

490.120 Filing requirements.

1. A document must satisfy the requirements of this section, and of any other section that adds to or varies these requirements, to be entitled to filing.
2. The document must be filed in the office of the secretary of state.
3. The document must contain the information required by this chapter. It may contain other information as well.
4. The document must be typewritten or printed. If the document is electronically transmitted, it must be in a format that can be retrieved or reproduced in typewritten or printed form.
5. The document must be in the English language. A corporate name need not be in English if written in English letters or Arabic or Roman numerals, and the certificate of existence required of foreign corporations need not be in English if accompanied by a reasonably authenticated English translation.
6. Except as provided in section 490.1622, subsection 2, the document must be executed by one of the following methods:
 - a. The chairperson of the board of directors of a domestic or foreign corporation, its president, or another of its officers.
 - b. If directors have not been selected or the corporation has not been formed, by an incorporator.
 - c. If the corporation is in the hands of a receiver, trustee, or other court-appointed fiduciary, by that fiduciary.
7. The person executing the document shall sign it and state beneath or opposite the person's signature, the person's name and the capacity in which the person signs. The document may, but need not, contain a corporate seal, attestation, acknowledgment, or verification.

The secretary of state may accept for filing a document containing a copy of a signature, however made.
8. If the secretary of state has prescribed a mandatory form for the document under section 490.121, the document must be in or on the prescribed form.
9. The document must be delivered to the office of the secretary of state for filing. Delivery may be made by electronic transmission if and to the extent permitted by the secretary of state. If it is filed in typewritten or printed form and not transmitted electronically, the secretary of state may require one exact or conformed copy to be delivered with the document, except as provided in sections 490.503 and 490.1509.
10. When the document is delivered to the office of the secretary of state for filing, the correct filing fee, and any franchise tax, license fee, or penalty, shall be paid in a manner permitted by the secretary of state.
11. The secretary of state may adopt rules for the electronic filing of documents and the certification of electronically filed documents.