

Sixty-fourth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1335**

Introduced by

Representative Keiser

Senator Armstrong

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact sections 10-15-53.1, 10-15-53.2, 10-15-53.3,  
2 10-19.1-146.1, 10-33-141.3, and 45-10.2-108.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to  
3 the annual report of a cooperative, involuntary dissolution of a cooperative or revocation of  
4 certificate of authority of a foreign cooperative, the reinstatement of a cooperative or foreign  
5 cooperative following involuntary dissolution or revocation of certificate of authority, amendment  
6 of articles by a nonprofit corporation, involuntary dissolution of a nonprofit corporation or  
7 revocation of certificate of authority of a foreign nonprofit corporation, and involuntary  
8 dissolution of a limited partnership or revocation of certificate of authority for a foreign limited  
9 partnership; to amend and reenact section 10-01.1-11, subsections 9 and 10 of section  
10 10-06.1-17, subsection 5 of section 10-15-08.1, subsection 2 of section 10-15-52.7, sections  
11 10-15-53, 10-15-54, and 10-19.1-17, subsection 4 of section 10-19.1-148, section 10-33-14,  
12 subsection 4 of section 10-33-141, subsection 7 of section 10-34-04, subsection 7 of section  
13 45-10.2-24, subsection 1 of section 45-10.2-25, section 45-11-05.1, subsection 4 of section  
14 45-22-03, section 45-22-16, subsection 15 of section 45-23-08 of the North Dakota Century  
15 Code, relating to the resignation of registered agent, contents of an annual report of a farm  
16 corporation or limited liability company, a cooperative filing documents with the secretary of  
17 state, fees paid by cooperatives, amendment of articles by a business corporation, amendment  
18 of articles by a nonprofit corporation, real estate investment trusts, an address change of a  
19 limited partnership, the signature requirements on documents filed with the secretary of state by  
20 a limited partnership, the fictitious name certificate, an address change of a limited liability  
21 partnership, revocation of the registration of a limited liability partnership or foreign limited  
22 liability partnership, and the fee to file the registration of a foreign limited liability limited  
23 partnership; and to repeal sections 10-15-36, 10-19.1-141, 10-33-134, and 45-10.2-87 of the  
24 North Dakota Century Code, relating to the annual report of a cooperative, revocation of the  
25 certificate of authority of a foreign corporation, revocation of the certificate of authority of a

1 foreign nonprofit corporation, and revocation of the certificate of authority of a foreign limited  
2 partnership.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 10-01.1-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **10-01.1-11. Resignation of registered agent - Removal of agent appointed without**  
7 **consent.**

- 8 1. Until the legal existence of a represented entity ceases, or until the authority of a  
9 foreign entity is withdrawn or revoked, a registered agent may resign at any time with  
10 respect to a represented entity by filing with the secretary of state a statement of  
11 resignation signed by or on behalf of the registered agent which states:
  - 12 a. The name of the entity;
  - 13 b. The name of the registered agent;
  - 14 c. That the registered agent resigns from serving as agent for service of process for  
15 the entity; and
  - 16 d. The name and address of the person to which the registered agent will send the  
17 notice required by subsection 3.
- 18 2. A statement of resignation takes effect on the earlier of the thirty-first day after the day  
19 on which it is filed or the appointment of a new registered agent for the represented  
20 entity.
- 21 3. The registered agent shall promptly furnish the represented entity with notice in a  
22 record of the date on which a statement of resignation was filed.
- 23 4. When a statement of resignation takes effect, the registered agent ceases to have  
24 responsibility for any matter tendered to it as agent for the represented entity. A  
25 resignation under this section does not affect any contractual rights the entity may  
26 have against the registered agent or that the registered agent may have against the  
27 entity.
- 28 5. A registered agent may resign with respect to a represented entity whether or not the  
29 entity is in good standing but not after the legal existence of the represented entity has

1           ceased or, in the case of a foreign entity, after its authority has been withdrawn or  
2           revoked.

3        6. If a person becomes aware of having been named as a registered agent without the  
4        person's prior consent, the appointed person shall notify the secretary of state in  
5        writing of the nonconsensual appointment. Upon notification, the secretary of state  
6        shall remove the appointed person as registered agent in the published record and  
7        notify the entity that it fails to maintain a registered agent. The entity that filed a  
8        document with the secretary of state evidencing a nonconsensual appointment of  
9        registered agent is subject to the provisions related to failure to maintain a registered  
10       agent as provided in the laws of this state which govern the entity and the documents  
11       filed.

12        **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsections 9 and 10 of section 10-06.1-17 of the North  
13        Dakota Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

14        9. A corporation engaged in farming which fails to file an annual report is subject to the  
15        penalties for failure to file an annual report as provided in section 10-19.1-147chapter  
16        10-19.1, except that the penalties must be calculated from the date of the report  
17        required by this section.

18        10. A limited liability company engaged in farming which fails to file an annual report is  
19        subject to the penalties for failure to file an annual report as provided in subsections 5-  
20        and 6 of section 10-32-149chapter 10-32.1, except that the penalties must be  
21        calculated from the date of the report required by this section.

22        **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 5 of section 10-15-08.1 of the North Dakota  
23        Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

24        5. A cooperative that is involuntarily dissolved by the secretary of state under section  
25        ~~10-15-36~~10-15-52.3 may reacquire the right to use that name by reinstating the  
26        cooperative within the time provided in section ~~10-15-36~~10-15-52.3 or by refiling  
27        articles of association, unless the name has been adopted for use or reserved by  
28        another person, in which case the filing must be rejected unless the filing is  
29        accompanied by a written consent or judgment as provided in subdivision d of  
30        subsection 1. A cooperative that is unable to reacquire the use of its name shall adopt  
31        a new name that complies with this section.

1       **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 10-15-52.7 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3       2. Except for revocation of the certificate of authority for failure to file the annual report as  
4 provided in section ~~10-15-36~~10-15-52.3, no certificate of authority of a foreign  
5 cooperative may be revoked by the secretary of state unless:

6       a. The secretary of state has given the foreign cooperative at least sixty days' notice  
7 by mail addressed to its registered agent at the registered office in this state or, if  
8 the foreign cooperative fails to appoint and maintain a registered agent in this  
9 state, then addressed to its principal executive office; and

10       b. During the sixty-day period, the foreign cooperative has failed to:

11           (1) File the report of change as provided in chapter 10-01.1 regarding the  
12 registered office or the registered agent;

13           (2) File any amendment;

14           (3) File any merger;

15           (4) File an application for certificate of withdrawal; or

16           (5) Correct the misrepresentation.

17       **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 10-15-53 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
18 amended and reenacted as follows:

19       **10-15-53. Secretary of state - Filing documents - Effective date.**

20       1. ~~Except as otherwise required by law, if any document is to be filed, an original must be~~  
21 ~~delivered to~~A record authorized or required to be filed with the secretary of state under  
22 this chapter must be captioned to describe the purpose of the record, be in a medium  
23 permitted by the secretary of state, and be delivered to the secretary of state. If the  
24 filing fees required by section 10-15-54 have been paid, then, unless the secretary of  
25 state determines that a record does not comply with the filing requirements of this  
26 chapter, the secretary of state, who shall stamp the date of filing on the document and  
27 provide to the cooperative a certificate of filing file the record, and for all records,  
28 except annual reports, send an image of the filed record to the person who filed the  
29 record.

30       2. Upon request and payment of the fee provided in section 10-15-54, the secretary of  
31 state shall send to the requester a certified copy of a requested record.

- 1       3. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a record filed with the secretary of state  
2       under this chapter may specify a delayed effective date that is no later than ninety  
3       days from the date of filing. If the record does not specify a delayed effective date, a  
4       record filed with the secretary of state is effective on the date the record is filed as  
5       evidenced by the endorsement of the secretary of state of the date on the record.

6       **SECTION 6.** Section 10-15-53.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted  
7 as follows:

8       **10-15-53.1. Secretary of state - Annual report to the secretary of state.**

- 9       1. A cooperative and a foreign cooperative shall file an annual report signed by a  
10      principal officer or the general manager setting forth:  
11      a. Its name and complete address of its principal place of business.  
12      b. The names and addresses of its directors and principal officers.  
13      c. In the case of a domestic cooperative, a statement, by class and par value, of the  
14      amount of stock it has authority to issue and the amount issued.  
15      d. A statement as to the general type of business in which engaged during the prior  
16      year.  
17      2. The annual report must be made on forms prescribed by the secretary of state and the  
18      information contained in the report must be given as of the date of the execution of the  
19      report. If the cooperative or foreign cooperative is in the hands of a receiver or trustee,  
20      the annual report must be signed on behalf of the cooperative or foreign cooperative  
21      by the receiver or trustee.  
22      3. The secretary of state may destroy any annual report provided for in this section after  
23      the annual report is on file for six years.  
24      4. The annual report must be delivered to the secretary of state with the fees provided in  
25      section 10-15-54 before April first of each year, except the first annual report of a  
26      cooperative or foreign cooperative must be delivered before April first of the year  
27      following the calendar year in which the certificate of incorporation or certificate of  
28      authority was issued by the secretary of state.  
29      a. An annual report in a sealed envelope postmarked by the United States postal  
30      service before April first, an annual report in a sealed packet with a verified  
31      shipment date by any other carrier service before April first, or an annual report

electronically transmitted to the secretary of state with a transmission time before April first is in compliance with this requirement. When a filing date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or other holiday as defined in section 1-03-01, a postmark or verified shipment or transmission date on the next business day complies with this requirement.

b. The secretary of state shall file the report if the report conforms to the requirements of subsections 1 and 2.

(1) If the report does not conform to those requirements, the report must be returned to the cooperative or foreign cooperative for any necessary corrections.

(2) If the report is filed before the deadlines provided in this section, any penalty for the failure to file a report within the time provided does not apply if the report is corrected to conform to the requirements of subsections 1 and 2 and returned to the secretary of state within thirty days after the annual report was returned by the secretary of state for corrections.

5. After May first, the secretary of state shall notify any cooperative or foreign cooperative failing to file its annual report that its certificate of incorporation or certificate of authority is not in good standing and may be dissolved or revoked as provided in section 10-15-53.2.

**SECTION 7.** Section 10-15-53.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**10-15-53.2. Secretary of state - Involuntary dissolution - Revocation of certificate of authority.**

1. With respect to involuntary dissolution of a cooperative by the secretary of state:

a. A cooperative may be involuntarily dissolved by the secretary of state if:

(1) The cooperative has failed to:

(a) File with the secretary of state its annual report or any other record required to be filed with the secretary of state under this chapter together with the fees provided in section 10-15-54; or

(b) Appoint and maintain a registered agent and registered office as provided in section 10-15-12; or

1                   (2) A misrepresentation has been made of any material matter in any  
2                   application, report, affidavit, or other record submitted by the cooperative  
3                   pursuant to this chapter.

4           b. A cooperative that fails to file its annual report, together with the fees provided in  
5           section 10-15-54, before April first of the year following the year it is found to be  
6           not in good standing ceases to exist and is considered involuntarily dissolved by  
7           operation of law.

8           (1) The secretary of state shall note the dissolution of the certificate of  
9           incorporation of the cooperative on the records of the secretary of state and  
10           shall give notice of the action to the dissolved cooperative.

11           (2) Notice by the secretary of state must be mailed to the cooperative to its  
12           principal office.

13           (3) The decision of the secretary of state that the cooperative has been  
14           involuntarily dissolved under this subsection is final.

15           (4) A cooperative that was dissolved for failure to file an annual report may be  
16           reinstated as provided in subsection 1 of section 10-15-53.3.

17           c. Except for dissolution of a cooperative for failure to file the annual report as  
18           provided in 10-15-53.1, a cooperative may not be dissolved by the secretary of  
19           state unless:

20           (1) The secretary of state has given the cooperative not less than sixty days'  
21           notice by mail addressed to its principal office; and

22           (2) During the sixty-day period, the cooperative has failed to:

23                   (a) File the report of change as provided in chapter 10-01.1 regarding the  
24                   registered office or the registered agent;

25                   (b) File any other required record; or

26                   (c) Correct the misrepresentation.

27           d. Upon expiration of sixty days after the mailing of the notice, the existence of the  
28           cooperative ceases. The secretary of state shall issue a notice of dissolution and  
29           shall mail the notice to the cooperative to its principal office.

30           2. With respect to the revocation of a certificate of authority of a foreign cooperative by  
31           the secretary of state:

1           a. The certificate of a foreign cooperative to transact business in this may be  
2           revoked by the secretary of state if:

3           (1) The foreign cooperative has failed to:

4               (a) File with the secretary of state its annual report or any other record  
5               required to be filed with the secretary of state under this chapter  
6               together with the fees provided in section 10-15-54;

7               (b) Appoint and maintain a registered agent and registered office as  
8               provided in section 10-15-12;

9               (c) File with the secretary of state any amendment to its application for a  
10              certificate of authority as provided in section 10-15-52.3;

11              (d) File with the secretary of state any merger as provided in section  
12              10-15-52.1; or

13              (e) File with the secretary of state an application for certificate of  
14              withdrawal of its authority as provided in section 10-15-52.4 when the  
15              existence of the foreign cooperative has expired or the foreign  
16              cooperative has been dissolved in the jurisdiction of the foreign  
17              cooperative; or

18           (2) A misrepresentation has been made of any material matter in any  
19           application, report, affidavit, or other record submitted by the foreign  
20           cooperative pursuant to this chapter.

21           b. A foreign cooperative that fails to file its annual report, together with the fees  
22           provided in section 10-15-54, before April first of the year following the year it is  
23           found not to be in good standing forfeits its authority to transact business in this  
24           state and its certificate of authority is considered revoked by operation of law.

25           (1) The secretary of state shall note the revocation of the certificate of authority  
26           of the foreign cooperative on the records of the secretary of state and shall  
27           give notice of the action to the foreign cooperative.

28           (2) Notice by the secretary of state must be mailed to the last registered agent  
29           of the cooperative at its last registered office in this state or, if the  
30           cooperative failed to maintain a registered agent in this state, mailed to its  
31           principal office.



1           (3) The decision of the secretary of state that a certificate of authority must be  
2           revoked under this subsection is final.

3           (4) A foreign cooperative for which authority was forfeited by, and certificate of  
4           authority was revoked by the secretary of state for failure to file an annual  
5           report may be reinstated as provided in subsection 1 of section 10-15-53.3  
6           and may appeal as provided in subsection 2 of section 10-15-53.3.

7           c. Except for revocation of the certificate of authority for failure to file the annual  
8           report as provided in 10-15-53.1, a certificate of authority of a foreign cooperative  
9           may not be revoked by the secretary of state unless:

10          (1) The secretary of state has given the foreign cooperative not less than sixty  
11          days' notice by mail addressed to its registered agent at the registered office  
12          in this state or, if the cooperative failed to maintain a registered agent in this  
13          state, the notice must be mailed to its principal office; and

14          (2) During the sixty-day period, the foreign cooperative has failed to:

15               (a) File the report of change as provided in chapter 10-01.1 regarding the  
16               registered office or the registered agent;

17               (b) File any amendment;

18               (c) File any merger;

19               (d) File an application for withdrawal;

20               (e) File any other required record; or

21               (f) Correct the misrepresentation.

22          d. Upon expiration of sixty days after the mailing of the notice, the authority of the  
23          foreign cooperative to transact business in this state ceases. The secretary of  
24          state shall issue a notice of revocation and shall mail the notice to the registered  
25          agent at the registered office in this state or, if the foreign cooperative failed to  
26          maintain a registered agent in this state, the notice must be mailed to its principal  
27          office.

28          3. If the cooperative or foreign cooperative files its annual report after the notice with the  
29          fee provided for in section 10-15-54 for late filing, the secretary of state shall restore  
30          the certificate of incorporation or authority to good standing. Until restored to good  
31          standing, the secretary of state may not accept for filing any document respecting the

cooperative or foreign cooperative except those incident to its dissolution or  
withdrawal.

**SECTION 8.** Section 10-15-53.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted  
as follows:

**10-15-53.3. Secretary of state - Reinstatement following an involuntary dissolution or  
revocation of authority - Appeals.**

1. With respect to reinstatement following involuntary dissolution or revocation of  
authority:

a. A cooperative dissolved for failure to file an annual report or a foreign cooperative  
for which authority was forfeited by failure to file an annual report may be  
reinstated by filing the most recent past-due report, together with the statutory  
filing and penalty fees for an annual report and a reinstatement fee. The fees  
must be paid and the report filed within one year following the date of the  
involuntary dissolution or revocation. Reinstatement under this section does not  
affect the rights or liability of any person for the time from the dissolution or  
revocation to the reinstatement.

b. With respect to a reinstatement that is more than one year after involuntary  
dissolution or revocation:

(1) If the secretary of state dissolves a cooperative or revokes the certificate of  
authority to transact business in this state of any foreign cooperative, under  
the provisions of section 10-15-53.2, the cooperative or foreign cooperative  
may appeal to district court in the judicial district serving Burleigh County for  
reinstatement by filing with the clerk of court a petition, including:

(a) A copy of the articles of incorporation of the cooperative and a copy of  
the notice of the involuntary dissolution given by the secretary of  
state; or

(b) A copy of the certificate of authority of the foreign cooperative to  
transact business in this state and a copy of the notice of revocation  
given by the secretary of state.

1                   The matter must be tried de novo by the court. The court shall either sustain  
2                   the action of the secretary of state or direct the secretary of state to take  
3                   that action as the court may deem proper.

4                   (2) If the court order sought is one for reinstatement of a cooperative that has  
5                   been dissolved as provided in subsection 1 of section 10-15-53.2, or  
6                   reinstatement of the certificate of authority of a foreign cooperative that has  
7                   been revoked as provided in subsection 2 of section 10-15-53.2, together  
8                   with any other actions the court deems proper, any order that reverses the  
9                   decision of the secretary of state shall require the cooperative or foreign  
10                  cooperative to:

11                  (a) File the most recent past-due annual report;

12                  (b) Pay the fees to the secretary of state for all past-due annual reports  
13                  as provided in subsection 10 of section 10-15-54; and

14                  (c) Pay the reinstatement fee to the secretary of state as provided in  
15                  subsection 10 of section 10-15-54.

16                  (3) Appeals from all final orders and judgments entered by the district court  
17                  under this section in review of any ruling or decision of the secretary of state  
18                  may be taken as in other civil actions.

19                  c. Reinstatement returns the cooperative to active status:

20                  (1) As of the date of the reinstatement:

21                   (a) In the office of the secretary of state; and

22                   (b) As to persons adversely affected by the reinstatement; and

23                  (2) As of the date of the involuntary dissolution or revocation:

24                   (a) Validates contracts or other acts within the authority of the articles,  
25                   and the cooperative is liable for those contracts or acts; and

26                   (b) Restores to the cooperative all assets and rights of the cooperative  
27                   and its members to the extent they were held by the cooperative and  
28                   its members before the involuntary dissolution or revocation occurred,  
29                   except to the extent that assets or rights were affected by acts  
30                   occurring after the involuntary dissolution or revocation, sold, or  
31                   otherwise distributed after that time.

d. Reapplication for any license or permit by a reinstated cooperative must be pursuant to the law governing the issuance of the license or permit.

e. Appeals from all final orders and judgments by the district court under this subsection may be taken as in other civil actions.

2. With respect to appeals of the rejection by the secretary of state of any record required to be approved by the secretary of state before the record may be filed:

a. The secretary of state shall give written notice of the rejection to the person that delivered the record, specifying the reasons for rejection.

b. Within thirty days after the service of the notice of denial, the cooperative or foreign cooperative may appeal to the district court in the judicial district serving Burleigh County by filing with the clerk of court a petition setting forth a copy of the record sought to be filed and a copy of the written rejection of the record by the secretary of state.

c. The matter must be tried de novo by the court.

d. The court either shall sustain the action of the secretary of state or direct the secretary of state to take that action as the court may deem proper.

e. Appeals from all final orders and judgments by the district court under this subsection may be taken as in other civil actions.

**SECTION 9. AMENDMENT.** Section 10-15-54 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**10-15-54. Fees.**

No document may be filed or recorded nor any certificate issued until all fees therefor have been paid. Any fee or penalty due under this chapter may be recovered in a suit brought by the attorney general in the name of the state. The secretary of state shall charge and collect from any association for:

1. Filing articles of association and issuing a certificate of association, thirty dollars.
2. Filing articles of amendment and issuing a certificate of amendment, twenty dollars.
3. Filing restated articles of association, thirty dollars.
4. Filing articles of merger or consolidation and issuing a certificate of merger or consolidation, fifty dollars.
5. Filing articles or decree of dissolution, twenty dollars.

- 1       6.   Receiving service of any process, notice, or demand, the fee provided in section
- 2       10-01.1-03.
- 3       7.   Filing an application of a foreign cooperative for a certificate of authority to do
- 4       business in this state and issuing a certificate therefor, forty dollars.
- 5       8.   For filing a name reservation, a transfer of name reservation, a cancellation of name
- 6       reservation, or a consent to use of name, ten dollars.
- 7       9.   For filing a change of registered office or change of registered agent, or both, the fees
- 8       provided in section 10-01.1-03.
- 9       10. Filing an annual report of a cooperative or foreign cooperative, twenty dollars.
- 10       a. The secretary of state shall charge and collect additional fees for late filing of the
- 11       annual report as follows:
- 12       (1) After the date provided in subsection 4 of section 10-15-53.1, five dollars.
- 13       (2) After the notice provided in subsection 5 of section 10-15-53.1, ten dollars.
- 14       (3) After the dissolution of a cooperative or the revocation of the certificate of
- 15       authority of a foreign cooperative, a reinstatement fee of thirty dollars.
- 16       b. Fees paid to the secretary of state under this subsection are not refundable if an
- 17       annual report submitted to the secretary of state cannot be filed because the
- 18       report lacks information required by section 10-15-53.1, or the annual report
- 19       lacks sufficient payment as required by this subsection.
- 20       11. Filing any other document or statement, or issuing any other certificate, ~~twenty~~ten
- 21       dollars.
- 22       12. Filing a statement of correction, twenty dollars.
- 23       ~~11.~~13. Any document submitted for approval before the actual time of submission for filing,
- 24       one-half of the fee provided in this section for filing the document.
- 25       ~~12.~~ Filing a statement of correction, twenty dollars.
- 26       14. Furnishing a copy of any record, or paper relating to a cooperative or a foreign
- 27       cooperative:
- 28       a. The fee provided in section 54-09-04 for copying a record; and
- 29       b. Five dollars for a search of records.
- 30       15. Furnishing a certificate of good standing, existence, authorization, or certifying any
- 31       copy:

- 1           a. Fifteen dollars; and
- 2           b. Five dollars for a search of records.

3           **SECTION 10. AMENDMENT.** Section 10-19.1-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
4 amended and reenacted as follows:

5           **10-19.1-17. Amendment of articles.**

6           The articles of a corporation may be amended at any time to include or modify any  
7 provision that is required or permitted to appear in the articles or to omit any provision not  
8 required to be included in the articles, except that when articles are amended to restate them,  
9 the name and address of each incorporator and each initial director may be omitted. If only a  
10 change of address of the principal executive office is required, an amendment need not be filed;  
11 however, the change of address of the principal executive office must then be reported on the  
12 annual report filed after the change or be submitted in writing to the secretary of state without a  
13 filing fee. Unless otherwise provided in this chapter, the articles may be amended or modified  
14 only in accordance with sections 10-19.1-18, 10-19.1-19, and 10-19.1-20.

15          **SECTION 11.** Section 10-19.1-146.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and  
16 enacted as follows:

17          **10-19.1-146.1. Secretary of state - Involuntary dissolution - Revocation of certificate**  
18 **of authority.**

- 19          1. With respect to involuntary dissolution of a corporation by the secretary of state:
  - 20           a. A corporation may be involuntarily dissolved by the secretary of state if:
    - 21               (1) The corporation has failed to appoint and maintain a registered agent and  
22 registered office as provided in section 10-19.1-15; or
    - 23               (2) A misrepresentation has been made of any material matter in any  
24 application, report, affidavit, or other record submitted by the corporation  
25 pursuant to this chapter.
  - 26           b. A corporation may not be dissolved by the secretary of state as provided for in  
27 this section unless:
    - 28               (1) The secretary of state has given the corporation not less than sixty days'  
29 notice by mail addressed to its registered agent at the registered office in  
30 this state or, if the corporation does not maintain a registered agent in this  
31 state, the notice must be mailed to its principal office; and

1           (2) During the sixty-day period, the corporation has failed to:

2                   (a) File the report of change as provided in chapter 10-01.1 regarding the  
3                   registered office or the registered agent;

4                   (b) File any other required record; or

5                   (c) Correct the misrepresentation.

6           c. Upon expiration of sixty days after the mailing of the notice, the existence of the  
7           corporation ceases. The secretary of state shall issue a notice of dissolution and  
8           shall mail the notice addressed to its registered agent at the registered office in  
9           this state or, if the corporation does not maintain a registered agent in this state,  
10           the notice must be mailed to its principal office.

11       2. With respect to the revocation of a certificate of authority of a foreign corporation by  
12       the secretary of state:

13       a. The certificate of a foreign corporation to transact business in this state may be  
14       revoked by the secretary of state if:

15           (1) The foreign corporation has failed to:

16                   (a) Appoint and maintain a registered agent and registered office as  
17                   provided in section 10-19.1-138;

18                   (b) File with the secretary of state any amendment to its application for a  
19                   certificate of authority as provided in section 10-19.1-137;

20                   (c) File with the secretary of state any merger as provided in section  
21                   10-19.1-139; or

22                   (d) File with the secretary of state an application for certificate of  
23                   withdrawal of its authority as provided in section 10-19.1-140 when  
24                   the corporation's existence has expired or the foreign corporation has  
25                   been dissolved in the jurisdiction of the foreign corporation; or

26           (2) A misrepresentation has been made of any material matter in any  
27           application, report, affidavit, or other record submitted by the foreign  
28           corporation under this chapter.

29       b. A certificate of authority may not be revoked by the secretary of state as provided  
30       for in this section unless:

(1) The secretary of state has given the foreign corporation not less than sixty days' notice by mail addressed to its registered agent at the registered office in this state or, if the corporation failed to maintain a registered agent in this state, the notice must be mailed to its principal office; and

(2) During the sixty-day period, the foreign corporation has failed to:

(a) File the report of change as provided in chapter 10-01.1 regarding the registered office or the registered agent;

(b) File any amendment;

(c) File any merger;

(d) File an application for withdrawal;

(e) File any other required record; or

(f) Correct the misrepresentation.

c. Upon expiration of sixty days after the mailing of the notice, the authority of the foreign corporation to transact business in this state ceases. The secretary of state shall issue a notice of revocation and shall mail the notice to the registered agent at the registered office in this state or, if the foreign corporation failed to maintain a registered agent in this state, the notice must be mailed to its principal office.

3. If the corporation or foreign corporation files a report of change relating to the registered agent or any other required record or correction of a misrepresentation after the notice with the fee provided for in section 10-19.1-147, the secretary of state shall restore the certificate of incorporation or authority to good standing. Until restored to good standing, the secretary of state may not accept for filing any document respecting the corporation or foreign corporation except those incident to its dissolution or withdrawal.

**SECTION 12. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 10-19.1-148 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4. If the secretary of state dissolves a corporation or revokes the certificate of authority to transact business in this state of any foreign corporation, pursuant to section ~~40-19.1-141~~10-19.1-146.1, then the corporation or foreign corporation may appeal to



the district court in the judicial district serving Burleigh County by filing with the clerk of the court a petition, including:

- a. A copy of the corporation's articles of incorporation and a copy of the notice of dissolution given by the secretary of state; or
- b. A copy of the certificate of authority of the foreign corporation to transact business in this state and a copy of the notice of revocation given by the secretary of state.

The court shall try the matter de novo. The court shall sustain the action of the secretary of state or direct the secretary of state to take the action the court determines proper.

**SECTION 13. AMENDMENT.** Section 10-33-14 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**10-33-14. Amendment of articles.**

The articles of a corporation may be amended at any time to include or modify any provision that is required or permitted to appear in the articles or to omit any provision not required to be included in the articles, except that when articles are amended to restate them, the name and address of each incorporator and each initial director may be omitted. If only a change of address of the principal executive office is required, an amendment need not be filed; however, the change of address of the principal executive office must then be reported on the annual report filed after the change or be submitted in writing to the secretary of state without a filing fee. Unless otherwise provided in this chapter, the articles may be amended or modified only in accordance with section 10-33-15.

**SECTION 14. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 10-33-141 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4. If the secretary of state dissolves a corporation or revokes the certificate of authority to conduct activities in this state of any foreign corporation, pursuant to section ~~10-33-134~~10-33-141.3, the corporation or foreign corporation may appeal to the district court in the judicial district serving Burleigh County by filing with the clerk of the court a petition including:
  - a. A copy of the corporation's articles of incorporation and a copy of the notice of dissolution given by the secretary of state; or

- 1           b. A copy of the foreign corporation's certificate of authority to conduct activities in  
2           this state and a copy of the notice of revocation given by the secretary of state.  
3           The matter must be tried de novo by the court. The court shall sustain the action  
4           of the secretary of state or shall direct the secretary of state to take the action the  
5           court determines proper.

6           **SECTION 15.** Section 10-33-141.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and  
7           enacted as follows:

8           **10-33-141.3. Secretary of state - Involuntary dissolution - Revocation of certificate of**  
9           **authority.**

10          1. With respect to involuntary dissolution of a corporation by the secretary of state:

11          a. A corporation may be involuntarily dissolved by the secretary of state if:

12           (1) The corporation has failed to appoint and maintain a registered agent and  
13           registered office as provided in section 10-33-12; or

14           (2) A misrepresentation has been made of any material matter in any  
15           application, report, affidavit, or other record submitted by the corporation  
16           pursuant to this chapter.

17          b. A corporation may not be dissolved by the secretary of state as provided for in  
18          this section unless:

19           (1) The secretary of state has given the corporation not less than sixty days'  
20           notice by mail addressed to its registered agent at the registered office in  
21           this state or, if the corporation does not maintain a registered agent in this  
22           state, the notice must be mailed to its principal office; and

23           (2) During the sixty-day period, the corporation has failed to:

24           (a) File the report of change as provided in chapter 10-01.1 regarding the  
25           registered office or the registered agent;

26           (b) File any other required record; or

27           (c) Correct the misrepresentation.

28          c. Upon expiration of sixty days after the mailing of the notice, the existence of the  
29          corporation ceases. The secretary of state shall issue a notice of dissolution and  
30          shall mail the notice addressed to its registered agent at the registered office in

1           this state or, if the corporation does not maintain a registered agent in this state,  
2           the notice must be mailed to its principal office.

3       2. With respect to the revocation of a certificate of authority of a foreign corporation by  
4       the secretary of state:

5       a. The certificate of a foreign corporation to transact business in this state may be  
6       revoked by the secretary of state if:

7       (1) The foreign corporation has failed to:

8           (a) Appoint and maintain a registered agent and registered office as  
9           provided in section 10-33-131;

10          (b) File with the secretary of state any amendment to its application for a  
11          certificate of authority as provided in section 10-33-130;

12          (c) File with the secretary of state any merger as provided in section  
13          10-33-132; or

14          (d) File with the secretary of state an application for certificate of  
15          withdrawal of its authority as provided in section 10-33-133 when the  
16          corporation's existence has expired or the foreign corporation has  
17          been dissolved in the jurisdiction of the foreign corporation; or

18       (2) A misrepresentation has been made of any material matter in any  
19       application, report, affidavit, or other record submitted by the foreign  
20       corporation under this chapter.

21       b. A certificate of authority may not be revoked by the secretary of state as provided  
22       for in this section unless:

23       (1) The secretary of state has given the foreign corporation not less than sixty  
24       days' notice by mail addressed to its registered agent at the registered office  
25       in this state or, if the corporation failed to maintain a registered agent in this  
26       state, the notice must be mailed to its principal office; and

27       (2) During the sixty-day period, the foreign corporation has failed to:

28           (a) File the report of change as provided in chapter 10-01.1 regarding the  
29           registered office or the registered agent;

30           (b) File any amendment;

31           (c) File any merger;

1 (d) File an application for withdrawal;

2 (e) File any other required record; or

3 (f) Correct the misrepresentation.

4 c. Upon expiration of sixty days after the mailing of the notice, the authority of the  
5 foreign corporation to transact business in this state ceases. The secretary of  
6 state shall issue a notice of revocation and shall mail the notice to the registered  
7 agent at the registered office in this state or, if the foreign corporation failed to  
8 maintain a registered agent in this state, the notice must be mailed to its principal  
9 office.

10 3. If the corporation or foreign corporation files a report of change relating to the  
11 registered agent or any other required record or correction of a misrepresentation after  
12 the notice with the fee provided for in section 10-33-140, the secretary of state shall  
13 restore the certificate of incorporation or authority to good standing. Until restored to  
14 good standing, the secretary of state may not accept for filing any document  
15 respecting the corporation or foreign corporation except those incident to its  
16 dissolution or withdrawal.

17 **SECTION 16. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 7 of section 10-34-04 of the North Dakota  
18 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

19 7. If any statement in the application was false when made or any arrangements or other  
20 facts described have changed, making the application inaccurate in any respect, the  
21 real estate investment trust shall file promptly with the secretary of state an application  
22 for an amended application executed by an authorized person correcting the  
23 statement. If only a change of address of the principal place of business is required,  
24 an amended application need not be filed; however, the change of address of the  
25 principal place of business must be submitted in writing to the secretary of state  
26 without a filing fee.

27 **SECTION 17. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 7 of section 45-10.2-24 of the North Dakota  
28 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

29 7. A limited partnership shall submit a written report of any change of address of the  
30 principal executive office to the secretary of state without a filing fee or report the

1           change of address on the annual report following the change and need not file an  
2           amendment to a certificate of limited partnership.

3           **SECTION 18. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 45-10.2-25 of the North Dakota  
4           Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 5           1. Each record delivered to the secretary of state for filing pursuant to this chapter must  
6           be signed in the following manner:
  - 7           a. An initial certificate of limited partnership must be signed by all general partners  
8           listed in the certificate.
  - 9           b. An amendment to the certificate of limited partnership converting the limited  
10           partnership to a limited liability limited partnership must be signed by all general  
11           partners listed in the certificate.
  - 12           c. An amendment to the certificate of limited partnership designating as general  
13           partner a person admitted under subdivision b of subsection 3 of section  
14           45-10.2-66 following the dissociation of a last general partner of a limited  
15           partnership must be signed by that person.
  - 16           d. An amendment to the certificate of limited partnership required by subsection 3 of  
17           section 45-10.2-68 following the appointment of a person to wind up the activities  
18           of the dissolved limited partnership must be signed by that person.
  - 19           e. Any other amendment to the certificate of limited partnership must be signed by:
    - 20           (1) At least one general partner listed in the certificate;
    - 21           (2) Each other person designated in the amendment as a new general partner;  
22           and
    - 23           (3) Each person that the amendment indicates has dissociated as a general  
24           partner, unless:
      - 25           (a) The person is deceased or a guardian or general conservator has  
26           been appointed for the person and the amendment so states; or
      - 27           (b) The dissociated person has not been requested by the limited  
28           partnership to sign an amendment and the amendment so states; or
      - 29           (c) The person has previously delivered to the secretary of state for filing  
30           a statement of dissociation.

- 1           f. A restated certificate of limited partnership must be signed by at least one
- 2           general partner listed in the certificate, and, to the extent the restated certificate
- 3           effects a change under any other subdivision of this subsection, the certificate
- 4           must be signed in a manner that satisfies that subdivision.
- 5           g. A statement of termination must be signed by a majority in interest of the general
- 6           partners listed in the certificate of limited partnership or, if the certificate of a
- 7           dissolved limited partnership lists no general partners, then by the person
- 8           appointed pursuant to subsection 3 or 4 of section 45-10.2-68 to wind up the
- 9           activities of the dissolved limited partnership.
- 10          h. Articles of conversion must be signed by all of the general partners listed in the
- 11          certificate of limited partnership.
- 12          i. Articles of merger must be signed as provided in subsection 1 of section
- 13          45-10.2-102.
- 14          j. Any other record delivered on behalf of a limited partnership to the secretary of
- 15          state for filing must be signed by at least one general partner listed in the
- 16          certificate of limited partnership.
- 17          k. A statement by a person pursuant to subdivision d of subsection 1 of section
- 18          45-10.2-59 stating that the person has dissociated as a general partner must be
- 19          signed by that person.
- 20          l. A statement of withdrawal by a person pursuant to section 45-10.2-36 must be
- 21          signed by that person.
- 22          m. A record delivered on behalf of a foreign limited partnership to the secretary of
- 23          state for filing must be signed by at least one general partner of the foreign
- 24          limited partnership.
- 25          n. Any other record delivered on behalf of any person to the secretary of state for
- 26          filing must be signed by that person.

27       **SECTION 19.** Section 45-10.2-108.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and  
28       enacted as follows:

**45-10.2-108.1. Secretary of state - Involuntary dissolution - Revocation of certificate of authority.**

**1. With respect to involuntary dissolution of a limited partnership by the secretary of state:**

**a. A limited partnership may be involuntarily dissolved by the secretary of state if:**

**(1) The limited partnership has failed to appoint and maintain a registered agent and registered office as provided in section 45-10.2-17; or**

**(2) A misrepresentation has been made of any material matter in any application, report, affidavit, or other record submitted by the limited partnership under this chapter.**

**b. A limited partnership may not be dissolved by the secretary of state as provided for in this section unless:**

**(1) The secretary of state has given the limited partnership not less than sixty days' notice by mail addressed to its registered agent at the registered office in this state or, if the limited partnership does not maintain a registered agent in this state, the notice must be mailed to its principal office; and**

**(2) During the sixty-day period, the limited partnership has failed to:**

**(a) File the report of change as provided in chapter 10-01.1 regarding the registered office or the registered agent;**

**(b) File any other required record; or**

**(c) Correct the misrepresentation.**

**c. Upon expiration of sixty days after the mailing of the notice, the existence of the limited partnership ceases. The secretary of state shall issue a notice of dissolution and shall mail the notice addressed to its registered agent at the registered office in this state or, if the limited partnership does not maintain a registered agent in this state, the notice must be mailed to its principal office.**

**2. With respect to the revocation of a certificate of authority of a foreign limited partnership by the secretary of state:**

**a. The certificate of authority of a foreign limited partnership to transact business in this state may be revoked by the secretary of state if:**

**(1) The foreign limited partnership has failed to:**

- 1 (a) Appoint and maintain a registered agent and registered office as
- 2 provided in section 45-10.2-82;
- 3 (b) Maintain the registration of a general partner as required in section
- 4 45-10.2-16;
- 5 (c) File a report upon any change in the address of its principal executive
- 6 office;
- 7 (d) File with the secretary of state any amendment to its application for a
- 8 certificate of authority as provided in section 45-10.2-81;
- 9 (e) File with the secretary of state any merger as provided in section
- 10 45-10.2-83; or
- 11 (f) File with the secretary of state an application for cancellation of its
- 12 authority as provided in section 45-10.2-85 when the foreign limited
- 13 partnership's existence has expired or the foreign limited partnership
- 14 has been dissolved in the jurisdiction of the foreign limited
- 15 partnership; or
- 16 (2) A misrepresentation has been made of any material matter in any
- 17 application, report, affidavit, or other record submitted by the foreign limited
- 18 partnership under this chapter.
- 19 b. A certificate of authority may not be revoked by the secretary of state as provided
- 20 for in this section unless:
- 21 (1) The secretary of state has given the foreign limited partnership not less than
- 22 sixty days' notice by mail addressed to its registered agent at the registered
- 23 office in this state or, if the limited partnership failed to maintain a registered
- 24 agent in this state, the notice must be mailed to its principal office; and
- 25 (2) During the sixty-day period, the foreign limited partnership has failed to:
- 26 (a) File the report of change as provided in chapter 10-01.1 regarding the
- 27 registered office or the registered agent;
- 28 (b) Maintain the registration of a general partner as required in section
- 29 45-10.2-16;
- 30 (c) File a report upon any change in the address of its principal executive
- 31 office;



- (d) File any amendment;
- (e) File any merger;
- (f) File an application for cancellation;
- (g) File any other required record; or
- (h) Correct the misrepresentation.

c. Upon expiration of sixty days after the mailing of the notice, the authority of the foreign limited partnership to transact business in this state ceases. The secretary of state shall issue a notice of revocation and shall mail the notice to the registered agent at the registered office in this state or, if the foreign limited partnership failed to maintain a registered agent in this state, the notice must be mailed to its principal office.

3. If the limited partnership or foreign limited partnership files a report of change relating to the registered agent or any other required record or correction of a misrepresentation after the notice with the fee provided for in section 45-10.2-109, the secretary of state shall restore the certificate of authority to good standing. Until restored to good standing, the secretary of state may not accept for filing any document respecting the limited partnership or foreign limited partnership except those incident to its dissolution or cancellation.

**SECTION 20. AMENDMENT.** Section 45-11-05.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**45-11-05.1. Change of name or address of member.**

1. Any member named on a fictitious name certificate that effects a name change must record that name change with the secretary of state. The secretary of state must record the name change upon the payment of twenty-five dollars and filing of the following:
  - a. A notarized statement reciting the name change if the member is an individual.
  - b. A certificate of fact reciting the name change duly authenticated by the proper officer of the state or country if the member is a corporation or limited partnership incorporated or organized in another state or country which does not have a certificate of authority to transact business in North Dakota.

- 1       3.   c.   An amendment or application for amended certificate of authority for a member  
2           that is a corporation ~~or, a limited liability company, a limited partnership, a limited~~  
3           liability partnership, or a limited liability limited partnership registered with the  
4           secretary of state.
- 5       2.   A registrant ~~must~~shall notify the secretary of state in writing without a filing fee when  
6           effecting a change of address. ~~A corporate~~An annual report ~~or from a corporation, a~~  
7           limited liability company, a limited partnership renewal, a limited liability partnership, or  
8           a limited liability limited partnership filed by the secretary of state which reflects a  
9           change of address of the principal place of business of the member may serve as  
10          such notice.

11       **SECTION 21. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 45-22-03 of the North Dakota  
12   Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 13       4.   An original of the registration must be filed with the secretary of state.
- 14           a.   If the secretary of state finds the registration conforms to law and the fees  
15               provided in section 45-22-22 are paid, the secretary of state shall endorse on the  
16               original the word "filed" and the day, month, and year of the filing and shall file the  
17               original in the office of the secretary of state.
- 18           b.   If any statement in the registration is false when made or becomes inaccurate  
19               after the registration is filed, making the registration false or inaccurate in any  
20               respect, the limited liability partnership shall file promptly with the secretary of  
21               state an amended or corrected registration or reflect the changes on the limited  
22               liability partnership's next annual report. If only a change of address of the  
23               principal executive office is required, an amended or corrected registration need  
24               not be filed. However, the change of address of the principal executive office  
25               must be reported in the next annual report filed after the change or be submitted  
26               in writing to the secretary of state without a filing fee.
- 27           c.   In the case of a change in a foreign limited liability partnership's name, a foreign  
28               limited liability partnership shall file promptly with the secretary of state a  
29               certificate to that effect authenticated by the proper officer of the jurisdiction of  
30               origin.
- 31           d.   In the case of a termination or merger:

(1) A foreign limited liability partnership that is not the surviving organization need not file an amended registration but, within thirty days after the merger or termination becomes effective, shall file with the secretary of state a certificate to that effect authenticated by the proper officer of the foreign limited liability partnership's jurisdiction of origin.

(2) It is not necessary for any foreign limited liability partnership, which is the surviving organization in a merger, to procure a new or amended registration unless the name of the foreign limited liability partnership is changed or unless the foreign limited liability partnership desires to pursue in this state purposes other than those which the foreign limited liability partnership is authorized to transact in this state.

e. ~~The secretary of state may destroy any registration that is on file for seven years.~~

**SECTION 22. AMENDMENT.** Section 45-22-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**45-22-16. Secretary of state - Revocation of registration.**

1. The registration of a limited liability partnership or foreign limited liability partnership may be revoked by the secretary of state if:

a. The limited liability partnership or foreign limited liability partnership fails:

- (1) To appoint and maintain a registered agent and registered office as provided in chapter 10-01.1;
- (2) To file any amendment to the limited liability partnership's registration of the limited liability partnership or foreign limited liability partnership as required to be filed pursuant to subdivision b or c of subsection 4 of section 45-22-03;
- (3) Fails to file a merger as required to be filed pursuant to subdivision d of subsection 4 of section 45-22-03; or
- (4) Fails to file a withdrawal statement or cancellation of its registration if the foreign limited liability partnership's existence expires, it is dissolved, or it ceases to exist in the jurisdiction of origin.

b. An intentional misrepresentation is made in any material matter in any registration, report, affidavit, or other document submitted by the limited liability partnership or foreign limited liability partnership pursuant to this chapter.

- 1       2. Except for revocation of the registration for failure to file the annual report as provided  
2       in section 45-22-21.1, the secretary of state may not revoke the registration of a  
3       limited liability partnership or foreign limited liability partnership unless:
- 4       a. The secretary of state gave the limited liability partnership or foreign limited  
5       liability partnership at least sixty days' notice of the reason for the pending  
6       revocation by mail addressed to the ~~limited liability partnership's~~ registered agent  
7       of the limited liability partnership or foreign limited liability partnership at the  
8       registered office or, if the limited liability partnership or foreign limited liability  
9       partnership fails to appoint and maintain a registered agent in this state, by mail  
10      addressed to the ~~limited liability partnership's~~ principal executive office; and
- 11      b. During the sixty-day period, the limited liability partnership or foreign limited  
12      liability partnership fails:
- 13           (1) To appoint and maintain a registered agent as provided in chapter 10-01.1;  
14           (2) To file the report of change regarding the name or business address of the  
15           registered agent;
- 16           (3) To file any amendment to the ~~limited liability partnership's~~ registration of the  
17           limited liability partnership or foreign limited liability partnership required to  
18           be filed pursuant to subdivision b or c of subsection 4 of section 45-22-03;  
19           or
- 20           (4) To correct the misrepresentation.
- 21      3. Upon the expiration of the sixty-day period without the limited liability partnership or  
22      foreign limited liability partnership curing the reason for the pending revocation set  
23      forth in the notice, the registration is revoked. The secretary of state shall note the  
24      revocation in the records of the secretary of state and shall give notice of the  
25      revocation to the limited liability partnership or foreign limited liability partnership.  
26      Notice by the secretary of state must be mailed to the last registered agent at the last  
27      registered office. If the limited liability partnership or foreign limited liability partnership  
28      failed to appoint and maintain a registered office in this state, the notice must be  
29      mailed to the ~~limited liability partnership's~~ principal executive office.

30      **SECTION 23. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 15 of section 45-23-08 of the North Dakota  
31      Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1        15.    Filing a registration of foreign limited liability limited partnership, one hundred ten  
2                dollars.

3        **SECTION 24. REPEAL.** Sections 10-15-36, 10-19.1-141, 10-33-134, and 45-10.2-87 of the  
4    North Dakota Century Code are repealed.