SENATE BILL No. 96

By Committee on Judiciary

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AN ACT concerning business entities; relating to resident agents, articles of incorporation and certificates of good standing; amending K.S.A. 17-6202, 17-6203, 17-7666, 17-76,121, 17-76,123, 56-1a502 and 56a-303 and K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 17-7301, 56-1a104, 56-1a504, 56a-1005 and 56a-1102 and repealing the existing sections.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 17-6202 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-6202. (a) Every corporation shall have and maintain in this state a resident agent, which agent may be either: (1) The corporation itself; (2) an individual resident in this state; (3) a domestic corporation, a domestic limited partnership, a domestic limited liability company or a domestic business trust; or (4) a foreign corporation, a foreign limited partnership, a foreign limited liability company or a foreign business trust authorized to transact business in this state. The resident agent shall have a business office identical with the registered office which is generally open during normal business hours to accept service of process and otherwise perform the functions of a resident agent. The corporation shall notify the resident agent that they have been appointed and the resident agent shall agree to the appointment.

- (b) Unless the context otherwise requires, whenever the term "resident agent" or "registered agent" or "resident agent in charge of a corporation's principal office or place of business in this state," or other term of like import which refers to a corporation's agent required by statute to be located in this state, is or has been used in a corporation's articles of incorporation, or in any other document, or in any statute, it shall be deemed to mean and refer to the corporation's resident agent required by this section; and it shall not be necessary for any corporation to amend its articles of incorporation or any other document to comply with this section.
- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 17-6203 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-6203. (a) Any corporation, by resolution of the board of directors of such corporation, may change the location of its registered office in this state to any other place in this state and the resident agent of a corporation may be changed to any other person or corporation, including itself in the case of a domestic corporation. *The corporation shall notify the resident agent*

 that they have been appointed and the resident agent shall agree to the appointment. The resolution shall state the location of the registered office and the resident agent's name as prescribed by subsection (a)(2) of K.S.A. 17-6002, and amendments thereto. Upon the adoption of such a resolution, a certificate certifying the change shall be executed and filed in accordance with K.S.A. 17-6003, and amendments thereto.

- (b) If a foreign or domestic corporation's resident agent dies or leaves this state, such corporation shall designate and certify to the secretary of state the name of another resident agent in the manner provided in subsection (a) within 30 days of such death or when the resident agent left. If no new resident agent has been designated in the time and manner as provided in this subsection, service of legal process on such corporation may be made as prescribed by K.S.A. 60-304, and amendments thereto. If any corporation fails to designate a new resident agent as required by this subsection, the secretary of state after giving 30 days' notice of the intended action may declare the corporation's existence forfeited, or, in the case of a foreign corporation, the secretary may declare the corporation's authority to do business in this state forfeited.
- Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 17-7301 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-7301. (a) As used in this act, the words "foreign corporation" mean a corporation organized under the laws of any jurisdiction other than this state.
- (b) No foreign corporation shall do any business in this state, through or by branch offices, agents or representatives located in this state, until it has filed in the office of the secretary of state of this state an application for authority to engage in business in this state as a foreign corporation. Such application shall be filed in accordance with K.S.A. 17-6003, and amendments thereto and shall include:
- (1) A certificate issued within 90 days of the date of application by the proper officer of the jurisdiction where such corporation is incorporated or by a third-party agent authorized by the secretary of state attesting to the fact that such corporation is a corporation in good-standing in such jurisdiction;
- $\frac{(2)}{(2)}$ (1) A statement stating the state of incorporation and that the corporation is in good standing in the state of incorporation as of the date the application is signed;
 - (3) (2) the address of the principal office of the corporation;
- (4) (3) the full nature and character of the business the corporation proposes to conduct in this state, including whether the corporation operates for profit or not for profit;
- (5) (4) the location of the registered office of the corporation in this state and the name of its resident agent for service of process required to be maintained by this act;

 (5) a statement that the resident agent appointed has consented to being appointed;

- (6) the date on which the corporation commenced, or intends to commence, doing business in this state; and
- (7) an irrevocable written consent of the foreign corporation that actions may be commenced against it in the proper court of any county where there is proper venue by service of process on the secretary of state as provided for in K.S.A. 60-304, and amendments thereto, and stipulating and agreeing that such service shall be taken and held, in all courts, to be as valid and binding as if due service had been made upon an officer of the corporation.

The application shall be executed and filed in accordance with K.S.A. 17-6003, and amendments thereto.

- (c) After receipt of the application and fee, if the secretary of state finds that it complies with the provisions of this section, the secretary of state shall record the original application and return a certified copy of the recorded document in accordance with K.S.A. 17-6003, and amendments thereto. The certified copy of the recorded document shall be prima facie evidence of the right of the corporation to do business in this state. The secretary of state shall not file such application unless:
- (1) The name of the corporation is such as to distinguish it upon the records of the office of the secretary of state from the name of any other corporation, limited liability company or limited partnership organized under the laws of this state or reserved or registered as a foreign corporation, limited liability company or limited partnership under the laws of this state;
- (2) the corporation has obtained the written consent of such other entity, which has the same name and such consent has been executed and filed with the secretary of state; or
- 30 (3) the corporation indicates, as a means of identification and in its advertising within this state, the state in which it is incorporated.
 - Sec. 4. K.S.A. 17-7666 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-7666. (a) Each limited liability company shall have and maintain in the state of Kansas:
 - (1) A registered office, which may but need not be a place of its business in the state of Kansas; and
 - (2) A resident agent for service of process on the limited liability company, which agent may be either an individual resident of the state of Kansas whose business office is identical with the limited liability company's registered office, or a domestic corporation, or a domestic limited partnership, or a domestic limited liability company, or a domestic business trust or a foreign corporation, or a foreign limited partnership, or a foreign limited liability company, or foreign business trust authorized to

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(b) A resident agent may change the address of the registered office of the limited liability company or companies for which such resident agent is resident agent to another address in the state of Kansas by paying a fee as set forth in K.S.A. 17-76,136, and amendments thereto, and filing with the secretary of state a certificate, executed by such resident agent, setting forth the names of all the limited liability companies represented by such resident agent, and the address at which such resident agent has maintained the registered office for each of such limited liability companies, and further certifying to the new address to which each such registered office will be changed on a given day, and at which new address such resident agent will thereafter maintain the registered office for each of the limited liability companies recited in the certificate. Upon the filing of such certificate, the secretary of state shall furnish to the resident agent a certified copy of the same under the secretary's hand and seal of office, and thereafter, or until further change of address, as authorized by law, the registered office in the state of Kansas of each of the limited liability companies recited in the certificate shall be located at the new address of the resident agent thereof as given in the certificate. In the event of a change of name of any person acting as a resident agent of a limited liability company, such resident agent shall file with the secretary of state a certificate, executed by such resident agent, setting forth the new name of such resident agent, the name of such resident agent before it was changed, the names of all the limited liability companies represented by such resident agent, and the address at which such resident agent has maintained the registered office for each of such limited liability companies, and shall pay a fee as set forth in K.S.A. 17-76,136, and amendments thereto. Upon the filing of such certificate, the secretary of state shall furnish to the resident agent a certified copy of the certificate under hand and seal of office. Filing a certificate under this section shall be deemed to be an amendment of the articles of organization of each limited liability company affected thereby and each such limited liability company shall not be required to take any further action with respect thereto, to amend its articles of organization under K.S.A. 17-76,136, and amendments thereto. Any resident agent filing a certificate under this section shall promptly, upon such filing, deliver a copy of any such certificate to each limited liability company affected thereby.

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The resident agent of one or more limited liability companies may resign and appoint a successor resident agent by paying a fee as set forth in K.S.A. 17-76,136, and amendments thereto, and filing a certificate with the secretary of state, stating that the resident agent resigns and the name and address of the successor resident agent. There shall be attached to such certificate a statement executed by each affected limited liability company ratifying and approving such change of resident agent. Upon such filing, the successor resident agent shall become the resident agent of such limited liability companies as have ratified and approved such substitution and the successor resident agent's address, as stated in such certificate, shall become the address of each such limited liability company's registered office in the state of Kansas. The secretary of state shall furnish to the successor resident agent a certified copy of the certificate of resignation. Filing of such certificate of resignation shall be deemed to be an amendment of the articles of organization of each limited liability company affected thereby and each such limited liability company shall not be required to take any further action with respect thereto, to amend its articles of organization under K.S.A. 17-76,136, and amendments thereto.

The resident agent of a limited liability company may resign without appointing a successor resident agent by paying a fee as set forth in K.S.A. 17-76,136, and amendments thereto, and filing a certificate with the secretary of state stating that the resident agent resigns as resident agent for the limited liability company identified in the certificate, but such resignation shall not become effective until 60 days after the certificate is filed. There shall be attached to said certificate an affidavit of such resident agent, if an individual, or the president, a vicepresident or the secretary thereof if a corporation, that at least 30 days prior to and on or about the date of the filing of such certificate, notices were sent by certified or registered mail to the limited liability company for which such resident agent is resigning as resident agent, at the principal office thereof within or outside the state of Kansas, if known to such resident agent or, if not, to the last known address of the attorney or other individual at whose request such resident agent was appointed for such limited liability company, of the resignation of such resident agent. After receipt of the notice of the resignation of its resident agent, the limited liability company for which such resident agent was acting shall obtain and designate a new resident agent, to take the place of the resident agent so resigning. If such limited liability company fails to obtain and designate a new resident agent as aforesaid prior to the expiration of the period of 60 days after the filing by the resident agent of the certificate of resignation, the articles of organization of such limited liability company shall be deemed to be eanceledforfeited. After the resignation of the

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resident agent shall have become effective as provided in this section and if no new resident agent shall have been obtained and designated in the time and manner aforesaid, service of legal process against the limited liability company for which the resigned resident agent had been acting shall thereafter be upon the secretary of state in accordance with K.S.A. 17-76.136, and amendments thereto.

- (e) If a domestic limited liability company's resident agent dies or moves from the registered office, the limited liability company shall designate and certify to the secretary of state the name of another resident agent within 30 days of the death or move. If no new resident agent is designated, the service of legal process on the limited liability company may be made as prescribed in K.S.A. 60-304, and amendments thereto. If any domestic limited liability company fails to designate a new resident agent as required by this subsection, the secretary of state, after giving 30 days' notice of the intended action, may declare the articles of organization eaneeledforfeited.
- (f) Any limited liability company may procure a reinstatement of its articles of organization, together with all the rights, franchises, privileges and immunities and subject to all of its duties, debts and liabilities which had been secured or imposed by its original articles of organization, and all amendments thereto and may designate a new registered office and resident agent at any time where the articles of organization have been forfeited pursuant to subsection (d) or (e).
- (g) The reinstatement of the articles of organization or authority to engage in business may be procured by executing and filing a certificate with the secretary of state.
 - (h) The certificate required by subsection (g) shall state:
- (1) The name of the limited liability company, which shall be the name it bore when its articles of organization were forfeited pursuant to subsection (d) or (e);
- (2) the address of the limited liability company's registered office in this state, which shall include the street, city and zip code and the name of its resident agent at such address;
- (3) a statement that the new resident agent has been notified of their appointment and that they have agreed to serve as the resident agent;
- (4) that the limited liability company desiring to be reinstated and so reinstating its corporate existence was duly organized under the laws of the state of its original incorporation; and
- (5) that the certificate for reinstatement is filed by authority of those who were directors or members of the governing body of the limited liability company at the time its articles of organization were forfeited under subsection (d) or (e).
 - (i) Upon the filing of the certificate the limited liability company

shall be reinstated with the same force and effect as if its articles of organization had not become inoperative and void. Such reinstatement shall validate all contracts, acts, matters and things made, done and performed within the scope of its articles of organization by the limited liability company, its officers and agents during the time when its articles of organization were forfeited under subsection (d) or (e), with the same force and effect and to all intents and purposes as if the articles of organization had at all times remained in full force and effect. All real and personal property, rights and credits, which belonged to the limited liability company at the time its articles of organization were forfeited under subsection (d) or (e) prior to the time of its reinstatement shall be vested in the limited liability company after its reinstatement, as fully and amply as they were held by the limited liability company at and before the time its articles of organization became inoperative under subsection (d) or (e), and the limited liability company after its reinstatement shall be as exclusively liable for all contracts, acts, matters and things made, done or performed in its name and on its behalf by its officers and agents prior to its reinstatement, as if its articles of organization had remained at all times in full force and effect.

- (j) Any limited liability company seeking to reinstate its articles of organization under the provisions of this act shall file all annual reports and pay to the secretary of state an amount equal to all fees and any penalties thereon due.
- Sec. 5. K.S.A. 17-76,121 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-76,121. Before doing business in the state of Kansas, a foreign limited liability company shall register with the secretary of state. In order to register, a foreign limited liability company shall submit to the secretary of state, together with payment of the fee required by this act, an original copy executed by a member or manager, together with a duplicate copy, of an application for registration as a foreign limited liability company, setting forth:
 - (a) The name of the foreign limited liability company;
- (b) the state or other jurisdiction or country where organized, the date of its organization and a statement issued by an appropriate authority in that jurisdiction or by a third-party agent authorized by the secretary of state that the foreign limited liability company exists in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization on the date the application is signed;
- (c) the nature of the business or purposes to be conducted or promoted in the state of Kansas;
- (d) the address of the registered office and the name and address of the resident agent for service of process required to be maintained by this act;

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(e) a statement that the resident agent appointed has consented to 2 being appointed;

- (e) (f) an irrevocable written consent of the foreign limited liability company that actions may be commenced against it in the proper court of any county where there is proper venue by the service of process on the secretary of state as provided for in K.S.A. 60-304, and amendments thereto, and stipulating and agreeing that such service shall be taken and held, in all courts, to be as valid and binding as if due service had been made upon the general partners of the foreign limited liability company;
- (f) (g) the name and business, residence or mailing address of each of the members or, if managed by managers, the name and business, residence or mailing address of each of the managers; and
- the date on which the foreign limited liability company first did, or intends to do, business in the state of Kansas.

A person shall not be deemed to be doing business in the state of Kansas solely by reason of being a member or manager of a domestic limited liability company or a foreign limited liability company.

- K.S.A. 17-76,123 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-76,123. (a) The secretary of state shall not issue a registration to a foreign limited liability company unless the name of such limited liability company is such as to distinguish it upon the records of the office of the secretary of state from the names of other limited liability companies, corporations or limited partnerships organized under the laws of this state or reserved or registered as a foreign limited liability company, foreign corporation or foreign limited partnership under the laws of this state, except that a foreign limited liability company may register under a name which is not such as to distinguish it upon the records of the office of the secretary of state from the name of other limited liability companies, corporations or limited partnerships organized under the laws of this state or reserved or registered as a foreign limited liability company, foreign corporation or foreign limited partnership under the laws of this state if:
- (1) Written consent is obtained from the other limited liability company, corporation or limited partnership and filed with the secretary of state: or
- (2) it indicates as a means of identification and in its advertising within this state, the state in which the limited liability company was formed, and the application sets forth this condition.
- (b) Each foreign limited liability company shall have and maintain in the state of Kansas:
- (1) A registered office which may but need not be its place of business in the state of Kansas; and
- (2) a resident agent for service of process on the limited liability company, which agent may be an individual resident of the state of

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Kansas, a domestic corporation, a domestic limited partnership, a domestic limited liability company, a domestic business trust, or a foreign corporation, foreign limited partnership, foreign limited liability company or foreign business trust authorized to do business in the state of Kansas whose business office is identical with the limited liability company's registered office. The foreign limited liability company shall notify the resident agent that they have been appointed and the resident agent shall agree to the appointment.

- (c) A resident agent may change the address of the registered office of the foreign limited liability companies for which the resident agent is resident agent to another address in the state of Kansas by: (1) Paying the fee required by this act; (2) filing with the secretary of state a certificate executed by the resident agent, setting forth the names of all the foreign limited liability companies represented by the resident agent and the address at which the resident agent has maintained the registered office for each of such foreign limited liability companies; and (3) certifying to the new address to which each such registered office will be changed on a given day and at which the resident agent will thereafter maintain the registered office for each of the foreign limited liability companies recited in the certificate. Upon the filing of the certificate, the secretary of state shall furnish to the resident agent a certified copy of such certificate. Thereafter, or until further change of address, as authorized by law, the registered office in the state of Kansas of each of the foreign limited liability companies recited in the certificate shall be located at the new address of the resident agent of the company given in the certificate. Filing of the certificate shall be considered an amendment of the application of each foreign limited liability company affected by the certificate, and the foreign limited liability company shall not be required to take any further action with respect thereto, to amend its application. Any resident agent filing a certificate under this section, upon such filing, shall deliver promptly a copy of such certificate to each foreign limited liability company affected thereby. The resident agent shall furnish the secretary of state one additional copy of the certificate for each limited liability company affected.
- (d) The resident agent of one or more foreign limited liability companies may resign and appoint a successor resident agent by paying the fee required by this act and filing a certificate with the secretary of state, stating that the resident agent resigns as resident agent for the foreign limited liability company identified in the certificate and giving the name and address of the successor resident agent. There shall be attached to the certificate a statement executed by each affected foreign limited liability company ratifying and approving the change of resident agent. Upon the filing, the successor resident agent shall become the

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(e) The resident agent of one or more foreign limited liability companies may resign without appointing a successor resident agent by paying the fee required by this act and filing a certificate with the secretary of state stating that the resident agent resigns as resident agent for the foreign limited liability companies identified in the certificate, but the resignation shall not become effective until 60 days after the certificate is filed. There shall be attached to the certificate an affidavit that, at least 30 days prior to the date of the filing of the certificate, notice that the resignation of the resident agent was sent by certified or registered mail to each foreign limited liability company for which the resident agent is resigning as resident agent. The affidavit shall be sworn to by the resident agent, if an individual, or the president, a vice-president or the secretary of the resident agent, if a corporation. The affidavit shall state that the notice was sent to the principal office of each of the foreign limited liability companies within or outside the state of Kansas, if known to the resident agent or, if not, to the last known address of the attorney or other individual at whose request the resident agent was appointed for the foreign limited liability company. After receipt of the notice of the resignation of its resident agent, the foreign limited liability company for which the resident agent was acting shall obtain and designate a new resident agent, to take the place of the resident agent resigning. If a foreign limited liability company fails to obtain and designate a new resident agent within 60 days after the filing by the resident agent of the certificate of resignation, that foreign limited liability company shall not be permitted to do business in the state of Kansas and its registration shall be considered eanceled for feited.

(f) Any foreign limited liability company may procure a reinstatement of its articles of organization, together with all the rights, franchises, privileges and immunities and subject to all of its duties, debts and liabilities which had been secured or imposed by its original articles of organization, and all amendments thereto and may designate a new registered office and resident agent at any time where the articles of

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organization have been forfeited pursuant to subsection (e).

- The reinstatement of the articles of organization or authority to engage in business may be procured by executing and filing a certificate with the secretary of state.
 - The certificate required by subsection (g) shall state:
- The name of the foreign limited liability company, which shall be the name it bore when its articles of organization were forfeited pursuant to subsection (e):
- (2) the address of the foreign limited liability company's registered office in this state, which shall include the street, city and zip code and the name of its resident agent at such address;
- (3) a statement that the new resident agent has been notified of their appointment and that they have agreed to serve as the resident agent;
- (4) that the foreign limited liability company desiring to be reinstated and so reinstating its corporate existence was duly organized under the laws of the state of its original incorporation; and
- (5) that the certificate for reinstatement is filed by authority of those who were directors or members of the governing body of the limited liability company at the time its articles of organization were forfeited under subsection (e).
- (i) Upon the filing of the certificate the foreign limited liability company shall be reinstated with the same force and effect as if its articles of organization had not become inoperative and void. reinstatement shall validate all contracts, acts, matters and things made, done and performed within the scope of its articles of organization by the limited liability company, its officers and agents during the time when its articles of organization were forfeited under subsection (e), with the same force and effect and to all intents and purposes as if the articles of organization had at all times remained in full force and effect. All real and personal property, rights and credits, which belonged to the limited liability company at the time its articles of organization were forfeited under subsection (e) prior to the time of its reinstatement shall be vested in the limited liability company after its reinstatement, as fully and amply as they were held by the limited liability company at and before the time its articles of organization became inoperative under subsection (e), and the limited liability company after its reinstatement shall be as exclusively liable for all contracts, acts, matters and things made, done or performed in its name and on its behalf by its officers and agents prior to its reinstatement, as if its articles of organization had remained at all times in full force and effect. Rs 0373

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(j) Any foreign limited liability company seeking to reinstate its articles of organization under the provisions of this act shall file all

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annual reports and pay to the secretary of state an amount equal to all fees and any penalties thereon due.

- Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 56-1a104 is hereby amended to read as follows: 56-1a104. (a) Each limited partnership shall have and maintain in the state of Kansas:
- (1) A registered office, which may but need not be a place of its business in the state of Kansas; and
- (2) a resident agent for service of process on the limited partnership at the registered office, which agent may be an individual or a domestic corporation, domestic limited partnership, domestic limited liability company, a domestic business trust or a foreign corporation, limited partnership, limited liability company, business trust authorized to transact business in this state or the limited partnership itself. The limited partnership shall notify the resident agent that they have been appointed and the resident agent shall agree to the appointment.
- (b) A resident agent may change the address of the registered office of the limited partnerships for which the agent is resident agent to another address in the state of Kansas by paying a fee as set forth in K.S.A. 56-1a605, and amendments thereto and filing with the secretary of state a certificate executed by the resident agent. The certificate shall set forth the names of all the limited partnerships represented by the resident agent and the address at which the resident agent has maintained the registered office for each of such limited partnerships and shall certify the new address to which each such registered office will be changed on a given day and at which new address the resident agent will thereafter maintain the registered office for each of the limited partnerships recited in the certificate. Upon the filing of the certificate, the secretary of state shall furnish to the resident agent a certified copy of the certificate and, until further change of address as authorized by law, the registered office in the state of Kansas of each limited partnership recited in the certificate shall be located at the new address of the resident agent thereof as given in the certificate. Filing of the certificate shall be deemed to be an amendment of the certificate of limited partnership of each limited partnership affected thereby, and each such limited partnership shall not be required to take any further action with respect thereto to amend its certificate of limited partnership under K.S.A. 56-1a152, and amendments thereto. Any resident agent filing a certificate under this section shall promptly, upon such filing, deliver a copy of the certificate to each limited partnership affected thereby. The resident agent shall furnish the secretary of state one additional copy of the certificate for each limited partnership affected. Whenever the location of a resident agent's office is moved to another room or suite within the same structure and the change is reported in writing to the secretary of state, the secretary of state shall

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charge no fee for recording such change on the appropriate records on file with the secretary of state.

- (c) The resident agent of one or more limited partnerships may resign and appoint a successor resident agent by paying the fee required by K.S.A. 56-1a605, and amendments thereto and filing a certificate with the secretary of state, stating that the resident agent resigns and the name and address of the successor resident agent. There shall be attached to the certificate a statement executed by each affected limited partnership ratifying and approving such change of resident agent. Upon the filing, the successor resident agent shall become the resident agent of the limited partnerships that have ratified and approved the substitution and the successor resident agent's address, as stated in the certificate, shall become the address of each such limited partnership's registered office in the state of Kansas. Filing of the certificate of resignation shall be deemed to be an amendment of the certificate of limited partnership of each limited partnership affected thereby, and each such limited partnership shall not be required to take any further action with respect thereto to amend its certificate of limited partnership under K.S.A. 56-1a152, and amendments thereto. The resident agent shall furnish the secretary of state one additional copy of the certificate for each limited partnership affected.
- (d) The resident agent of one or more limited partnerships may resign without appointing a successor resident agent by paving the fee required by K.S.A. 56-1a605, and amendments thereto and filing a certificate with the secretary of state stating that the resident agent resigns as resident agent for the limited partnerships that are identified in the certificate, but the resignation shall not become effective until 60 days after the certificate is filed. There shall be attached to the certificate an affidavit, that at least 30 days prior to the date of the filing of the certificate, notice of the resignation of the resident agent was sent by certified or registered mail to each limited partnership for which the resident agent is resigning as resident agent. The affidavit shall be sworn to by the resident agent, if an individual, or the president, a vice-president or the secretary of the resident agent, if a corporation. The affidavit shall state that the notice was sent to the principal office of each of the limited partnership within or outside the state of Kansas, if known to the resident agent or, if not, to the last known address of the attorney or other individual at whose request the resident agent was appointed for the limited partnership. After receipt of the notice of the resignation of its resident agent, the limited partnership for which the resident agent was acting shall obtain and designate a new resident agent, to take the place of the resident agent resigning. If a limited partnership fails to obtain and designate a new resident agent within 60 days after the filing by the

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 resident agent of the certificate of resignation, the certificate of that limited partnership shall be considered canceled. After the resignation of the resident agent shall have become effective as provided in this section and if no new resident agent shall have been obtained and designated in the time and manner aforesaid, service of legal process against the limited partnership for which the resigned resident agent had been acting shall thereafter be upon the secretary of state in accordance with K.S.A. 60-304, and amendments thereto. Whenever the certificate of partnership is canceled for failure to appoint a resident agent, the limited partnership may be reinstated by filing a certificate of reinstatement, in the manner and form to be prescribed by the secretary of state and paying to the secretary of state all fees. The fee for filing a certificate of reinstatement shall be the same as that prescribed by K.S.A. 17-7506, and amendments thereto, for filing a certificate of extension, restoration, renewal or revival of a corporation's articles of incorporation.

- (e) If a domestic limited partnership's resident agent dies or moves from the registered office, the limited partnership shall designate and certify to the secretary of state the name of another resident agent within 30 days of the death or move. If no new resident agent is designated, the service of legal process on the limited partnership may be made as prescribed in K.S.A. 60-304, and amendments thereto. If any domestic limited partnership fails to designate a new resident agent as required by this subsection, the secretary of state, after giving 30 days' notice of the intended action, may declare the limited partnership certificate canceled. Whenever the certificate of partnership is canceled for failure to designate a new resident agent, the limited partnership may be reinstated by filing a certificate of reinstatement, in the manner and form to be prescribed by the secretary of state and paying to the secretary of state all fees. The fee for filing a certificate of reinstatement shall be the same as that prescribed by K.S.A. 17-7506, and amendments thereto, for filing a certificate of extension, restoration, renewal or revival of a corporation's articles of incorporation.
- Sec. 8. K.S.A. 56-1a502 is hereby amended to read as follows: 56-1a502. Before doing business in the state of Kansas, a foreign limited partnership shall register with the secretary of state. In order to register, a foreign limited partnership shall submit to the secretary of state together with payment of the fee required by K.S.A. 56-1a605, and amendments thereto, an original copy executed by a general partner, together with a duplicate copy, of an application for registration as a foreign limited partnership, setting forth:
 - (a) The name of the foreign limited partnership;
- 42 (b) the state or other jurisdiction or country where organized, the date of its organization and a statement issued by an appropriate authority

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in that jurisdiction or by a third-party agent authorized by the secretary of state that the foreign limited partnership exists in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization on the date that the application for registration is signed;

- (c) the nature of the business or purposes to be conducted or promoted in the state of Kansas;
- (d) the address of the registered office and the name and address of the resident agent for service of process required to be maintained by subsection (b) of K.S.A. 56-1a504, and amendments thereto;
- (e) a statement that the resident agent appointed has consented to being appointed;
- (e)(f) an irrevocable written consent of the foreign limited partnership that actions may be commenced against it in the proper court of any county where there is proper venue by the service of process on the secretary of state as provided for in K.S.A. 60-304, and amendments thereto and stipulating and agreeing that such service shall be taken and held, in all courts, to be as valid and binding as if due service had been made upon the general partners of the foreign limited partnership;
- (f)(g) the name and business, residence or mailing address of each of the general partners; and
- $\frac{(g)}{h}$ the date on which the foreign limited partnership first did, or intends to do, business in the state of Kansas.
- Sec. 9. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 56-1a504 is hereby amended to read as follows: 56-1a504. (a) The secretary of state shall not issue a registration to a foreign limited partnership unless the name of the limited partnership is such as to distinguish it upon the records of the office of the secretary of state from the names of other corporations, limited liability companies or limited partnerships organized under the laws of this state or reserved or registered as a foreign corporation, foreign limited liability company or foreign limited partnership under the laws of this state, except that a foreign limited partnership may register under a name which is not such as to distinguish it upon the records of the office of the secretary of state from the name of other corporations, limited liability companies or limited partnerships organized under the laws of this state or reserved or registered as a foreign corporation, foreign limited liability company or foreign limited partnership under the laws of this state if:
- (1) Written consent is obtained from the other corporation, limited liability company or limited partnership and filed with the secretary of state; or
- (2) it indicates as a means of identification and in its advertising within this state, the state in which the limited partnership was formed, and the application sets forth this condition.
 - (b) Each foreign limited partnership shall have and maintain in the

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- (1) A registered office which may but need not be a place of its business in the state of Kansas; and
- (2) a resident agent for service of process on the limited partnership, which agent may be an individual resident of the state of Kansas, a domestic corporation, a domestic limited partnership, a domestic limited liability company or a domestic business trust, or a foreign corporation, limited partnership, limited liability company, or business trust authorized to transact business in this state whose business office is identical with the limited partnership's registered office. The foreign limited partnership shall notify the resident agent that they have been appointed, and the resident agent shall agree to the appointment.
- (c) A resident agent may change the address of the registered office of the foreign limited partnerships for which the resident agent is resident agent to another address in the state of Kansas by: (1) Paving the fee required by K.S.A. 56-1a605, and amendments thereto; (2) filing with the secretary of state a certificate, executed by the resident agent, setting forth the names of all the foreign limited partnerships represented by the resident agent and the address at which the resident agent has maintained the registered office for each of such foreign limited partnerships; and (3) certifying to the new address to which each such registered office will be changed on a given day and at which the resident agent will thereafter maintain the registered office for each of the foreign limited partnerships recited in the certificate. Upon the filing of the certificate, the secretary of state shall furnish to the resident agent a certified copy of it. Thereafter, or until further change of address, as authorized by law, the registered office in the state of Kansas of each of the foreign limited partnerships recited in the certificate shall be located at the new address of the resident agent of the partnership given in the certificate. Filing of the certificate shall be considered an amendment of the application of each foreign limited partnership affected by the certificate, and the foreign limited partnership shall not be required to take any further action with respect thereto, to amend its application under K.S.A. 56-1a505, and amendments thereto. Any resident agent filing a certificate under this section shall promptly, upon such filing, deliver a copy of any such certificate to each foreign limited partnership affected thereby. The resident agent shall furnish the secretary of state one additional copy of the certificate for each limited partnership affected.
- (d) The resident agent of one or more foreign limited partnerships may resign and appoint a successor registered agent by paying the fee required by K.S.A. 56-1a605, and amendments thereto, and filing a certificate with the secretary of state, stating that the resident agent resigns as resident agent for the foreign limited partnerships identified in

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the certificate and giving the name and address of the successor resident agent. There shall be attached to the certificate a statement executed by each affected foreign limited partnership ratifying and approving the change of resident agent. Upon the filing, the successor resident agent shall become the resident agent of those foreign limited partnerships that have ratified and approved the substitution and the successor resident agent's address, as stated in the certificate, shall become the address of each such foreign limited partnership's registered office in the state of Kansas. Filing of the certificate of resignation shall be deemed to be an amendment of the application of each foreign limited partnership affected by the certificate, and the foreign limited partnership shall not be required to take any further action with respect thereto, to amend its application under K.S.A. 56-1a505, and amendments thereto. The resident agent shall furnish the secretary of state one additional copy of the certificate for each limited partnership affected.

The resident agent of one or more foreign limited partnerships may resign without appointing a successor resident agent by paying the fee required by K.S.A. 56-1a605, and amendments thereto and filing a certificate with the secretary of state stating that the resident agent resigns as resident agent for the foreign limited partnerships identified in the certificate, but the resignation shall not become effective until 60 days after the certificate is filed. There shall be attached to the certificate an affidavit that, at least 30 days prior to the date of the filing of the certificate, notice of the resignation of the resident agent was sent by certified or registered mail to each foreign limited partnership for which the resident agent is resigning as resident agent. The affidavit shall be sworn to by the resident agent, if an individual, or the president, a vice president or the secretary of the resident agent, if a corporation. The affidavit shall state that the notice was sent to the principal office of each of the foreign limited partnership within or outside the state of Kansas, if known to the resident agent or, if not, to the last known address of the attorney or other individual at whose request the resident agent was appointed for the foreign limited partnership. After receipt of the notice of the resignation of its resident agent, the foreign limited partnership for which the resident agent was acting shall obtain and designate a new resident agent, to take the place of the resident agent resigning. If a foreign limited partnership fails to obtain and designate a new resident agent within 60 days after the filing by the resident agent of the certificate of resignation, that foreign limited partnership shall not be permitted to do business in the state of Kansas and its registration shall be considered canceled. Whenever the limited partnership is canceled for failure to appoint a resident agent, the limited partnership may be reinstated by filing a certificate of reinstatement, in the manner and form to be

prescribed by the secretary of state and paying to the secretary of state all fees. The fee for filing a certificate of reinstatement shall be the same as that prescribed by K.S.A. 17-7506, and amendments thereto, for filing a certificate of extension, restoration, renewal or revival of a corporation's articles of incorporation.

- Sec. 10. K.S.A. 56a-303 is hereby amended to read as follows: 56a-303. (a) A partnership may file a statement of partnership authority, which:
 - (1) Must include:

- (i) The name of the partnership;
- (ii) the street address of its principal office and of one office in this state, if there is one;
- (iii) the names and mailing addresses of all of the partners or of an agent appointed and maintained by the partnership for the purpose of subsection (b). If the partnership names a resident agent the partnership shall notify the resident agent of the appointment and the resident agent shall agree to the appointment; and
- (iv) the names of the partners authorized to execute an instrument transferring real property held in the name of the partnership; and
- (2) may state the authority, or limitations on the authority, of some or all of the partners to enter into other transactions on behalf of the partnership and any other matter.
- (b) If a statement of partnership authority names an agent, the agent shall maintain a list of the names and mailing addresses of all of the partners and make it available to any person on request for good cause shown.
- (c) If a filed statement of partnership authority is executed pursuant to subsection (c) of K.S.A. 56a-105, and amendments thereto, and states the name of the partnership but does not contain all of the other information required by subsection (a), the statement nevertheless operates with respect to a person not a partner as provided in subsections (d) and (e).
- (d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (g), a filed statement of partnership authority supplements the authority of a partner to enter into transactions on behalf of the partnership as follows:
- (1) Except for transfers of real property, a grant of authority contained in a filed statement of partnership authority is conclusive in favor of a person who gives value without knowledge to the contrary, so long as and to the extent that a limitation on that authority is not then contained in another filed statement. A filed cancellation of a limitation on authority revives the previous grant of authority.
- (2) A grant of authority to transfer real property held in the name of the partnership contained in a certified copy of a filed statement of

 partnership authority recorded in the office for recording transfers of that real property is conclusive in favor of a person who gives value without knowledge to the contrary, so long as and to the extent that a certified copy of a filed statement containing a limitation on that authority is not then of record in the office for recording transfers of that real property. The recording in the office for recording transfers of that real property of a certified copy of a filed cancellation of a limitation on authority revives the previous grant of authority.

- (e) A person not a partner is deemed to know of a limitation on the authority of a partner to transfer real property held in the name of the partnership if a certified copy of the filed statement containing the limitation on authority is of record in the office for recording transfers of that real property.
- (f) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (d) and (e) and K.S.A. 56a-704 and 56a-805, *and amendments thereto*, a person not a partner is not deemed to know of a limitation on the authority of a partner merely because the limitation is contained in a filed statement.
- (g) Unless earlier canceled, a filed statement of partnership authority is canceled by operation of law five years after the date on which the statement, or the most recent amendment, was filed with the secretary of state.
- Sec. 11. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 56a-1005 is hereby amended to read as follows: 56a-1005. (a) Each limited liability partnership shall have and maintain in the state of Kansas:
- (1) A registered office, which may, but need not be, a place of its business in the state of Kansas; and
- (2) a resident agent for service of process on the limited liability partnership at the registered office, which agent may be:
 - (A) An individual;
- (B) a domestic corporation, domestic limited partnership, domestic limited liability company or domestic business trust;
- (C) a foreign corporation, foreign limited partnership, foreign limited liability company or foreign business trust authorized to transact business in this state; or
- (D) the limited liability partnership itself. The limited liability partnership shall notify the resident agent that they have been appointed and the resident agent shall agree to the appointment.
- (b) A resident agent may change the address of the registered office of the limited liability partnership or limited liability partnerships for which the agent is resident agent to another address in the state of Kansas by paying a fee and filing with the secretary of state a certificate executed by the resident agent. The certificate shall set forth the names of all the limited liability partnerships represented by such resident agent, and the

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address at which the resident agent has maintained the registered office for each of such limited liability partnerships and shall certify the new address to which each such registered office will be changed on a given day, and at which new address the resident agent will thereafter maintain the registered office for each of the limited liability partnerships recited in the certificate. Upon the filing of such certificate, the secretary of state shall furnish to the resident agent a certified copy of the certificate and, until further change of address as authorized by law, the registered office in the state of Kansas of each limited liability partnership recited in the certificate shall be located at the new address of the resident agent thereof as given in the certificate. Filing of the certificate shall be deemed to be an amendment of the statement of qualification of limited liability partnership of each limited liability partnership affected thereby, and each such limited liability partnership shall not be required to take any further action with respect thereto to amend its statement of qualification of limited liability partnership under K.S.A. 56a-1001, and amendments thereto. Any resident agent filing a certificate under this section shall promptly, upon such filing, deliver a copy of the certificate to each limited liability partnership affected thereby. Whenever the location of a resident agent's office is moved to another room or suite within the same structure and the change is reported in writing to the secretary of state, the secretary of state shall charge no fee for recording such change on the appropriate records on file with the secretary of state.

- (c) The resident agent of one or more limited liability partnerships may resign and appoint a successor resident agent by paying a fee and filing a certificate with the secretary of state, stating that the resident agent resigns and the name and address of the successor resident agent. There shall be attached to the certificate a statement executed by each affected limited liability partnership ratifying and approving such change of resident agent. Upon the filing, the successor resident agent shall become the resident agent of the limited liability partnerships that have ratified and approved the substitution and the successor resident agent's address, as stated in the certificate, shall become the address of each such limited liability partnership's registered office in the state of Kansas. Filing of the certificate of resignation shall be deemed to be an amendment of the statement of qualification of limited liability partnership of each limited liability partnership affected thereby, and each such limited liability partnership shall not be required to take any further action with respect thereto to amend its statement of qualification of limited liability partnership under K.S.A. 56a-1001, and amendments thereto.
- (d) The resident agent of one or more limited liability partnerships may resign without appointing a successor resident agent by paying a fee

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and filing a certificate with the secretary of state, stating that the resident agent resigns as resident agent for the limited liability partnerships that are identified in the certificate, but the resignation shall not become effective until 60 days after the certificate is filed. There shall be attached to the certificate an affidavit, that at least 30 days prior to the date of the filing of the certificate, notice of the resignation of the resident agent was sent by certified or registered mail to each limited liability partnership for which the resident agent is resigning as resident agent. The affidavit shall be sworn to by the resident agent, if an individual, or the president, a vice-president or the secretary of the resident agent, if a corporation. The affidavit shall state that the notice was sent to the principal office of each of the limited liability partnerships within or outside the state of Kansas, if known to the resident agent or, if not, to the last known address of the attorney or other individual at whose request the resident agent was appointed for the limited liability partnership. After receipt of the notice of the resignation of its resident agent, the limited liability partnership for which the resident agent was acting shall obtain and designate a new resident agent, to take the place of the resident agent resigning. If a limited liability partnership fails to obtain and designate a new resident agent within 60 days after the filing by the resident agent of the certificate of resignation, the statement of qualification of that limited liability partnership shall be considered canceled. After the resignation of the resident agent shall have become effective as provided in this section and if no new resident agent shall have been obtained and designated in the time and manner aforesaid, service of legal process against the limited liability partnership for which the resigned resident agent had been acting shall thereafter be upon the secretary of state in accordance with K.S.A. 60-304, and amendments thereto. Whenever the limited liability partnership is cancelled for failure to appoint a resident agent, the limited liability partnership may be reinstated by filing a certificate of reinstatement, in the manner and form to be prescribed by the secretary of state and paying to the secretary of state all fees. The fee for filing a certificate of reinstatement shall be the same as that prescribed by K.S.A. 17-7506, and amendments thereto, for filing a certificate of extension, restoration, renewal or revival of a corporation's articles of incorporation.

(e) If a domestic limited liability partnership's resident agent dies or moves from the registered office, the limited liability partnership shall designate and certify to the secretary of state the name of another resident agent within 30 days of the death or move. If no new resident agent is designated, the service of legal process on the limited liability partnership may be made as prescribed in K.S.A. 60-304, and amendments thereto. If any domestic limited liability partnership fails to designate a new resident

 agent as required by this subsection, the secretary of state, after giving 30 days' notice of the intended action, may declare the statement of qualification of such limited liability partnership canceled. Whenever the limited liability partnership is canceled for failure to designate a new resident agent, the limited liability partnership may be reinstated by filing a certificate of reinstatement, in the manner and form to be prescribed by the secretary of state and paying to the secretary of state all fees. The fee for filing a certificate of reinstatement shall be the same as that prescribed by K.S.A. 17-7506, and amendments thereto, for filing a certificate of extension, restoration, renewal or revival of a corporation's articles of incorporation.

- Sec. 12. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 56a-1102 is hereby amended to read as follows: 56a-1102. (a) Before transacting business in this state, a foreign limited liability partnership must file a statement of foreign qualification. The statement must contain:
- (1) The name of the foreign limited liability partnership which satisfies the requirements of the state or other jurisdiction under whose laws it is formed and ends with "registered limited liability partnership," "limited liability partnership," "R.L.L.P.," "L.L.P.," "RLLP" or "LLP;"
- (2) the address of the registered office and the name of the resident agent for service of process required to be maintained pursuant to K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 56a-1106, and amendments thereto; and
- (3) a statement that the resident agent for service of process has consented to being appointed;
- (4) the state or other jurisdiction or country where organized, the date of its organization and a statement that the foreign limited liability partnership exists in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization on the date the statement is filed; and
 - (3)(5) a deferred effective date, if any.
- (b) The status of a partnership as a foreign limited liability partnership is effective on the later of the filing of the statement of foreign qualification or a date specified in the statement. The status remains effective, regardless of changes in the partnership, until it is canceled pursuant to subsection (d) of K.S.A. 56a-105, and amendments thereto, or revoked pursuant to K.S.A. 56a-1202, and amendments thereto.
- (c) An amendment or cancellation of a statement of foreign qualification is effective when it is filed or on a deferred effective date specified in the amendment or cancellation.
- Sec. 13. K.S.A. 17-6202, 17-6203, 17-7666, 17-76,121, 17-76,123, 56-1a502 and 56a-303 and K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 17-7301, 56-1a104, 56-1a504, 56a-1005 and 56a-1102 are hereby repealed.
 - Sec. 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its

publication in the statute book.