CHAPTER 547
TRADE NAMES

547.1 Use of trade name — verified statement required.
A person shall not engage in or conduct a business under a trade name, or an assumed
name of a character other than the true surname of each person owning or having an interest
in the business, unless the person first records with the county recorder of the county in
which the business is to be conducted a verified statement showing the name, post office
address, and residence address of each person owning or having an interest in the business,
and the address where the business is to be conducted. However, this provision does not
apply to any person organized or incorporated in this state as a domestic entity or authorized
to do business in this state as a foreign entity if the person is a limited partnership under
chapter 488; a limited liability company under chapter 489; a corporation under chapter 490;
a professional corporation under chapter 496C; a cooperative or cooperative association under
chapter 497, 498, 499, 501, or 501A; or a nonprofit corporation under chapter 504.
[C27, 31, 35, §9866-a1; C39, §9866.1; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §547.1]
Acts, ch 29, §86

547.2 Change in statement.
A like verified statement shall be recorded of any change in ownership of the business, or
persons interested in the business and the original owners are liable for all obligations until
the certificate of change is recorded.
[C27, 31, 35, §9866-a2; C39, §9866.2; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §547.2]
89 Acts, ch 102, §4

547.3 Fee for recording.
The county recorder shall collect fees in the amount specified in section 331.604 for
each verified statement recorded under this chapter. The recorder may return the original
instrument to the sender or dispose of the instrument if the sender does not wish to have the
instrument returned. An instrument filed in the recorder’s office before July 1, 1990, may
be returned to the sender or disposed of if the sender does not wish to have the instrument
returned and if there is an official copy of the instrument in the recorder’s office.
[C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §547.3]
85 Acts, ch 159, §4; 89 Acts, ch 102, §5; 90 Acts, ch 1021, §4; 2009 Acts, ch 27, §31

547.4 Penalty.
Any person violating the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a simple misdemeanor.
[C27, 31, 35, §9866-a3; C39, §9866.3; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §547.4]

547.5 “Offense” defined.
Each day that any person or persons violate the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed
to be a separate and distinct offense.
[C27, 31, 35, §9866-a4; C39, §9866.4; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §547.5]

547.6 Repealed by 91 Acts, ch 4, §1.