

**501A.202 Filing duty of secretary of state.**

1. If a document delivered to the secretary for filing satisfies the requirements of [section 501A.201](#), the secretary shall file it and issue any necessary certificate.

2. The secretary files a document by recording it as filed on the date and at the time of receipt. After filing a document, and except as provided in [section 501A.204](#), the secretary shall deliver the document, and an acknowledgment of the date and time of filing, to the domestic cooperative or foreign cooperative or its representative.

3. If the secretary refuses to file a document, the secretary shall return it to the domestic cooperative or foreign cooperative or its representative within ten days after the document was received by the secretary, together with a brief, written explanation of the reason for the refusal.

4. The secretary's duty to file documents under [this section](#) is ministerial. Filing or refusing to file a document does not do any of the following:

- a. Affect the validity or invalidity of the document in whole or in part.
- b. Relate to the correctness or incorrectness of information contained in the document.
- c. Create a presumption that the document is valid or invalid or that information contained in the document is correct or incorrect.

2005 Acts, ch 135, §5