

490.1104 Action on a plan of merger or share exchange.

In the case of a domestic corporation that is a party to a merger or share exchange:

1. The plan of merger or share exchange must be adopted by the board of directors.

2. *a.* Except as provided in subsection 7 and in section 490.1105, after adopting the plan of merger or share exchange the board of directors must submit the plan to the shareholders for their approval. The board of directors must also transmit to the shareholders a recommendation that the shareholders approve the plan, unless any of the following apply:

(1) The board of directors makes a determination that because of conflicts of interest or other special circumstances it should not make such a recommendation.

(2) Section 490.826 applies.

b. If paragraph “*a*”, subparagraph (1) or (2), applies, the board must transmit to the shareholders the basis for so proceeding.

3. The board of directors may condition its submission of the plan of merger or share exchange to the shareholders on any basis.

4. If the plan of merger or share exchange is required to be approved by the shareholders, and if the approval is to be given at a meeting, the corporation must notify each shareholder, whether or not entitled to vote, of the meeting of shareholders at which the plan is to be submitted for approval. The notice must state that the purpose, or one of the purposes, of the meeting is to consider the plan and must contain or be accompanied by a copy or summary of the plan. If the corporation is to be merged into an existing corporation or other entity, the notice shall also include or be accompanied by a copy or summary of the articles of incorporation or organizational documents of that corporation or other entity. If the corporation is to be merged into a corporation or other entity that is to be created pursuant to the merger, the notice shall include or be accompanied by a copy or summary of the articles of incorporation or organizational documents of the new corporation or other entity.

5. Unless the articles of incorporation, bylaws, or the board of directors require a greater vote or a greater number of votes to be present, the approval of the plan of merger or share exchange shall require the approval of the shareholders at a meeting at which a quorum consisting of at least a majority of the votes entitled to be cast on the plan exists, and, if any class or series of shares is entitled to vote as a separate group on the plan of merger or share exchange, the approval of each such separate voting group at a meeting at which a quorum of the voting group consisting of at least a majority of the votes entitled to be cast on the merger or share exchange by that voting group is present.

6. Separate voting by voting groups is required for each of the following:

a. On a plan of merger, by each class or series of shares that are to be converted, pursuant to the provisions of the plan of merger, into shares or other securities, interests, obligations, rights to acquire shares or other securities, cash, other property, or any combination of the foregoing, or would have a right to vote as a separate group on a provision in the plan that, if contained in a proposed amendment to articles of incorporation, would require action by separate voting groups under section 490.1004.

b. On a plan of share exchange, by each class or series of shares included in the exchange, with each class or series constituting a separate voting group.

c. On a plan of merger or share exchange, if the voting group is entitled under the articles of incorporation to vote as a voting group to approve a plan of merger or share exchange.

7. Unless the articles of incorporation otherwise provide, approval by the corporation's shareholders of a plan of merger or share exchange is not required if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

a. The corporation will survive the merger or is the acquiring corporation in a share exchange.

b. Except for amendments permitted by section 490.1005, its articles of incorporation will not be changed.

c. Each shareholder of the corporation whose shares were outstanding immediately before the effective date of the merger or share exchange will hold the same number of shares, with identical preferences, limitations, and relative rights, immediately after the effective date of change.

d. The issuance in the merger or share exchange of shares or other securities convertible

into or rights exercisable for shares does not require a vote under section 490.621, subsection 6.

8. If, as a result of a merger or share exchange, one or more shareholders of a domestic corporation would become subject to personal liability for the obligations or liabilities of any other person or other entity, approval of the plan of merger shall require the execution, by each such shareholder, of a separate written consent to become subject to such personal liability.

89 Acts, ch 288, §124; 2002 Acts, ch 1154, §68, 125; 2013 Acts, ch 31, §46, 82

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