

**501A.231 Biennial report for secretary of state.**

1. A cooperative authorized to transact business in this state shall deliver to the secretary of state for filing a biennial report that sets forth all of the following:

- a. The name of the cooperative.
- b. The address of its registered office and the name of its registered agent at that office in this state, together with the consent of any new registered agent.
- c. The address of its principal office.
- d. The names and addresses of the president, secretary, treasurer, and one member of the board of directors.

2. Information in the biennial report must be current as of the first day of January of the year in which the report is due. The report shall be executed on behalf of the cooperative and signed as provided in section 501A.103 or by any other person authorized by the board of directors of the cooperative.

3. The first biennial report shall be delivered to the secretary of state between January 1 and April 1 of the first even-numbered year following the calendar year in which a cooperative is organized. Subsequent biennial reports shall be delivered to the secretary of state between January 1 and April 1 of the following even-numbered calendar years. A filing fee for the biennial report shall be determined by the secretary of state.

4. If a biennial report does not contain the information required by this section, the secretary of state shall promptly notify the reporting cooperative in writing and return the report to the cooperative for correction.

5. The secretary of state may provide for the change of registered office or registered agent on the form prescribed by the secretary of state for the biennial report, provided that the form contains the information required by section 501A.402. If the secretary of state determines that a biennial report does not contain the information required by this section but otherwise meets the requirements of section 501A.402 for the purpose of changing the registered office or registered agent, the secretary of state shall file the statement of change of registered office or registered agent, effective as provided in section 501A.203, before returning the biennial report to the cooperative as provided in this section. A statement of change of registered office or agent pursuant to this subsection shall be executed by a person authorized to execute the biennial report.

2005 Acts, ch 135, §17; 2005 Acts, ch 179, §133