

504A.100 Application to existing corporations.

1. Except for this subsection, this chapter shall not apply to or affect corporations subject to the provisions of chapters 176, 497, 498, 499, or 512B. Such corporations shall continue to be governed by all laws of this state heretofore applicable thereto and as the same may hereafter be amended. This chapter shall not be construed as in derogation of or as a limitation on the powers to which such corporations may be entitled.

2. This chapter shall not apply to any domestic corporation heretofore organized or existing under the provisions of chapter 504, Code 1989, nor, for a period of two years from and after July 4, 1965, to any foreign corporation holding a permit under the provisions of said chapter on the said date, unless such domestic or foreign corporation shall voluntarily elect to adopt the provisions of this chapter and shall comply with the procedure prescribed by the provisions of subsection 3 of this section.

3. Any domestic corporation organized or existing under the provisions of chapter 504, Code 1989, may voluntarily elect to adopt the provisions of this chapter and thereby become subject to its provisions and, during the period of two years from and after the effective date of this chapter, any foreign corporation holding a permit under the provisions of said chapter on said date may voluntarily elect to adopt the provisions of this chapter and thereby become subject to the provisions of this chapter. The procedure for electing to adopt the provisions of this chapter shall be as follows:

a. A resolution reciting that the corporation voluntarily adopts this chapter and designating the address of its initial registered office and the name of its registered agent or agents at that address and, if the name of the corporation does not comply with this chapter, amending the articles of incorporation of the corporation to change the name of the corporation to one complying with the requirements of this chapter, shall be adopted by the procedure prescribed by this chapter for the amendment of articles of incorporation. If the corporation has issued shares of stock, the resolution shall contain a statement of that fact including the number of shares authorized, the number issued and outstanding, and a statement that all issued and outstanding shares of stock have been delivered to the corporation to be canceled upon the adoption of this chapter by the corporation, or will be canceled upon receipt by the corporation, and that from and after the effective date of adoption the authority of the corporation to issue shares of stock is terminated. As to foreign corporations, a resolution shall be adopted by the board of directors, reciting that the corporation voluntarily adopts this chapter, and designating the address of its registered office in this state and the name of its registered agent or agents at that address and, if the name of the corporation does not comply with this chapter, setting forth the name of the corporation with the changes which it elects to make in the name conforming to the requirements of this chapter for use in this state.

b. Upon adoption of the required resolution or resolutions, an instrument shall be executed by the corporation which shall set forth both of the following:

(1) The name of the corporation.

(2) Each such resolution adopted by the corporation and the date of its adoption.

c. As to domestic corporations such instrument shall be delivered to the secretary of state for filing and recording in the secretary of state's office.

d. As to foreign corporations, such instrument shall be delivered to the secretary of state for filing in the secretary of state's office and the corporation shall at the same time deliver also to the secretary of state for filing in the secretary of state's office any biennial report which is then due.

e. The secretary of state shall not file such instrument with respect to a domestic corporation unless at the time thereof such corporation is validly existing and in good standing in that office under the provisions of chapter 504, Code 1989. If the articles of incorporation of such corporation have not heretofore been filed in

the office of the secretary of state, but are on file in the office of a county recorder, no such instrument of adoption shall be accepted by the secretary of state until the corporation shall have caused its articles of incorporation and all amendments duly certified by the proper county recorder to be recorded in the office of the secretary of state. Upon the filing of such instrument the secretary of state shall issue a certificate as to the filing of such instrument and deliver such certificate to the corporation or its representative.

Upon the issuance of such certificate by the secretary of state:

(1) All of the provisions of this chapter shall thereafter apply to the corporation and thereupon every such foreign corporation shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges applicable to foreign corporations procuring certificates of authority to conduct affairs in this state under this chapter, and shall be subject to all the limitations, restrictions, liabilities, and duties prescribed herein for foreign corporations procuring certificates of authority to conduct affairs in this state under this chapter.

(2) In the case of any corporation with issued shares of stock, the holders of such issued shares who surrender them to the corporation to be canceled upon the adoption of this chapter by the corporation becoming effective, shall be and become members of the corporation with one vote for each share of stock so surrendered until such time as the corporation by proper corporate action relative to the election, qualification, terms and voting power of members shall otherwise prescribe.

4. Any domestic corporation which elects to adopt the provisions of this chapter by complying with the provisions of subsection 3 of this section may, at the same time, amend or restate its articles of incorporation by complying with the provisions of this chapter with respect to amending articles of incorporation or restating articles of incorporation, as the case may be.

5. The provisions of this chapter becoming applicable to any domestic or foreign corporation shall not affect any right accrued or established, or any liability or penalty incurred, under the provisions of chapter 504, Code 1989, prior to the filing by the secretary of state in the secretary of state's office of the instrument manifesting the election of such corporation to adopt the provisions of this chapter as provided in subsection 3 of this section.

6. Except for the exceptions and limitations of subsection 1 of this section, this chapter shall apply to: all domestic corporations organized after the date on which this chapter became effective; domestic corporations organized or existing under chapter 504, Code 1989, which voluntarily elect to adopt the provisions of this chapter and comply with the provisions of subsection 3 of this section; all foreign corporations conducting or seeking to conduct affairs within this state and not holding, July 4, 1965, a valid permit so to do; foreign corporations holding, on the date the chapter becomes effective, a valid permit under the provisions of chapter 504, Code 1989, which, during the period of two years from and after said date, voluntarily elect to adopt the provisions of this chapter and comply with the provisions of subsection 3 of this section; and, upon the expiration of the period of two years from and after July 4, 1965, all foreign corporations holding such a permit on July 4, 1965.

7. Upon the expiration of a period of two years from and after the date on July 4, 1965, except for the exceptions and limitations of subsection 1 of this section, this chapter shall apply to every foreign corporation holding a valid permit to do business within this state or seeking to conduct affairs within this state. Every foreign corporation holding a valid permit to do business within this state on July 4, 1965, which has not meanwhile adopted this chapter by complying with the provisions of subsection 3 of this section, shall at the expiration of two years from and after said date be deemed to have elected to adopt this chapter by not voluntarily withdrawing from the state, and thereupon every such foreign corporation, subject to the limitations set forth in its certificate of authority, shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges applicable to foreign corporations procuring certificates of authority to conduct affairs in this state under this chapter, and shall be subject to all the limitations, restrictions, liabilities, and duties prescribed herein for foreign corporations procuring certificates of authority to conduct affairs in this state under this chapter.

8. Within eight months after this chapter becomes applicable to any foreign corporation pursuant to the provisions of subsection 7, the board of directors of such foreign corporation shall adopt a resolution designating the address of its registered office in this state and the name of its registered agent or agents at such address and, if the name of the corporation does not comply with this chapter, setting forth the name of the corporation with the changes which the board elects to make to the name conforming to the requirements of this chapter for use in this state.

Upon adoption of the required resolution or resolutions, an instrument or instruments shall be executed by the foreign corporation by its president or a vice president and by its secretary or assistant secretary and verified by one of the officers signing such instrument, which shall set forth the name of the corporation, each resolution adopted as required by the provisions of this subsection, and the date of the adoption of each resolution. The instrument shall be delivered to the secretary of state for filing in the secretary of state's office. Upon the filing of such instrument by a foreign corporation the secretary of state shall issue a certificate as to the filing of the instrument and deliver the certificate to the corporation or its representative. The secretary of state shall not file any biennial report of any foreign corporation subject to this subsection unless and until the corporation has fully complied with the provisions of this paragraph and, in such event, the foreign corporation is subject to the penalties prescribed in this chapter for failure to file the report within the time as provided in this chapter.

9. No corporation to which the provisions of this chapter apply shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 504, Code 1989.

10. The provisions of sections 504A.96 and 504A.97 shall apply to any action required or permitted to be taken under this section.

11. Except as otherwise provided in this section, existing corporations shall continue to be governed by the laws of this state heretofore applicable thereto.

12. Corporations existing under chapter 504, Code 1989, shall be subject to this chapter on July 1, 1990, except that the corporations shall be subject to sections 504A.8 and 504A.83 on January 1, 1997. A corporate existence of a corporation that is not in compliance on the records of the secretary of state with sections 504A.8 and 504A.83 on June 30, 1997, is terminated, effective July 1, 1997. A corporation whose existence is terminated pursuant to this subsection may be reinstated. When the reinstatement is effective, it relates back to and takes effect as of the effective date of the termination of its corporate existence as if such termination had never occurred. The secretary of state shall adopt rules governing the reinstatement of a corporation pursuant to this subsection.

[C66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 504A.100]

88 Acts, ch 1077, § 6; 90 Acts, ch 1164, § 25, 26; 93 Acts, ch 109, § 13; 95 Acts, ch 188, §2; 97 Acts, ch 171, §4648; 99 Acts, ch 96, §4547; 2003 Acts, ch 108, §93

For future amendment to subsection 1 effective July 1, 2005, see 2002 Acts, ch 1017, §6, 8