

**499.44 Execution and filing of documents.**

1. The secretary of state shall record all documents submitted to and required to be filed with the secretary under this chapter.

2. *a.* A document required to be filed with the secretary of state pursuant to this chapter must be executed. The person executing the document must be the association's presiding officer of the board of directors, or the association's president or other officer. However, if the board of directors has not been selected or the association has not been formed, the document must be signed by an incorporator of the association. If the association is under the control of a person acting as a fiduciary of the association, including a trustee or receiver, the document must be signed by the fiduciary.

*b.* A document required to be executed shall contain the printed name of the person executing the document and the capacity in which the person serves the association. The signature of the person must appear above or opposite the person's printed name and capacity. In the discretion of the secretary of state, a document containing a copy of the person's signature may be accepted for filing. The document may also contain a corporate seal, an attestation by the secretary of state or person charged by the secretary, or an acknowledgment, verification, or proof that the execution is valid.

3. Articles of incorporation, amendments to articles, or renewal of articles must be filed with the secretary of state. The association's corporate existence shall begin upon approval by the secretary of state of the articles and issuance of the certificate of incorporation.

4. A document required to be filed with the secretary of state pursuant to this chapter is effective at the later of the following times:

*a.* The time of filing on the date it is filed, as evidenced by the secretary of state's date and time endorsement on the original document.

*b.* The delayed effective time and date specified in the document. If a delayed effective date but no time is specified in the document, the document is effective at the close of business on that date. A delayed effective date for a document shall not be later than the ninetieth day after the date it is filed.

5. *a.* A document filed under this section may be corrected if the document contains an incorrect statement or the execution of the document was defective. A document is corrected by filing with the secretary articles of correction which describe the document to be corrected, including its filing date or a copy of the document. The articles must specify the incorrect statement or defective execution, and correct the incorrect statement or defective execution.

*b.* Articles of correction are deemed to be effective on the date that the document corrected took or takes effect. However, as applied to persons relying upon the uncorrected document or adversely affected by the articles of correction, the effective date of the articles of correction is the date that the articles are filed.

[C35, §8512-g44; C39, §8512.44; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §499.44]

90 Acts, ch 1164, §6; 97 Acts, ch 65, §1; 2007 Acts, ch 23, §4

[P] Filing and recording, §491.5