the annual meeting; and be posted in a 1115 conspicuous place on the condominium property or association 1116 1117 property at least 14 continuous days before the annual meeting. 1118 Written notice of a meeting other than an annual meeting must include an agenda; be mailed, hand delivered, or electronically 1119 transmitted to each unit owner; and be posted in a conspicuous 1120 1121 place on the condominium property or association property within the timeframe specified in the bylaws. If the bylaws do not 1122 specify a timeframe for written notice of a meeting other than 1123 an annual meeting, notice must be provided at least 14 1124 continuous days before the meeting. Upon notice to the unit 1125

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1126 owners, the board shall, by duly adopted rule, designate a 1127 specific location on the condominium property or association 1128 property at which all notices of unit owner meetings must be posted. This requirement does not apply if there is no 1129 1130 condominium property for posting notices. In lieu of, or in 1131 addition to, the physical posting of meeting notices, the 1132 association may, by reasonable rule, adopt a procedure for 1133 conspicuously posting and repeatedly broadcasting the notice and the agenda on a closed-circuit cable television system serving 1134 the condominium association. However, if broadcast notice is 1135 1136 used in lieu of a notice posted physically on the condominium 1137 property, the notice and agenda must be broadcast at least four 1138 times every broadcast hour of each day that a posted notice is 1139 otherwise required under this section. If broadcast notice is provided, the notice and agenda must be broadcast in a manner 1140 1141 and for a sufficient continuous length of time so as to allow an 1142 average reader to observe the notice and read and comprehend the 1143 entire content of the notice and the agenda. In addition to any of the authorized means of providing notice of a meeting of the 1144 board, the association may, by rule, adopt a procedure for 1145 1146 conspicuously posting the meeting notice and the agenda on a website serving the condominium association for at least the 1147 minimum period of time for which a notice of a meeting is also 1148 1149 required to be physically posted on the condominium property. Any rule adopted shall, in addition to other matters, include a 1150

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1151 requirement that the association send an electronic notice in 1152 the same manner as a notice for a meeting of the members, which 1153 must include a hyperlink to the website at which the notice is posted, to unit owners whose e-mail addresses are included in 1154 1155 the association's official records. Unless a unit owner waives 1156 in writing the right to receive notice of the annual meeting, 1157 such notice must be hand delivered, mailed, or electronically 1158 transmitted to each unit owner. Notice for meetings and notice 1159 for all other purposes must be mailed to each unit owner at the 1160 address last furnished to the association by the unit owner, or 1161 hand delivered to each unit owner. However, if a unit is owned 1162 by more than one person, the association must provide notice to 1163 the address that the developer identifies for that purpose and 1164 thereafter as one or more of the owners of the unit advise the association in writing, or if no address is given or the owners 1165 1166 of the unit do not agree, to the address provided on the deed of 1167 record. An officer of the association, or the manager or other 1168 person providing notice of the association meeting, must provide 1169 an affidavit or United States Postal Service certificate of 1170 mailing, to be included in the official records of the 1171 association affirming that the notice was mailed or hand 1172 delivered in accordance with this provision.

1173 4. The members of the board of a residential condominium 1174 shall be elected by written ballot or voting machine. Proxies 1175 may not be used in electing the board in general elections or

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elections to fill vacancies caused by recall, resignation, or otherwise, unless otherwise provided in this chapter. This subparagraph does not apply to an association governing a timeshare condominium.

1180 At least 60 days before a scheduled election, the a. association shall mail, deliver, or electronically transmit, by 1181 1182 separate association mailing or included in another association 1183 mailing, delivery, or transmission, including regularly published newsletters, to each unit owner entitled to a vote, a 1184 1185 first notice of the date of the election. A unit owner or other eligible person desiring to be a candidate for the board must 1186 1187 give written notice of his or her intent to be a candidate to 1188 the association at least 40 days before a scheduled election. 1189 Together with the written notice and agenda as set forth in subparagraph 3., the association shall mail, deliver, or 1190 electronically transmit a second notice of the election to all 1191 1192 unit owners entitled to vote, together with a ballot that lists 1193 all candidates not less than 14 days or more than 34 days before 1194 the date of the election. Upon request of a candidate, an information sheet, no larger than 8 1/2 inches by 11 inches, 1195 1196 which must be furnished by the candidate at least 35 days before 1197 the election, must be included with the mailing, delivery, or 1198 transmission of the ballot, with the costs of mailing, delivery, or electronic transmission and copying to be borne by the 1199 association. The association is not liable for the contents of 1200

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1201 the information sheets prepared by the candidates. In order to 1202 reduce costs, the association may print or duplicate the 1203 information sheets on both sides of the paper. The division shall by rule establish voting procedures consistent with this 1204 1205 sub-subparagraph, including rules establishing procedures for 1206 giving notice by electronic transmission and rules providing for 1207 the secrecy of ballots. Elections shall be decided by a 1208 plurality of ballots cast. There is no quorum requirement; 1209 however, at least 20 percent of the eligible voters must cast a 1210 ballot in order to have a valid election. A unit owner may not 1211 authorize any other person to vote his or her ballot, and any 1212 ballots improperly cast are invalid. A unit owner who violates 1213 this provision may be fined by the association in accordance 1214 with s. 718.303. A unit owner who needs assistance in casting 1215 the ballot for the reasons stated in s. 101.051 may obtain such 1216 assistance. The regular election must occur on the date of the 1217 annual meeting. Notwithstanding this sub-subparagraph, an 1218 election is not required unless more candidates file notices of 1219 intent to run or are nominated than board vacancies exist.

1220 b. A director of a board of an association of a 1221 residential condominium shall:

(I) Certify in writing to the secretary of the association that he or she has read the association's declaration of condominium, articles of incorporation, bylaws, and current written policies; that he or she will work to uphold such

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1226 documents and policies to the best of his or her ability; and 1227 that he or she will faithfully discharge his or her fiduciary 1228 responsibility to the association's members.

1229 Submit to the secretary of the association a (II)1230 certificate of having satisfactorily completed the educational 1231 curriculum administered by the division or a division-approved 1232 condominium education provider. The educational curriculum must 1233 be at least 4 hours long and include instruction on milestone inspections, structural integrity reserve studies, elections, 1234 1235 recordkeeping, financial literacy and transparency, levying of 1236 fines, and notice and meeting requirements.

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1238 Each newly elected or appointed director must submit to the 1239 secretary of the association the written certification and 1240 educational certificate within 1 year before being elected or 1241 appointed or 90 days after the date of election or appointment. 1242 A director of an association of a residential condominium who 1243 was elected or appointed before July 1, 2024, must comply with 1244 the written certification and educational certificate requirements in this sub-subparagraph by June 30, 2025. The 1245 1246 written certification and educational certificate is valid for 7 years after the date of issuance and does not have to be 1247 1248 resubmitted as long as the director serves on the board without 1249 interruption during the 7-year period. A director who is appointed by the developer may satisfy the educational 1250

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1251 certificate requirement in sub-subparagraph (II) for any 1252 subsequent appointment to a board by a developer within 7 years 1253 after the date of issuance of the most recent educational certificate, including any interruption of service on a board or 1254 1255 appointment to a board in another association within that 7-year 1256 period. One year after submission of the most recent written 1257 certification and educational certificate, and annually 1258 thereafter, a director of an association of a residential condominium must submit to the secretary of the association a 1259 1260 certificate of having satisfactorily completed at least 1 hour 1261 of continuing education administered by the division, or a 1262 division-approved condominium education provider, relating to 1263 any recent changes to this chapter and the related 1264 administrative rules during the past year. A director of an 1265 association of a residential condominium who fails to timely 1266 file the written certification and educational certificate is 1267 suspended from service on the board until he or she complies 1268 with this sub-subparagraph. The board may temporarily fill the 1269 vacancy during the period of suspension. The secretary shall 1270 cause the association to retain a director's written 1271 certification and educational certificate for inspection by the 1272 members for 7 years after a director's election or the duration 1273 of the director's uninterrupted tenure, whichever is longer. Failure to have such written certification and educational 1274 1275 certificate on file does not affect the validity of any board

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1276 action.

1277 c. Any challenge to the election process must be commenced1278 within 60 days after the election results are announced.

Any approval by unit owners called for by this chapter 1279 5. 1280 or the applicable declaration or bylaws, including, but not 1281 limited to, the approval requirement in s. 718.111(8), must be 1282 made at a duly noticed meeting of unit owners and is subject to 1283 all requirements of this chapter or the applicable condominium 1284 documents relating to unit owner decisionmaking, except that 1285 unit owners may take action by written agreement, without 1286 meetings, on matters for which action by written agreement 1287 without meetings is expressly allowed by the applicable bylaws 1288 or declaration or any law that provides for such action.

1289 Unit owners may waive notice of specific meetings if 6. 1290 allowed by the applicable bylaws or declaration or any law. 1291 Notice of meetings of the board of administration; unit owner 1292 meetings, except unit owner meetings called to recall board 1293 members under paragraph (1); and committee meetings may be given 1294 by electronic transmission to unit owners who consent to receive 1295 notice by electronic transmission. A unit owner who consents to 1296 receiving notices by electronic transmission is solely 1297 responsible for removing or bypassing filters that block receipt of mass e-mails sent to members on behalf of the association in 1298 the course of giving electronic notices. 1299

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7. Unit owners have the right to participate in meetings

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1301 of unit owners with reference to all designated agenda items. 1302 However, the association may adopt reasonable rules governing 1303 the frequency, duration, and manner of unit owner participation.

1304 8. A unit owner may tape record or videotape a meeting of 1305 the unit owners subject to reasonable rules adopted by the 1306 division.

1307 9. Unless otherwise provided in the bylaws, any vacancy 1308 occurring on the board before the expiration of a term may be filled by the affirmative vote of the majority of the remaining 1309 1310 directors, even if the remaining directors constitute less than a quorum, or by the sole remaining director. In the alternative, 1311 1312 a board may hold an election to fill the vacancy, in which case 1313 the election procedures must conform to sub-subparagraph 4.a. 1314 unless the association governs 10 units or fewer and has opted out of the statutory election process, in which case the bylaws 1315 of the association control. Unless otherwise provided in the 1316 1317 bylaws, a board member appointed or elected under this section 1318 shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term of the seat being 1319 filled. Filling vacancies created by recall is governed by paragraph (1) and rules adopted by the division. 1320

1321 10. This chapter does not limit the use of general or 1322 limited proxies, require the use of general or limited proxies, 1323 or require the use of a written ballot or voting machine for any 1324 agenda item or election at any meeting of a timeshare 1325 condominium association or nonresidential condominium

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1328 Notwithstanding subparagraph (b)2. and sub-subparagraph 4.a., an association of 10 or fewer units may, by affirmative vote of a 1329 1330 majority of the total voting interests, provide for different 1331 voting and election procedures in its bylaws, which may be by a 1332 proxy specifically delineating the different voting and election 1333 procedures. The different voting and election procedures may provide for elections to be conducted by limited or general 1334 1335 proxy. Notwithstanding sub-subparagraph 4.a., an association operating a nonresidential condominium may provide for different 1336 1337 voting and election procedures in its bylaws, or by an amendment 1338 to its bylaws, which may include alternative notice requirements 1339 and voting by limited or general proxy.

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(f) Annual budget.-

1341 1. The proposed annual budget of estimated revenues and 1342 expenses must be detailed and must show the amounts budgeted by 1343 accounts and expense classifications, including, at a minimum, 1344 any applicable expenses listed in s. 718.504(21). The board 1345 shall adopt the annual budget at least 14 days before the start 1346 of the association's fiscal year. In the event that the board fails to timely adopt the annual budget a second time, it is 1347 deemed a minor violation and the prior year's budget shall 1348 continue in effect until a new budget is adopted. A 1349 1350 multicondominium association must adopt a separate budget of

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1351 common expenses for each condominium the association operates 1352 and must adopt a separate budget of common expenses for the 1353 association. In addition, if the association maintains limited 1354 common elements with the cost to be shared only by those 1355 entitled to use the limited common elements as provided for in 1356 s. 718.113(1), the budget or a schedule attached to it must show 1357 the amount budgeted for this maintenance. If, after turnover of 1358 control of the association to the unit owners, any of the expenses listed in s. 718.504(21) are not applicable, they do 1359 1360 not need to be listed.

1361 2.a. In addition to annual operating expenses, the budget 1362 must include reserve accounts for capital expenditures and 1363 deferred maintenance. These accounts must include, but are not 1364 limited to, roof replacement, building painting, and pavement 1365 resurfacing, regardless of the amount of deferred maintenance 1366 expense or replacement cost, and any other item that has a 1367 deferred maintenance expense or replacement cost that exceeds 1368 \$10,000. The amount to be reserved must be computed using a 1369 formula based upon estimated remaining useful life and estimated 1370 replacement cost or deferred maintenance expense of the reserve 1371 item. In a budget adopted by an association that is required to 1372 obtain a structural integrity reserve study, reserves must be 1373 maintained for the items identified in paragraph (g) for which 1374 the association is responsible pursuant to the declaration of 1375 condominium, and the reserve amount for such items must be based

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1376 on the findings and recommendations of the association's most 1377 recent structural integrity reserve study. With respect to items 1378 for which an estimate of useful life is not readily 1379 ascertainable or with an estimated remaining useful life of 1380 greater than 25 years, an association is not required to reserve 1381 replacement costs for such items, but an association must 1382 reserve the amount of deferred maintenance expense, if any, 1383 which is recommended by the structural integrity reserve study for such items. The association may adjust replacement reserve 1384 1385 assessments annually to take into account an inflation 1386 adjustment and any changes in estimates or extension of the 1387 useful life of a reserve item caused by deferred maintenance. 1388 The members of a unit-owner-controlled association may 1389 determine, by a majority vote of the total voting interests of 1390 the association, to provide no reserves or less reserves than 1391 required by this subsection. For a budget adopted on or after 1392 December 31, 2024, the members of a unit-owner-controlled 1393 association that must obtain a structural integrity reserve 1394 study may not determine to provide no reserves or less reserves 1395 than required by this subsection for items listed in paragraph 1396 (g), except that members of an association operating a 1397 multicondominium may determine to provide no reserves or less 1398 reserves than required by this subsection if an alternative 1399 funding method has been approved by the division. If the local 1400 building official, as defined in s. 468.603, determines that the

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1401 entire condominium building is uninhabitable due to a natural 1402 emergency, as defined in s. 252.34, the board, upon the approval 1403 of a majority of its members, may pause the contribution to its reserves or reduce reserve funding until the local building 1404 1405 official determines that the condominium building is habitable. 1406 Any reserve account funds held by the association may be 1407 expended, pursuant to the board's determination, to make the 1408 condominium building and its structures habitable. Upon the 1409 determination by the local building official that the 1410 condominium building is habitable, the association must 1411 immediately resume contributing funds to its reserves.

1412 Before turnover of control of an association by a b. 1413 developer to unit owners other than a developer under s. 1414 718.301, the developer-controlled association may not vote to 1415 waive the reserves or reduce funding of the reserves. If a meeting of the unit owners has been called to determine whether 1416 to waive or reduce the funding of reserves and no such result is 1417 1418 achieved or a quorum is not attained, the reserves included in 1419 the budget shall go into effect. After the turnover, the 1420 developer may vote its voting interest to waive or reduce the 1421 funding of reserves.

1422c. For an annual budget adopted on or before December 31,14232027, the members of a unit-owner-controlled association may1424approve, by a majority vote of the total voting interests of the1425association, the provision of a secured line of credit for up to

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1426 <u>35 percent of the amount of the reserves required to meet the</u> 1427 <u>reserve funding schedule recommended by a structural integrity</u> 1428 <u>reserve study with respect to items with an estimated remaining</u> 1429 useful life of greater than 10 years.

1430 3. Reserve funds and any interest accruing thereon shall 1431 remain in the reserve account or accounts, and may be used only 1432 for authorized reserve expenditures unless their use for other 1433 purposes is approved in advance by a majority vote of all the total voting interests of the association. Before turnover of 1434 1435 control of an association by a developer to unit owners other 1436 than the developer pursuant to s. 718.301, the developer-1437 controlled association may not vote to use reserves for purposes 1438 other than those for which they were intended. For a budget 1439 adopted on or after December 31, 2024, members of a unit-ownercontrolled association that must obtain a structural integrity 1440 1441 reserve study may not vote to use reserve funds, or any interest 1442 accruing thereon, for any other purpose other than the 1443 replacement or deferred maintenance costs of the components 1444 listed in paragraph (g).

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

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1451 reducing the funding of reserves or using existing reserve funds 1452 for purposes other than purposes for which the reserves were 1453 intended must contain the following statement in capitalized, 1454 bold letters in a font size larger than any other used on the 1455 face of the proxy ballot: WAIVING OF RESERVES, IN WHOLE OR IN 1456 PART, OR ALLOWING ALTERNATIVE USES OF EXISTING RESERVES MAY 1457 RESULT IN UNIT OWNER LIABILITY FOR PAYMENT OF UNANTICIPATED 1458 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS REGARDING THOSE ITEMS. 1459 5. An association's reserve accounts may be pooled for two 1460 or more required components. Reserve funding for components 1461 listed in paragraph (g) may only be pooled with other components 1462 listed in paragraph (g). The reserve funding indicated in the 1463 proposed annual budget must be sufficient to ensure that

1464 available funds meet or exceed projected expenses for all 1465 components in the reserve pool based on the most recent 1466 structural integrity reserve study.

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(g) Structural integrity reserve study.-

1468 A residential condominium association must have a 1. 1469 structural integrity reserve study completed at least every 10 1470 years after the condominium's creation for each building on the 1471 condominium property that is three stories or higher in height, as determined by the Florida Building Code, which includes, at a 1472 minimum, a study of the following items as related to the 1473 structural integrity and safety of the building: 1474 1475 Roof. a.

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1476	b. Structure, including load-bearing walls and other									
1477	primary structural members and primary structural systems as									
1478	those terms are defined in s. 627.706.									
1479	c. Fireproofing and fire protection systems.									
1480	d. Plumbing.									
1481	e. Electrical systems.									
1482	f. Waterproofing and exterior painting.									
1483	g. Windows and exterior doors.									
1484	h. Any other item that has a deferred maintenance expense									
1485	or replacement cost that exceeds \$10,000 and the failure to									
1486	replace or maintain such item negatively affects the items									
1487	listed in sub-subparagraphs ag., as determined by the visual									
1488	inspection portion of the structural integrity reserve study.									
1489	2. A structural integrity reserve study is based on a									
1490	visual inspection of the condominium property. A structural									
1491	integrity reserve study may be performed by any person qualified									
1492	to perform such study. However, the visual inspection portion of									
1493	the structural integrity reserve study must be performed or									
1494	verified by an engineer licensed under chapter 471, an architect									
1495	licensed under chapter 481, or a person certified as a reserve									
1496	specialist or professional reserve analyst by the Community									
1497	Associations Institute or the Association of Professional									
1498	Reserve Analysts. It is a conflict of interest for any person									
1499	who performs a structural integrity reserve study or a milestone									
1500	inspection under s. 553.899 to provide or contract to provide									

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1501 <u>services for the repair or replacement of the condominium</u> 1502 <u>property that was the subject of such structural integrity</u> 1503 <u>reserve study or milestone inspection, or to have a financial</u> 1504 <u>interest with the person or entity providing the repair or</u> 1505 <u>replacement services.</u>

1506 At a minimum, a structural integrity reserve study must 3. 1507 identify each item of the condominium property being visually 1508 inspected, state the estimated remaining useful life and the 1509 estimated replacement cost or deferred maintenance expense of 1510 each item of the condominium property being visually inspected, 1511 and provide a reserve funding schedule with a recommended annual 1512 reserve amount that achieves the estimated replacement cost or deferred maintenance expense of each item of condominium 1513 1514 property being visually inspected by the end of the estimated 1515 remaining useful life of the item. The structural integrity 1516 reserve study may recommend that reserves do not need to be 1517 maintained for any item for which an estimate of useful life and 1518 an estimate of replacement cost cannot be determined, or the 1519 study may recommend a deferred maintenance expense amount for 1520 such item. The structural integrity reserve study may recommend 1521 that reserves for replacement costs do not need to be maintained for any item with an estimated remaining useful life of greater 1522 than 25 years, but the study may recommend a deferred 1523 maintenance expense amount for such item. 1524

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4. This paragraph does not apply to buildings less than

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1526 three stories in height; single-family, two-family, or three-1527 family, or four-family dwellings with three or fewer habitable 1528 stories above ground; any portion or component of a building 1529 that has not been submitted to the condominium form of 1530 ownership; or any portion or component of a building that is 1531 maintained by a party other than the association.

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.

1537 Associations existing on or before July 1, 2022, which 6. 1538 are controlled by unit owners other than the developer, must have a structural integrity reserve study completed by December 1539 31, 2024, for each building on the condominium property that is 1540 three stories or higher in height. An association that is 1541 1542 required to complete a milestone inspection in accordance with 1543 s. 553.899 on or before December 31, 2026, may complete the 1544 structural integrity reserve study simultaneously with the 1545 milestone inspection. In no event may the structural integrity 1546 reserve study be completed after December 31, 2026.

1547 7. If the milestone inspection required by s. 553.899, or 1548 an inspection completed for a similar local requirement, was 1549 performed within the past 5 years and meets the requirements of 1550 this paragraph, such inspection may be used in place of the

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1551 visual inspection portion of the structural integrity reserve 1552 study.

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).

1558 Within 45 days after receiving the structural integrity 9. 1559 reserve study, the association must distribute a copy of the 1560 study to each unit owner or deliver to each unit owner a notice 1561 that the completed study is available for inspection and copying 1562 upon a written request. Distribution of a copy of the study or notice must be made by United States mail or personal delivery 1563 1564 to the mailing address, property address, or any other address 1565 of the owner provided to fulfill the association's notice 1566 requirements under this chapter, or by electronic transmission 1567 to the e-mail address or facsimile number provided to fulfill 1568 the association's notice requirements to unit owners who 1569 previously consented to receive notice by electronic 1570 transmission.

1571 10. Within 45 days after receiving the structural 1572 integrity reserve study, the association must provide the 1573 division with a statement indicating that the study was 1574 completed and that the association provided or made available 1575 such study to each unit owner in accordance with this section.

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1576 The statement must be provided to the division in the manner 1577 established by the division using a form posted on the 1578 division's website. 1579 11. By October 1, 2025, the Department of Business and 1580 Professional Regulation shall initiate rulemaking to establish 1581 criteria for determining the estimated useful life of the 1582 building components identified in subparagraph 1. 1583 Recall of board members.-Subject to s. 718.301, any (1) 1584 member of the board of administration may be recalled and 1585 removed from office with or without cause by the vote or 1586 agreement in writing by a majority of all the voting interests. 1587 A voting interest of the condominium may not be suspended when voting to recall a member of the board of administration and any 1588 1589 prior suspension of voting rights pursuant to s. 718.303(5) 1590 shall have no effect on a recall vote A special meeting of the 1591 unit owners to recall a member or members of the board of 1592 administration may be called by 10 percent of the voting interests giving notice of the meeting as required for a meeting 1593 1594 of unit owners, and the notice shall state the purpose of the 1595 meeting. Electronic transmission may not be used as a method of 1596 giving notice of a meeting called in whole or in part for this 1597 purpose.

15981. If the recall is approved by a majority of all voting1599interests by a vote at a meeting, the recall will be effective1600as provided in this paragraph. The board shall duly notice and

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1601	hold a board meeting within 5 full business days after the								
1602	adjournment of the unit owner meeting to recall one or more								
1603	board members. Such member or members shall be recalled								
1604	effective immediately upon conclusion of the board meeting,								
1605	provided that the recall is facially valid. A recalled member								
1606	must turn over to the board, within 10 full business days after								
1607	the vote, any and all records and property of the association in								
1608	their possession.								
1609	1.2. If The proposed recall is by an agreement in writing								
1610	by a majority of all voting interests, the agreement in writing								
1611	or a copy thereof \underline{must} \underline{shall} be served on the association by								
1612	<u>registered</u> certified mail or by personal service in the manner								
1613	authorized by chapter 48 and the Florida Rules of Civil								
1614	Procedure. Methods of service that are not authorized by chapter								
1615	48 and the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure are invalid and any								
1616	service that does not comply with this paragraph is void. The								
1617	board of administration shall duly notice and hold a meeting of								
1618	the board within 5 full business days after receipt of the								
1619	agreement by valid service as authorized under this paragraph in								
1620	writing. Such member or members \underline{must} \underline{shall} be recalled effective								
1621	immediately upon the conclusion of the board meeting, provided								
1622	that the recall is facially valid and the agreement was validly								
1623	served. A recalled member must turn over to the board, within 10								
1624	full business days, any and all records and property of the								
1625	association in <u>his or her</u> their possession.								
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1626 Rejection of a unit owner's recall agreement under this 2. 1627 section applies when the recall agreement: 1628 a. Was improperly served; 1629 b. Was executed by a person who was not a unit's record 1630 owner or designated voter; 1631 c. Was previously marked for the removal of any board 1632 member; d. Does not contain any markings that indicate the 1633 1634 selection by a unit owner to either remove or retain a board 1635 member; or 1636 e. Does not contain the signature of the unit owner. 1637 3. There is a rebuttable presumption that a unit owner executing the recall agreement is the designated voter for the 1638 1639 unit. An association may not enforce a voting certificate 1640 requirement if the association has not enforced such requirement 1641 in all matters requiring the use of voting certificates in the year immediately preceding service of the recall agreement. 1642 1643 4. A rescission or revocation of a unit owner's recall 1644 agreement must be in writing and delivered to the association 1645 before the association is served with the written recall agreement. This subparagraph must be liberally construed to 1646 1647 ensure a unit owner is not disenfranchised by an association in a recall and to prevent an association from failing to certify a 1648 1649 recall agreement on a technical omission which is not a part in 1650 the discharge of the unit owner's voting rights.

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1651 <u>5.3.</u> If the board fails to duly notice and hold a board
1652 meeting within 5 full business days after service of an
1653 agreement in writing or within 5 full business days after the
1654 adjournment of the unit owner recall meeting, the recall is
1655 deemed effective and the board members so recalled shall turn
1656 over to the board within 10 full business days after the vote
1657 any and all records and property of the association.

1658 6.4. If the board fails to duly notice and hold the 1659 required meeting or at the conclusion of the meeting determines 1660 that the recall is not facially valid, the unit owner representative may file a petition or circuit court action under 1661 1662 s. 718.1255 challenging the board's failure to act or 1663 challenging the board's determination on facial validity. The petition or action must be filed within 45 $\frac{60}{100}$ days after the 1664 1665 expiration of the applicable 5-full-business-day period. The review of a petition or action under this subparagraph is 1666 1667 limited to the sufficiency of service on the board and the 1668 facial validity of the written agreement or ballots filed. The 1669 association must be named as the respondent.

1670 <u>7.5.</u> If a vacancy occurs on the board as a result of a 1671 recall or removal and less than a majority of the board members 1672 are removed, the vacancy may be filled by the affirmative vote 1673 of a majority of the remaining directors, notwithstanding any 1674 provision to the contrary contained in this subsection. If 1675 vacancies occur on the board as a result of a recall and a

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1676 majority or more of the board members are removed, the vacancies 1677 <u>must shall</u> be filled in accordance with procedural rules to be 1678 adopted by the division, which rules need not be consistent with 1679 this subsection. The rules must provide procedures governing the 1680 conduct of the recall election as well as the operation of the 1681 association during the period after a recall but before the 1682 recall election.

1683 8.6. A board member who has been recalled may file a petition or court action under s. 718.1255 challenging the 1684 1685 validity of the recall. The petition or action must be filed 1686 within 45 60 days after the recall. The association and the unit 1687 owner representative must shall be named as the respondents. The 1688 petition or action may challenge the facial validity of the 1689 written agreement or ballots filed or the substantial compliance 1690 with the procedural requirements for the recall. If the 1691 arbitrator or court determines the recall was invalid, the 1692 petitioning board member must shall immediately be reinstated 1693 and the recall is null and void. A board member who is 1694 successful in challenging a recall is entitled to recover reasonable attorney fees and costs from the respondents. The 1695 1696 arbitrator or court may award reasonable attorney fees and costs 1697 to the respondents if they prevail, if the arbitrator or court 1698 makes a finding that the petitioner's claim is frivolous.

16999.7.The division or a court of competent jurisdiction may1700not accept for filing a recall petition or court action, whether

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1701 filed under subparagraph 1., subparagraph 2., subparagraph 4., 1702 or subparagraph 6., or subparagraph 8., when there are 45 60 or 1703 fewer days until the scheduled reelection of the board member sought to be recalled or when 45 $\frac{60}{60}$ or fewer days have elapsed 1704 1705 since the election of the board member sought to be recalled. 1706 Alternative dispute resolution.-There must be a (m) 1707 provision for alternative dispute resolution as provided for in 1708 s. 718.1255 for any residential condominium. Director or officer delinquencies.-A director or 1709 (p) 1710 officer more than 90 days delinquent in the payment of any 1711 monetary obligation due the association is shall be deemed to 1712 have abandoned the office, creating a vacancy in the office to 1713 be filled according to law. For the purpose of this paragraph, a 1714 director or an officer is delinquent if a payment is not made by the due date as specifically identified in the declarations, 1715 1716 bylaws, or articles of incorporation. If a due date is not 1717 specifically identified in the declaration, bylaws, or articles 1718 of incorporation, the due date is the first day of the 1719 assessment period. 1720 Section 6. Paragraphs (d) and (e) of subsection (5) of 1721 section 718.113, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 1722 718.113 Maintenance; limitation upon improvement; display 1723 of flag; hurricane protection; display of religious decorations.-1724 1725 (5) To protect the health, safety, and welfare of the Page 69 of 104

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1726 people of the state and to ensure uniformity and consistency in 1727 the hurricane protections installed by condominium associations 1728 and unit owners, this subsection applies to all residential and mixed-use condominiums in the state, regardless of when the 1729 1730 condominium is created pursuant to the declaration of 1731 condominium. Each board of administration of a residential 1732 condominium or mixed-use condominium must adopt hurricane 1733 protection specifications for each building within each condominium operated by the association which may include color, 1734 1735 style, and other factors deemed relevant by the board. All 1736 specifications adopted by the board must comply with the 1737 applicable building code. The installation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and operation of hurricane protection in accordance 1738 1739 with this subsection is not considered a material alteration or 1740 substantial addition to the common elements or association 1741 property within the meaning of this section.

1742 Unless otherwise provided in the declaration as (d) 1743 originally recorded, or as amended, a unit owner is not 1744 responsible for the cost of any removal or reinstallation of 1745 hurricane protection, including exterior windows, doors, or 1746 other apertures, if its removal is necessary for the maintenance, repair, or replacement of other condominium 1747 1748 property or association property for which the association is responsible. The board shall determine if the removal or 1749 reinstallation of hurricane protection must be completed by the 1750

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1751 unit owner or the association if the declaration as originally 1752 recorded, or as amended, does not specify who is responsible for 1753 such costs. If such removal or reinstallation is completed by 1754 the association, the costs incurred by the association may not 1755 be charged to the unit owner. If such removal or reinstallation 1756 is completed by the unit owner, the association must reimburse 1757 the unit owner for the cost of the removal or reinstallation or 1758 the association must apply a credit toward future assessments in the amount of the unit owner's cost to remove or reinstall the 1759 1760 hurricane protection.

(e) If the removal or reinstallation of hurricane protection, including exterior windows, doors, or other apertures, is the responsibility of the unit owner and the association completes such removal or reinstallation and then charges the unit owner for such removal or reinstallation, such charges are enforceable as an assessment and may be collected in the manner provided under s. 718.116.

1768Section 7.Subsection (10) of section 718.116, Florida1769Statutes, is amended to read:

1770 718.116 Assessments; liability; lien and priority; 1771 interest; collection.-

(10) (a) The specific purpose or purposes of any special assessment, including any contingent special assessment levied in conjunction with the purchase of an insurance policy authorized by s. 718.111(11), approved in accordance with the

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1776 condominium documents shall be set forth in a written notice of 1777 such assessment sent or delivered to each unit owner. The funds 1778 collected pursuant to a special assessment shall be used only 1779 for the specific purpose or purposes set forth in such notice. 1780 However, upon completion of such specific purpose or purposes, 1781 any excess funds will be considered common surplus, and may, at 1782 the discretion of the board, either be returned to the unit 1783 owners or applied as a credit toward future assessments. 1784 (b) The Legislature finds that: 1785 1. In some circumstances, the declaration, articles of 1786 incorporation, or bylaws of an association restrict the 1787 authority of the board of administration to levy special 1788 assessments without first obtaining the approval of the 1789 membership, which may preclude an association from obtaining 1790 immediate funding to carry out its obligations to perform 1791 necessary maintenance, repair, or replacement of the condominium 1792 property as required by the milestone inspection report and 1793 structural integrity reserve study report in order to protect 1794 the health and safety of the unit owners and tenants of the 1795 property. 1796 2. It is contrary to the public policy of this state to limit the ability of an association to obtain the funds needed 1797 1798 to perform necessary maintenance, repair, or replacement of the 1799 condominium property as required by the milestone inspection 1800 report and structural integrity reserve study report in order to

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1801 protect the unit owners and tenants of the property. 1802 3. Authorizing the board of administration of an 1803 association to meet its fiduciary duty and levy special 1804 assessments to fund necessary maintenance, repair, or 1805 replacement of the condominium property as required by the 1806 milestone inspection report and structural integrity reserve 1807 study report in order to protect the health and safety of the 1808 unit owners and tenants of the property is in the public 1809 interest; that requiring an association to obtain membership 1810 approval endangers the public safety; and that there is a 1811 compelling state interest in enabling the board of 1812 administration of an association to levy special assessments to perform necessary maintenance, repair, or replacement of the 1813 1814 condominium property as required by the milestone inspection 1815 report and structural integrity reserve study report without the 1816 approval of the membership in order to protect the health and 1817 safety of the unit owners and tenants of the property. 1818 Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary (C) 1819 contained in an association's declaration, articles of 1820 incorporation, or bylaws, the board of administration of an 1821 association may levy special assessments to perform necessary 1822 maintenance, repair, or replacement of the condominium property 1823 as required by the milestone inspection report and structural 1824 integrity reserve study report without the approval of the membership in order to protect the health and safety of the unit 1825

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1826	owners and tenants of the property.
1827	(d) Paragraph (c) applies to all condominiums in existence
1828	on or after July 1, 2025, which are not subject to control of
1829	the developer as defined in s. 718.103 or a bulk assignee or
1830	bulk buyer, as those terms are defined in s. 718.703.
1831	Section 8. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and subsections
1832	(3), (4), and (16) of section 718.117, Florida Statutes, are
1833	amended to read:
1834	718.117 Termination of condominium
1835	(2) TERMINATION BECAUSE OF ECONOMIC WASTE OR
1836	IMPOSSIBILITY
1837	(a) Notwithstanding any provision in the declaration, the
1838	condominium form of ownership of a property may be terminated by
1839	a plan of termination approved by the lesser of the lowest
1840	percentage of voting interests necessary to amend the
1841	declaration or as otherwise provided in the declaration for
1842	approval of termination if:
1843	1. The total estimated cost of construction, replacement,
1844	or repairs necessary to construct <u>or replace</u> the intended
1845	improvements or restore the improvements to bring them into
1846	compliance with the most recent version of the Florida Building
1847	<u>Code or to</u> their former condition or bring them into compliance
1848	with applicable laws or regulations, plus the combined estimated
1849	fair market value of the units in the condominium before
1850	commencement of the construction, replacement, or repairs,
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1851	exceeds the combined <u>estimated</u> fair market value of the units in
1852	the condominium after completion of the construction $_{\underline{\prime}}$
1853	replacement, or repairs. However, if at least 50 percent of the
1854	total voting interests are owned by a bulk owner, as defined in
1855	paragraph (3)(c), termination of the condominium under this
1856	subsection requires the approval of at least 80 percent of all
1857	the voting interests in the condominium; or
1858	2. It becomes impossible to operate or reconstruct a
1859	condominium to its prior physical configuration because of land
1860	use laws or regulations.
1861	(3) OPTIONAL TERMINATION <u>Subject to this subsection,</u> the
1862	condominium form of ownership may be terminated for all or a
1863	portion of the condominium property pursuant to a plan of
1864	termination meeting the requirements of this section and
1865	approved by the division. Before a residential association
1866	submits a plan to the division, the plan must be approved by at
1867	least 80 percent of the total voting interests <u>in</u> of the
1868	condominium. However, if 5 percent or more of the total voting
1869	interests of the condominium have rejected the plan of
1870	termination by negative vote or by providing written objections,
1871	the plan of termination may not proceed.
1872	(a) The termination of the condominium form of ownership
1873	is subject to the following conditions:
1874	1. The total voting interests of the condominium must
1875	include all voting interests for the purpose of considering a

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1876 plan of termination. A voting interest of the condominium may 1877 not be suspended for any reason when voting on termination 1878 pursuant to this subsection.

1879 2. If 5 percent or more of the total voting interests of 1880 the condominium <u>have rejected</u> reject a plan of termination <u>by a</u> 1881 <u>negative vote or by providing written objections</u>, <u>the plan of</u> 1882 <u>termination may not proceed and</u> a subsequent plan of termination 1883 <u>under pursuant to</u> this subsection may not be considered for 24 1884 months after the date of the rejection.

(b) This subsection does not apply to any condominium created pursuant to Part VI of this chapter until 5 years after the recording of the declaration of condominium, unless there is no objection to the plan of termination.

1889 The requirements of this paragraph apply to (C) 1890 residential condominiums. For purposes of this paragraph subsection, the term "bulk owner" means the single holder of 1891 1892 such voting interests or an owner together with a related entity 1893 or entities that would be considered an insider, as defined in 1894 s. 726.102, holding such voting interests. If the condominium 1895 association is a residential association proposed for 1896 termination pursuant to this section and, at the time of recording the plan of termination, at least 80 percent of the 1897 total voting interests of the condominium are owned by a bulk 1898 owner, the plan of termination is subject to the following 1899 conditions and limitations: 1900

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1901 If the former condominium units are offered for lease 1. 1902 to the public after the termination, each unit owner in 1903 occupancy immediately before the date of recording of the plan 1904 of termination may lease his or her former unit and remain in 1905 possession of the unit for 12 months after the effective date of 1906 the termination on the same terms as similar unit types within 1907 the property are being offered to the public. In order to obtain 1908 a lease and exercise the right to retain exclusive possession of 1909 the unit owner's former unit, the unit owner must make a written 1910 request to the termination trustee to rent the former unit 1911 within 90 days after the date the plan of termination is 1912 recorded. Any unit owner who fails to timely make such written 1913 request and sign a lease within 15 days after being presented 1914 with a lease is deemed to have waived his or her right to retain possession of his or her former unit and shall be required to 1915 1916 vacate the former unit upon the effective date of the 1917 termination, unless otherwise provided in the plan of 1918 termination.

2. Any former unit owner whose unit was granted homestead exemption status by the applicable county property appraiser as of the date of the recording of the plan of termination shall be paid a relocation payment in an amount equal to 1 percent of the termination proceeds allocated to the owner's former unit. Any relocation payment payable under this subparagraph shall be paid by the single entity or related entities owning at least 80

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1926 percent of the total voting interests. Such relocation payment 1927 shall be in addition to the termination proceeds for such 1928 owner's former unit and shall be paid no later than 10 days 1929 after the former unit owner vacates his or her former unit.

1930 3. For their respective units, all unit owners other than 1931 the bulk owner must be compensated at least 100 percent of the 1932 fair market value of their units. The fair market value shall be 1933 determined as of a date that is no earlier than 90 days before the date that the plan of termination is recorded and shall be 1934 1935 determined by an independent appraiser selected by the 1936 termination trustee. For a person whose unit was granted 1937 homestead exemption status by the applicable county property 1938 appraiser, or was an owner-occupied operating business, as of 1939 the date that the plan of termination is recorded and who is 1940 current in payment of both assessments and other monetary obligations to the association as of the date the plan of 1941 1942 termination is recorded, the fair market value shall be at least 1943 the original purchase price paid for the unit. For purposes of 1944 this subparagraph, the term "fair market value" means the price 1945 of a unit that a seller is willing to accept and a buyer is 1946 willing to pay on the open market in an arms-length transaction 1947 based on similar units sold in other condominiums, including 1948 units sold in bulk purchases but excluding units sold at wholesale or distressed prices. The purchase price of units 1949 acquired in bulk following a bankruptcy or foreclosure shall not 1950

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1951 be considered for purposes of determining fair market value.

1952 The plan of termination must provide for payment of a 4. first mortgage encumbering a unit to the extent necessary to 1953 1954 satisfy the lien, but the payment may not exceed the unit's 1955 share of the proceeds of termination under the plan. If the unit 1956 owner is current in payment of both assessments and other 1957 monetary obligations to the association and any mortgage 1958 encumbering the unit as of the date the plan of termination is recorded, the receipt by the holder of the unit's share of the 1959 1960 proceeds of termination under the plan or the outstanding 1961 balance of the mortgage, whichever is less, shall be deemed to 1962 have satisfied the first mortgage in full.

1963 5. Before a plan of termination is presented to the unit 1964 owners for consideration pursuant to this paragraph, the plan 1965 must include the following written disclosures in a sworn 1966 statement:

1967 The identity of any person or entity that owns or a. 1968 controls 25 percent or more of the units in the condominium and, 1969 if the units are owned by an artificial entity or entities, a 1970 disclosure of the natural person or persons who, directly or 1971 indirectly, manage or control the entity or entities and the 1972 natural person or persons who, directly or indirectly, own or 1973 control 10 percent or more of the artificial entity or entities that constitute the bulk owner. 1974

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b. The units acquired by any bulk owner, the date each

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.976 unit was acquired, and the total amount of compensation paid to .977 each prior unit owner by the bulk owner, regardless of whether .978 attributed to the purchase price of the unit.

979 c. The relationship of any board member to the bulk owner 980 or any person or entity affiliated with the bulk owner subject 981 to disclosure pursuant to this subparagraph.

d. The factual circumstances that show that the plan complies with the requirements of this section and that the plan supports the expressed public policies of this section.

(d) If the members of the board of administration are
elected by the bulk owner, unit owners other than the bulk owner
may elect at least one-third of the members of the board of
administration before the approval of any plan of termination.

Termination must be approved by the division after a (e) plan of termination receives the requisite approval from the unit owners. The division shall examine the plan of termination to determine its procedural sufficiency and, within 45 days after receipt of the initial filing, the division shall notify the association by mail of any procedural deficiencies or that the filing is accepted. If the notice is not given within 45 days after the receipt of the filing, the plan of termination is 1997 presumed to be accepted. If the division determines that the conditions required by this section have been met and that the plan complies with the procedural requirements of this section, 1999 2000 the division shall authorize the termination, and the

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2001 termination may proceed pursuant to this section.

2002 (f) Subsection (2) does not apply to optional termination 2003 pursuant to this subsection.

2004 EXEMPTION.-A plan of termination is not an amendment (4) subject to s. 718.110(4). In a partial termination, a plan of 2005 2006 termination is not an amendment subject to s. 718.110(4) if the 2007 ownership share of the common elements of a surviving unit in 2008 the condominium remains in the same proportion to the surviving 2009 units as it was before the partial termination. Notwithstanding 2010 any provision in the declaration to the contrary, the 2011 association may amend the declaration of condominium for the 2012 purpose of incorporating this section by the lesser of the 2013 lowest percentage of voting interests necessary to amend the 2014 declaration or as otherwise provided in the declaration, 2015 whichever is less.

2016 RIGHT TO CONTEST.-A unit owner or lienor may contest (16)2017 a plan of termination by initiating a petition in accordance 2018 with s. 718.1255 within 90 days after the date the plan is 2019 recorded. A unit owner or lienor may only contest the fairness 2020 and reasonableness of the apportionment of the proceeds from the 2021 sale among the unit owners; τ that the liens of the first mortgages of unit owners other than the bulk owner have not or 2022 2023 will not be satisfied to the extent required by subsection (3); that the combined estimated fair market value of the units in 2024 the condominium after completion of the construction, 2025

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2026 replacement, or repairs contemplated by subparagraph (2)(a)1. 2027 exceeds the estimated value of the units before the 2028 construction, replacement, or repairs plus the cost of the 2029 construction, replacement, or repairs; - or that the required 2030 vote to approve the plan was not obtained. A unit owner or 2031 lienor who does not contest the plan within the 90-day period is 2032 barred from asserting or prosecuting a claim against the 2033 association, the termination trustee, any unit owner, or any 2034 successor in interest to the condominium property. In an action 2035 contesting a plan of termination, the person contesting the plan 2036 has the burden of pleading and proving that the apportionment of 2037 the proceeds from the sale among the unit owners was not fair 2038 and reasonable or that the required vote was not obtained. The 2039 apportionment of sale proceeds is presumed fair and reasonable 2040 if it was determined pursuant to the methods prescribed in 2041 subsection (12). If the petition is filed with the division for 2042 arbitration, the arbitrator shall determine the rights and 2043 interests of the parties in the apportionment of the sale 2044 proceeds. If the arbitrator determines that the apportionment of 2045 sales proceeds is not fair and reasonable, the arbitrator may 2046 void the plan or may modify the plan to apportion the proceeds 2047 in a fair and reasonable manner pursuant to this section based 2048 upon the proceedings and order the modified plan of termination 2049 to be implemented. If the arbitrator determines that the plan was not properly approved, or that the procedures to adopt the 2050

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2051 plan were not properly followed, the arbitrator may void the 2052 plan or grant other relief it deems just and proper. The 2053 arbitrator shall automatically void the plan upon a finding that 2054 any of the disclosures required in subparagraph (3)(c)5. are omitted, misleading, incomplete, or inaccurate. Any challenge to 2055 2056 a plan, other than a challenge that the required vote was not 2057 obtained, does not affect title to the condominium property or 2058 the vesting of the condominium property in the trustee, but 2059 shall only be a claim against the proceeds of the plan. In any such action, the prevailing party shall recover reasonable 2060 2061 attorney fees and costs.

2062Section 9.Subsection (7) of section 718.1255, Florida2063Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (9), paragraph (a) of2064subsection (4) and subsection (6) are amended, and new2065subsections (7) and (8) are added to that section, to read:

2066 718.1255 Alternative dispute resolution; mediation; 2067 nonbinding arbitration; applicability.-

2068 NONBINDING ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION OF DISPUTES.-The (4) 2069 Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes 2070 of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation may 2071 employ full-time attorneys to act as arbitrators to conduct the 2072 arbitration hearings provided by this chapter. The division may 2073 also certify attorneys who are not employed by the division to act as arbitrators to conduct the arbitration hearings provided 2074 by this chapter. A person may not be employed by the department 2075

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2076 as a full-time arbitrator unless he or she is a member in good 2077 standing of The Florida Bar. A person may only be certified by 2078 the division to act as an arbitrator if he or she has been a 2079 member in good standing of The Florida Bar for at least 5 years 2080 and has mediated or arbitrated at least 10 disputes involving 2081 condominiums in this state during the 3 years immediately 2082 preceding the date of application, mediated or arbitrated at 2083 least 30 disputes in any subject area in this state during the 3 2084 years immediately preceding the date of application, or attained board certification in real estate law or condominium and 2085 2086 planned development law from The Florida Bar. Arbitrator 2087 certification is valid for 1 year. An arbitrator who does not 2088 maintain the minimum qualifications for initial certification 2089 may not have his or her certification renewed. The department 2090 may not enter into a legal services contract for an arbitration 2091 hearing under this chapter with an attorney who is not a 2092 certified arbitrator unless a certified arbitrator is not 2093 available within 50 miles of the dispute. The department shall 2094 adopt rules of procedure to govern such arbitration hearings 2095 including mediation incident thereto. The decision of an 2096 arbitrator is final; however, a decision is not deemed final agency action. Nothing in this provision shall be construed to 2097 foreclose parties from proceeding in a trial de novo unless the 2098 parties have agreed that the arbitration is binding. If judicial 2099 proceedings are initiated, the final decision of the arbitrator 2100

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2101 is admissible in evidence in the trial de novo.

2102 Before the institution of court litigation, a party to (a) 2103 a dispute, other than an election or recall dispute, shall 2104 either petition the division for nonbinding arbitration or initiate presuit mediation as provided in subsection (5). In an 2105 2106 election or recall dispute that is arbitrated by the division, 2107 the arbitration decision is binding on the parties unless 2108 removed pursuant to subsection (7). For all other disputes, 2109 arbitration is binding on the parties if all parties in 2110 arbitration agree to be bound in a writing filed in arbitration. The petition must be accompanied by a filing fee in the amount 2111 2112 of \$50. Filing fees collected under this section must be used to 2113 defray the expenses of the alternative dispute resolution 2114 program.

2115 DISPUTES INVOLVING ELECTION IRREGULARITIES OR RECALL (6) OF A DIRECTOR.-Every arbitration petition received by the 2116 2117 division and required to be filed under this section challenging 2118 the legality of the election of any director of the board of 2119 administration or the recall of any director of the board of 2120 administration must be handled on an expedited basis in the 2121 manner provided by the division's rules for recall arbitration 2122 disputes. If a challenge to an election or recall dispute is filed in circuit court, the challenge must be brought in equity 2123 as a summary proceeding pursuant to s. 51.011. The party filing 2124 the action may request the court to issue a temporary injunction 2125

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2126 to stay an upcoming election while the action is pending. The 2127 court must set an immediate hearing when an action is filed 2128 pursuant to this subsection. The court may limit the time for taking testimony based on the circumstances of the matter and 2129 2130 the proximity of the date on which a succeeding election is 2131 scheduled, if applicable. An action filed pursuant to this 2132 subsection must be tried without a jury. The prevailing party in 2133 an action filed pursuant to this subsection shall recover 2134 reasonable attorney fees and costs. 2135 REMOVAL OF ELECTION AND RECALL ARBITRATION ACTIONS.-(7) 2136 A unit owner, a recall representative, or an (a) 2137 association may remove a petition for arbitration for an 2138 election or a recall dispute within 10 days after service of 2139 such petition by filing a notice of removal and complaint in the 2140 circuit court for the county in which the association is 2141 located. The failure to timely file a notice of removal and 2142 complaint bars the parties from seeking a trial de novo or 2143 otherwise filing an action in circuit court and the arbitration 2144 ruling by the division is final and binding on the parties. 2145 (b) A notice of removal and complaint, as well as a copy of all process, pleadings, and orders served in an action, must 2146 2147 be signed pursuant to the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure. The 2148 party that does not seek the removal of the arbitration decision 2149 does not need to consent to the filing of a notice of removal and complaint. The party filing the notice of removal and 2150

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2151	complaint must simultaneously serve written notice to all
2152	parties and file a copy of such written notice with the
2153	division, which ceases any further action on the matter. The
2154	party filing the notice of removal and complaint must pay all
2155	applicable filing fees within 5 days after filing the notice of
2156	removal and complaint. An action or counterclaim filed after the
2157	filing of the notice of removal and complaint must be brought in
2158	equity as a summary proceeding pursuant to s. 51.011. The party
2159	filing the action may request the court to issue a temporary
2160	injunction to stay an upcoming election while the action is
2161	pending. The court must set an immediate hearing when an action
2162	is filed pursuant to this paragraph. The court may limit the
2163	time for taking testimony based on the circumstances of the
2164	matter and the proximity of the date on which a succeeding
2165	election is scheduled, if applicable. An action filed pursuant
2166	to this paragraph must be tried without a jury. Pursuant to
2167	subsection (8), reasonable attorney fees and costs may be
2168	awarded in disputes brought under this subsection.
2169	(8) ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS FOR DISPUTES INVOLVING A
2170	RECALL OF DIRECTORSIf the division or a court of this state
2171	renders a judgment or decree against an association and in favor
2172	of the unit owner, the division, trial court, or, in the event
2173	of an appeal in which the unit owner prevails, the appellate
2174	court shall order the association to pay all costs incurred by
2175	the unit owner in the action and the unit owner's reasonable
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2176 <u>attorney fees. The division or court may award such costs and</u> 2177 <u>attorney fees in the judgment or decree rendered in the action</u> 2178 <u>or such costs and attorney fees may be included in a separate</u> 2179 <u>judgment or decree. Costs and attorney fees may not be recovered</u> 2180 <u>in any action involving the recall of directors except as</u> 2181 <u>provided in this subsection or if awarded as a sanction under s.</u> 2182 57.105.

2183 Section 10. Subsection (6) of section 718.128, Florida 2184 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (8), subsection (4) is 2185 amended, and new subsections (6) and (7) are added to that 2186 section, to read:

2187 718.128 Electronic voting.—The association may conduct 2188 elections and other unit owner votes through an Internet-based 2189 online voting system if a unit owner consents, electronically or 2190 in writing, to online voting and if the following requirements 2191 are met:

2192 This section applies to an association that provides (4) 2193 for and authorizes an online voting system pursuant to this 2194 section by a board resolution. If the board authorizes online 2195 voting, the board must honor a unit owner's request to vote 2196 electronically at all subsequent elections, unless such unit owner opts out of online voting. The board resolution must 2197 2198 provide that unit owners receive notice of the opportunity to 2199 vote through an online voting system, must establish reasonable procedures and deadlines for unit owners to consent, 2200

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2201 electronically or in writing, to online voting, and must 2202 establish reasonable procedures and deadlines for unit owners to 2203 opt out of online voting after giving consent. Written notice of a meeting at which the resolution will be considered must be 2204 2205 mailed, delivered, or electronically transmitted to the unit 2206 owners and posted conspicuously on the condominium property or 2207 association property at least 14 days before the meeting. 2208 Evidence of compliance with the 14-day notice requirement must 2209 be made by an affidavit executed by the person providing the 2210 notice and filed with the official records of the association.

(6) If at least 25 percent of the voting interests of a condominium petition the board to adopt a resolution for electronic voting for the next scheduled election, the board must hold a meeting within 21 days after receipt of the petition to adopt such resolution. The board must receive the petition within 180 days after the date of the last scheduled annual meeting.

2218 <u>(7) (a) Unless the association has adopted electronic</u>
2219 voting in accordance with subsections (1)-(6), the association
2220 <u>must designate an e-mail address for receipt of electronically</u>
2221 <u>transmitted ballots. Electronically transmitted ballots must</u>
2222 <u>meet all the requirements of this subsection.</u>
2223 (b) A unit owner may electronically transmit a ballot to

(b) A unit owner may electronically transmit a ballot to the e-mail address designated by the association without complying with s. 718.112(2)(d)2. or the rules providing for the

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2226 secrecy of ballots adopted by the division. The association must 2227 count completed ballots that are electronically transmitted to 2228 the designated e-mail address, provided the completed ballot 2229 complies with the requirements of this subsection. 2230 (c) A ballot that is electronically transmitted to the 2231 association must include all of the following: 2232 1. A space for the unit owner to type in his or her unit 2233 number. 2234 2. A space for the unit owner to type in his or her first 2235 and last name, which also functions as the signature of the unit 2236 owner for purposes of signing the ballot. 2237 The following statement in capitalized letters and in a 3. font size larger than any other font size used in the e-mail 2238 2239 from the association to the unit owner: 2240 2241 WAIVING THE SECRECY OF YOUR BALLOT IS YOUR CHOICE. YOU DO 2242 NOT HAVE TO WAIVE THE SECRECY OF YOUR BALLOT IN ORDER TO 2243 VOTE. BY TRANSMITTING YOUR COMPLETED BALLOT THROUGH E-MAIL 2244 TO THE ASSOCIATION, YOU WAIVE YOUR SECRECY OF YOUR COMPLETED BALLOT. IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO WAIVE YOUR SECRECY 2245 2246 BUT WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VOTE THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF 2247 THIS BALLOT, PLEASE ATTEND THE IN-PERSON MEETING DURING 2248 WHICH THE MATTER WILL BE VOTED ON. 2249 (d) A unit owner must transmit his or her completed ballot 2250 Page 90 of 104

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2251	to the e-mail address designated by the association no later
2252	than the scheduled date and time of the meeting during which the
2253	matter is being voted on.
2254	(e) There is a rebuttable presumption that an association
2255	has reviewed all folders associated with the e-mail address
2256	designated by the association to receive ballots if a board
2257	member, an officer, or an agent of the association, or a manager
2258	licensed under part VIII of chapter 468, provides a sworn
2259	affidavit attesting to such review.
2260	Section 11. Subsection (7) of section 718.203, Florida
2261	Statutes, is amended to read:
2262	718.203 Warranties
2263	(7) Residential Condominiums may be covered by an insured
2264	warranty program underwritten by a licensed insurance company
2265	registered in this state, provided that such warranty program
2266	meets the minimum requirements of this chapter; to the degree
2267	that such warranty program does not meet the minimum
2268	requirements of this chapter, such requirements shall apply.
2269	Section 12. Subsection (1) of section 718.301, Florida
2270	Statutes, is amended to read:
2271	718.301 Transfer of association control; claims of defect
2272	by association
2273	(1) If unit owners other than the developer own 15 percent
2274	or more of the units in a condominium that will be operated
2275	ultimately by an association, the unit owners other than the
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developer are entitled to elect at least one-third of the members of the board of administration of the association. Unit owners other than the developer are entitled to elect at least a majority of the members of the board of administration of an association, upon the first to occur of any of the following events:

(a) Three years after 50 percent of the units that will be operated ultimately by the association have been conveyed to purchasers;

(b) Three months after 90 percent of the units that will be operated ultimately by the association have been conveyed to purchasers;

(c) When all the units that will be operated ultimately by the association have been completed, some of them have been conveyed to purchasers, and none of the others are being offered for sale by the developer in the ordinary course of business;

(d) When some of the units have been conveyed to purchasers and none of the others are being constructed or offered for sale by the developer in the ordinary course of business;

(e) When the developer files a petition seeking protection in bankruptcy;

(f) When a receiver for the developer is appointed by a circuit court and is not discharged within 30 days after such appointment, unless the court determines within 30 days after

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2301	appointment of the receiver that transfer of control would be
2302	detrimental to the association or its members; or
2303	(g) Seven years after the date of the recording of the
2304	certificate of a surveyor and mapper pursuant to s.
2305	718.104(4)(e) or the recording of an instrument that transfers
2306	title to a unit in the condominium which is not accompanied by a
2307	recorded assignment of developer rights in favor of the grantee
2308	of such unit, whichever occurs first; or, in the case of an
2309	association that may ultimately operate more than one
2310	condominium, 7 years after the date of the recording of the
2311	certificate of a surveyor and mapper pursuant to s.
2312	718.104(4)(e) or the recording of an instrument that transfers
2313	title to a unit which is not accompanied by a recorded
2314	assignment of developer rights in favor of the grantee of such
2315	unit, whichever occurs first, for the first condominium it
2316	operates; or, in the case of an association operating a phase
2317	condominium created pursuant to s. 718.403, 7 years after the
2318	date of the recording of the certificate of a surveyor and
2319	mapper pursuant to s. 718.104(4)(e) or the recording of an
2320	instrument that transfers title to a unit which is not
2321	accompanied by a recorded assignment of developer rights in
2322	favor of the grantee of such unit, whichever occurs first.
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2324	The developer is entitled to elect at least one member of the
2325	board of administration of an association as long as the

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2326 developer holds for sale in the ordinary course of business at 2327 least 5 percent, in condominiums with fewer than 500 units, and 2328 2 percent, in condominiums with more than 500 units, of the units in a condominium operated by the association. After the 2329 developer relinquishes control of the association, the developer 2330 2331 may exercise the right to vote any developer-owned units in the 2332 same manner as any other unit owner except for purposes of 2333 reacquiring control of the association or selecting the majority members of the board of administration. Beginning July 1, 2025, 2334 2335 paragraphs (a), (c), (d), and (g) do not apply to nonresidential 2336 condominiums comprised of 10 or fewer units.

2337 Section 13. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of 2338 section 718.302, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

718.302 Agreements entered into by the association.-

2340 Any grant or reservation made by a declaration, lease, (1)2341 or other document, and any contract made by an association prior 2342 to assumption of control of the association by unit owners other 2343 than the developer, that provides for operation, maintenance, or 2344 management of a condominium association or property serving the 2345 unit owners of a condominium shall be fair and reasonable, and 2346 such grant, reservation, or contract may be canceled by unit 2347 owners other than the developer:

(a) If the association operates only one condominium and
the unit owners other than the developer have assumed control of
the association, or if unit owners other than the developer own

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2351 at least not less than 75 percent of the voting interests in the 2352 condominium or 90 percent of the voting interests if the 2353 condominium is a nonresidential condominium consisting of 10 or fewer units, the cancellation must shall be by concurrence of 2354 2355 the owners of at least not less than 75 percent of the voting 2356 interests other than the voting interests owned by the 2357 developer. If a grant, reservation, or contract is so canceled 2358 and the unit owners other than the developer have not assumed 2359 control of the association, the association must shall make a 2360 new contract or otherwise provide for maintenance, management, 2361 or operation in lieu of the canceled obligation, at the 2362 direction of the owners of not less than a majority of the 2363 voting interests in the condominium other than the voting 2364 interests owned by the developer. 2365 If the association operates more than one condominium (b) 2366 and the unit owners other than the developer have not assumed

2367 control of the association, and if unit owners other than the 2368 developer own at least 75 percent of the voting interests in the 2369 condominiums a condominium operated by the association or, 2370 beginning July 1, 2025, 90 percent of the voting interests if 2371 the condominium is a nonresidential condominium consisting of 10 2372 or fewer units, any grant, reservation, or contract for 2373 maintenance, management, or operation of buildings containing 2374 the units in that condominium or of improvements used only by unit owners of that condominium may be canceled by concurrence 2375

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2376 of the owners of at least 75 percent, or 90 percent if the 2377 condominium is a nonresidential condominium consisting of 10 or 2378 fewer units, of the voting interests in the condominium other 2379 than the voting interests owned by the developer. A No grant, 2380 reservation, or contract for maintenance, management, or 2381 operation of recreational areas or any other property serving 2382 more than one condominium, and operated by more than one 2383 association, may not be canceled except pursuant to paragraph 2384 (d).

2385 Section 14. Subsection (4) of section 718.407, Florida
2386 Statutes, is amended to read:

2387 718.407 Condominiums created within a portion of a 2388 building or within a multiple parcel building.-

(4) (a) The association of a condominium subject to this section may inspect and copy the books and records upon which the costs for maintaining and operating the shared facilities are based, and <u>must</u> to receive an annual budget with respect to such costs.

(b) Within 60 days after the end of each fiscal year, a
 complete financial report of all costs for maintaining and
 operating the shared facilities must be provided to the
 association. Such report must include copies of all receipts and
 invoices.
 (c) Within 60 days after receipt of the financial report,

2400 the association may challenge any apportionment of costs for the

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2401 maintenance and operation of the shared facilities. A challenge 2402 under this paragraph is governed by s. 720.311. 2403 Section 15. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) and paragraphs 2404 (d) and (e) of subsection (2) of section 718.503, Florida 2405 Statutes, are amended to read: 2406 718.503 Developer disclosure prior to sale; nondeveloper 2407 unit owner disclosure prior to sale; voidability.-2408 DEVELOPER DISCLOSURE.-(1)Milestone inspection, turnover inspection report, or 2409 (d) 2410 structural integrity reserve study.-If the association is 2411 required to have completed a milestone inspection as described 2412 in s. 553.899, a turnover inspection report for a turnover 2413 inspection performed on or after July 1, 2023, or a structural 2414 integrity reserve study, and the association has not completed the milestone inspection, the turnover inspection report, or the 2415 2416 structural integrity reserve study, each contract entered into 2417 after December 31, 2024, for the sale of a residential unit 2418 shall contain in conspicuous type a statement indicating that 2419 the association is required to have a milestone inspection, a 2420 turnover inspection report, or a structural integrity reserve 2421 study and has not completed such inspection, report, or study, 2422 as appropriate. If the association is not required to have a milestone inspection as described in s. 553.899 or a structural 2423 2424 integrity reserve study, each contract entered into after December 31, 2024, for the sale of a residential unit shall 2425

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2426 contain in conspicuous type a statement indicating that the 2427 association is not required to have a milestone inspection or a 2428 structural integrity reserve study, as appropriate. If the 2429 association has completed a milestone inspection as described in 2430 s. 553.899, a turnover inspection report for a turnover 2431 inspection performed on or after July 1, 2023, or a structural 2432 integrity reserve study, each contract entered into after 2433 December 31, 2024, for the sale of a residential unit shall 2434 contain in conspicuous type:

2435 A clause which states: THE BUYER HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES 1. 2436 THAT BUYER HAS BEEN PROVIDED A CURRENT COPY OF THE INSPECTOR-2437 PREPARED SUMMARY OF THE MILESTONE INSPECTION REPORT AS DESCRIBED 2438 IN SECTION 553.899, FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; A COPY OF 2439 THE TURNOVER INSPECTION REPORT DESCRIBED IN SECTION 2440 718.301(4)(p) AND (q), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; AND A COPY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MOST RECENT STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY 2441 2442 RESERVE STUDY DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 718.103 718.103 (26) AND 2443 718.112(2)(g), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE, MORE THAN 15 2444 DAYS, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS, PRIOR TO 2445 EXECUTION OF THIS CONTRACT; or and

2446 2. A clause which states: THIS AGREEMENT IS VOIDABLE BY 2447 BUYER BY DELIVERING WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE BUYER'S INTENTION TO 2448 CANCEL WITHIN 15 DAYS, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL 2449 HOLIDAYS, AFTER THE DATE OF EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT BY THE 2450 BUYER AND RECEIPT BY BUYER OF A CURRENT COPY OF THE INSPECTOR-

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2451 PREPARED SUMMARY OF THE MILESTONE INSPECTION REPORT AS DESCRIBED 2452 IN SECTION 553.899, FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; A COPY OF 2453 THE TURNOVER INSPECTION REPORT DESCRIBED IN SECTION 2454 718.301(4)(p) AND (q), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; AND A 2455 COPY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MOST RECENT STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY 2456 RESERVE STUDY DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 718.103 718.103 (26) AND 2457 718.112(2)(q), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE. ANY PURPORTED 2458 WAIVER OF THESE VOIDABILITY RIGHTS SHALL BE OF NO EFFECT. BUYER 2459 MAY EXTEND THE TIME FOR CLOSING FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 15 2460 DAYS, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS, AFTER THE BUYER RECEIVES A CURRENT COPY OF THE INSPECTOR-PREPARED 2461 2462 SUMMARY OF THE MILESTONE INSPECTION REPORT AS DESCRIBED IN 2463 SECTION 553.899, FLORIDA STATUTES; A COPY OF THE TURNOVER 2464 INSPECTION REPORT DESCRIBED IN SECTION 718.301(4) (p) AND (q), 2465 FLORIDA STATUTES; OR A COPY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MOST RECENT 2466 STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY RESERVE STUDY DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 718.103 2467 718.103(26) AND 718.112(2)(q), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF REQUESTED IN 2468 WRITING. BUYER'S RIGHT TO VOID THIS AGREEMENT SHALL TERMINATE AT 2469 CLOSING. 2470 2471 A contract that does not conform to the requirements of this paragraph is voidable at the option of the purchaser prior to 2472 2473 closing. 2474 (2) NONDEVELOPER DISCLOSURE.-2475 (d) Each contract entered into after July 1, 1992, for the

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2476 resale of a residential unit shall contain in conspicuous type 2477 either:

2478 1. A clause which states: THE BUYER HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES 2479 THAT BUYER HAS BEEN PROVIDED A CURRENT COPY OF THE DECLARATION 2480 OF CONDOMINIUM, ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE ASSOCIATION, 2481 BYLAWS AND RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION, A COPY OF THE MOST RECENT 2482 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND ANNUAL BUDGET, AND FREQUENTLY 2483 ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS DOCUMENT MORE THAN 3 DAYS, EXCLUDING 2484 SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS, PRIOR TO EXECUTION OF 2485 THIS CONTRACT; or

2. A clause which states: THIS AGREEMENT IS VOIDABLE BY 2486 2487 BUYER BY DELIVERING WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE BUYER'S INTENTION TO 2488 CANCEL WITHIN 3 DAYS, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL 2489 HOLIDAYS, AFTER THE DATE OF EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT BY THE 2490 BUYER AND RECEIPT BY BUYER OF A CURRENT COPY OF THE DECLARATION 2491 OF CONDOMINIUM, ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, BYLAWS AND RULES OF 2492 THE ASSOCIATION, A COPY OF THE MOST RECENT ANNUAL FINANCIAL 2493 STATEMENT AND ANNUAL BUDGET, AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND 2494 ANSWERS DOCUMENT IF SO REQUESTED IN WRITING. ANY PURPORTED 2495 WAIVER OF THESE VOIDABILITY RIGHTS SHALL BE OF NO EFFECT. BUYER 2496 MAY EXTEND THE TIME FOR CLOSING FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 3 2497 DAYS, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS, AFTER THE BUYER RECEIVES THE DECLARATION, ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, 2498 BYLAWS AND RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION, AND A COPY OF THE MOST 2499 2500 RECENT ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND ANNUAL BUDGET YEAR-END

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2501 FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS 2502 DOCUMENT IF REQUESTED IN WRITING. BUYER'S RIGHT TO VOID THIS 2503 AGREEMENT SHALL TERMINATE AT CLOSING.

2505 A contract that does not conform to the requirements of this 2506 paragraph is voidable at the option of the purchaser <u>before</u> 2507 prior to closing.

2508 If the association is required to have completed a (e) milestone inspection as described in s. 553.899, a turnover 2509 2510 inspection report for a turnover inspection performed on or 2511 after July 1, 2023, or a structural integrity reserve study, and 2512 the association has not completed the milestone inspection, the 2513 turnover inspection report, or the structural integrity reserve 2514 study, each contract entered into after December 31, 2024, for 2515 the sale of a residential unit shall contain in conspicuous type 2516 a statement indicating that the association is required to have 2517 a milestone inspection, a turnover inspection report, or a 2518 structural integrity reserve study and has not completed such 2519 inspection, report, or study, as appropriate. If the association 2520 is not required to have a milestone inspection as described in 2521 s. 553.899 or a structural integrity reserve study, each 2522 contract entered into after December 31, 2024, for the sale of a 2523 residential unit shall contain in conspicuous type a statement indicating that the association is not required to have a 2524 2525 milestone inspection or a structural integrity reserve study, as

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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:

2532 1. A clause which states: THE BUYER HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES 2533 THAT BUYER HAS BEEN PROVIDED A CURRENT COPY OF THE INSPECTOR-2534 PREPARED SUMMARY OF THE MILESTONE INSPECTION REPORT AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 553.899, FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; A COPY OF 2535 2536 THE TURNOVER INSPECTION REPORT DESCRIBED IN SECTION 2537 718.301(4)(p) AND (q), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; AND A COPY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MOST RECENT STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY 2538 2539 RESERVE STUDY DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 718.103 718.103 (26) AND 2540 718.112(2)(q), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE, MORE THAN 3 2541 DAYS, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS, PRIOR TO 2542 EXECUTION OF THIS CONTRACT; or and

2543 A clause which states: THIS AGREEMENT IS VOIDABLE BY 2. 2544 BUYER BY DELIVERING WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE BUYER'S INTENTION TO 2545 CANCEL WITHIN 3 DAYS, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL 2546 HOLIDAYS, AFTER THE DATE OF EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT BY THE 2547 BUYER AND RECEIPT BY BUYER OF A CURRENT COPY OF THE INSPECTOR-PREPARED SUMMARY OF THE MILESTONE INSPECTION REPORT AS DESCRIBED 2548 IN SECTION 553.899, FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; A COPY OF 2549 2550 THE TURNOVER INSPECTION REPORT DESCRIBED IN SECTION

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2551 718.301(4)(p) AND (q), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; AND A 2552 COPY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MOST RECENT STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY 2553 RESERVE STUDY DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 718.103 718.103 (26) AND 718.112(2)(q), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE. ANY PURPORTED 2554 2555 WAIVER OF THESE VOIDABILITY RIGHTS SHALL BE OF NO EFFECT. BUYER 2556 MAY EXTEND THE TIME FOR CLOSING FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 3 2557 DAYS, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS, AFTER 2558 THE BUYER RECEIVES A CURRENT COPY OF THE INSPECTOR-PREPARED 2559 SUMMARY OF THE MILESTONE INSPECTION REPORT AS DESCRIBED IN 2560 SECTION 553.899, FLORIDA STATUTES; A COPY OF THE TURNOVER 2561 INSPECTION REPORT DESCRIBED IN SECTION 718.301(4) (p) AND (q), 2562 FLORIDA STATUTES; OR A COPY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MOST RECENT 2563 STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY RESERVE STUDY DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 718.103 2564 718.103(26) AND 718.112(2)(q), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF REQUESTED IN 2565 WRITING. BUYER'S RIGHT TO VOID THIS AGREEMENT SHALL TERMINATE AT 2566 CLOSING. 2567 2568

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

2571 Section 16. Section 31 of chapter 2024-244, 2024 Laws of 2572 Florida, is amended to read:

2573 Section 31. The amendments made to ss. 718.103(14) and 2574 718.202(3) and s. 718.407(1), (2), and (6), Florida Statutes, as 2575 created by this act, are intended to clarify existing law and

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2576 shall apply retroactively. However, such amendments do not 2577 revive, or reinstate, or retroactively apply to any right or 2578 interest of a condominium unit owner or condominium association 2579 <u>in a matter pending adjudication</u> that has been fully and finally 2580 adjudicated as invalid before October 1, 2024. 2581 Section 17. Except as otherwise provided in this act, this

act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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