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HOUSE BILL No. 2398

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1	AN ACT concerning limited liability companies; concerning the Kansas
2	revised limited liability company act; amending K.S.A. 17-7662, 17-
3	7664, 17-7666, 17-7668, 17-7670, 17-7671, 17-7672, 17-7673, 17-
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10	76,127, 17-76,128, 17-76,130, 17-76,131, 17-76,133, 17-76,134, 17-
11	76,136, 17-76,137, 17-76,139 and 17-76,140; K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 84-9-
12	406, as amended by section 8 of chapter 84 of the 2012 Session Laws
13	of Kansas, and 84-9-408, as amended by section 9 of chapter 84 of the
14	2012 Session Laws of Kansas, and K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 17-7663, 17-
15	7675, 17-7678, 17-7681, 17-7682 and 17-76,143 and repealing the
16	existing sections.
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18	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:
19	Section 1. K.S.A. 17-7662 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-
20	7662. This act K.S.A. 17-7662 through 17-76,143, and amendments
21	thereto, and sections 63 through 65, and amendments thereto, shall be
22	known and may be cited as the Kansas revised limited liability company
23	act.
24	Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 17-7663 is hereby amended to read as
25	follows: 17-7663. As used in this act unless the context otherwise requires:
26	(a) "Articles of organization" means the articles of organization
27	referred to in K.S.A. 17-7673, and amendments thereto, and the articles of
28	organization as amended.
29	(b) "Bankruptcy" means an event that causes a person to cease to be a
30	member as provided in K.S.A. 17-7689, and amendments thereto.
31	(c) "Contribution" means any cash, property, services rendered or a
32	promissory note or other obligation to contribute cash or property or to
33	perform services, which a person contributes to a limited liability company
34	in such person's capacity as a member.
35	(d) "Foreign limited liability company" means a limited liability
36	company formed under the laws of any state or under the laws of any

foreign country or other foreign jurisdiction and denominated as such
 under the laws of such state or foreign country or other foreign
 jurisdiction.

4 (e) "Knowledge" means a person's actual knowledge of a fact, rather 5 than the person's constructive knowledge of the fact.

6 (f) "Limited liability company" and "domestic limited liability 7 company" means a limited liability company formed under the laws of the 8 state of Kansas and having one or more members.

9 (g) "Limited liability company interest" means a member's share of 10 the profits and losses of a limited liability company and a member's right 11 to receive distributions of the limited liability company's assets.

(h) "Liquidating trustee" means a person carrying out the winding up
 of a limited liability company.

(i) "Manager" means a person who is named as a manager of a
limited liability company in, or designated as a manager of a limited
liability company pursuant to, an operating agreement or similar
instrument under which the limited liability company is formed.

(*j*) "Member" means a person who is admitted to a limited liability company as a member as provided in K.S.A. 17-7686, and amendments thereto, or, in the case of a foreign limited liability company, in accordance with the laws of the state or foreign country or other foreign jurisdiction under which the foreign limited liability company is formed.

23 (g) (k) "Operating agreement" means any agreement, written or whether referred to as an operating agreement, limited liability company 24 25 agreement or otherwise, written, oral, or implied, of the member or members as to the affairs of a limited liability company and the conduct of 26 its business. A member or manager of a limited liability company or an 27 28 assignee of a limited liability company interest is bound by the operating 29 agreement whether or not the member or manager or assignee executes the operating agreement. A limited liability company is not required to 30 31 execute its operating agreement. A limited liability company is bound by its operating agreement whether or not the limited liability company 32 33 executes the operating agreement. An operating agreement of a limited liability company having only one member shall not be unenforceable by 34 35 reason of there being only one person who is a party to the operating 36 agreement. An operating agreement is not subject to any statute of frauds, 37 including K.S.A. 33-106, and amendments thereto. An operating agreement may provide rights to any person, including a person who is 38 39 not a party to the operating agreement, to the extent set forth therein. A written operating agreement or another written agreement or writing: 40

41 (1) May provide that a person shall be admitted as a member of a
42 limited liability company, or shall become an assignee of a limited liability
43 company interest or other rights or powers of a member to the extent

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1 assigned, and shall become bound by the operating agreement:

2 (A) If such person, or a representative authorized by such person 3 orally, in writing or by other action such as payment for a limited liability 4 company interest, executes the operating agreement or any other writing 5 evidencing the intent of such person to become a member or assignee; or

(B) without such execution, if such person, or a representative 6 7 authorized by such person orally, in writing or by other action such as 8 payment for a limited liability company interest, complies with the 9 conditions for becoming a member or assignee as set forth in the operating agreement or any other writing and requests, orally, in writing or by other 10 action such as payment for a limited liability company interest, that the 11 records of the limited liability company reflect such admission or-12 13 assignment; and

14 (2) shall not be unenforceable by reason of its not having been signed 15 by a person being admitted as a member or becoming an assignee as 16 provided in subparagraph (a) of this paragraph subsection (k)(1), or by 17 reason of its having been signed by a representative as provided in this act.

(h) "Limited liability company interest" means a member's share of
 the profits and losses of a limited liability company and a member's right
 to receive distributions of the limited liability company's assets.

(i) "Liquidating trustee" means a person carrying out the winding up
 of a limited liability company.

(j) "Majority in interest" means the affirmative vote or consent of the
 members who own more than 50% of the then current percentage or other
 interest in the profits of the limited liability company owned by all
 members entitled to vote thereon or the members in each class or group entitled to vote thereon as appropriate.

(k) "Manager" means a person who is named as a manager of a limited liability company in, or designated as a manager of, a limited liability company pursuant to an operating agreement or similar instrument
 under which the limited liability company is formed.

(1) "Member" means a person who has been admitted to a limited liability company as a member as provided in K.S.A. 17-7686, and amendments thereto, or, in the case of a foreign limited liability company,
 in accordance with the laws of the state or foreign country or other foreign
 jurisdiction under which the foreign limited liability company is organized.

(m) (l) "Person" means a natural person, partnership, whether general
or limited and whether domestic or foreign, limited liability company,
foreign limited liability company, trust, *including a common law trust*, *business trust, statutory trust, voting trust or any other form of trust*,
estate, association, *including any group, organization, co-tenancy, plan*, *board, council or committee*, corporation, *government, including a country, state, county or any other governmental subdivision, agency or*

1 *instrumentality,* custodian, nominee or any other individual or entity, or 2 series thereof, in its own or any representative capacity, *in each case,*

3 whether domestic or foreign.

4 (n) (m) "Personal representative" means, as to a natural person, the 5 executor, administrator, guardian, conservator or other legal representative 6 thereof and, as to a person other than a natural person, the legal 7 representative or successor thereof.

8 (o) (n) "State" means the District of Columbia or the commonwealth 9 of Puerto Rico or any state, territory, possession or other jurisdiction of the 10 United States other than the state of Kansas.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 17-7664 is hereby amended to read as follows: 177664. The name of each limited liability company as set forth in its articles
of organization:

(a) Shall contain the words "limited liability company" or "limited
company", or the abbreviation <u>"LLC," "LC"</u> "L.L.C.," "L.C." or the
designation "LLC" or "LC";

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(b) may contain the name of a member or manager;

(c) must be such as to distinguish it upon the records with the 18 19 secretary of state from the name on such records of any corporation, 20 partnership, limited partnership, business trust, registered limited liability 21 partnership or limited liability company reserved, registered, formed or 22 organized under the laws of the state of Kansas or qualified to do business 23 or registered as a foreign corporation, foreign limited partnership, foreign business trust, foreign partnership or foreign limited liability company in 24 25 the state of Kansas; provided however, except that a limited liability company may register under any name which is not such as to distinguish 26 27 it upon the records with the secretary of state from the name on such 28 records of any domestic or foreign corporation, partnership, limited 29 partnership, business trust, registered limited liability partnership or 30 limited liability company reserved, registered, formed or, organized or 31 qualified to do business under the laws of the state of Kansas with the 32 written consent of the other *domestic or foreign* corporation, *partnership*, 33 limited partnership, business trust, registered limited liability partnership 34 or limited liability company, which written consent shall be filed with the 35 secretary of state: and

(d) may contain the following words: "company," "association,"
"club," "foundation," "fund," "institute," "society," "union," "syndicate,"
"limited" or "trust" (or abbreviations of like import).

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:

42 (1) A registered office, which may but need not be a place of its 43 business in the state of Kansas; and

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1 (2) a resident agent for service of process on the limited liability 2 company, which agent may be either an individual resident of the state of 3 Kansas whose business office is identical with the limited liability 4 company's registered office, or a domestic corporation, or a domestic 5 limited partnership, or a domestic limited liability company, or a domestic 6 business trust or a foreign corporation, or a foreign limited partnership, or 7 a foreign limited liability company, or foreign business trust authorized to 8 do business in the state of Kansas having a business office identical with 9 such registered office, which is generally open during normal business 10 hours to accept service of process and otherwise perform the functions of a resident agent, or the limited liability company itself. 11

12 (b) A resident agent may change the address of the registered office 13 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 14 a fee as set forth in K.S.A. 17-76,136, and amendments thereto, and filing 15 with the secretary of state a certificate, executed by such resident agent, 16 17 setting forth the names of all the limited liability companies represented by 18 such resident agent, and the address at which such resident agent has 19 maintained the registered office for each of such limited liability 20 companies, and further certifying to the new address to which each such 21 registered office will be changed on a given day, and at which new address 22 such resident agent will thereafter maintain the registered office for each 23 of the limited liability companies recited in the certificate. Upon the filing 24 of such certificate, the secretary of state shall furnish to the resident agent 25 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 26 27 registered office in the state of Kansas of each of the limited liability 28 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 29 30 change of name of any person acting as a resident agent of a limited 31 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 32 33 such resident agent, the name of such resident agent before it was changed, 34 the names of all the limited liability companies represented by such resident agent, and the address at which such resident agent has 35 36 maintained the registered office for each of such limited liability 37 companies, and shall pay a fee as set forth in K.S.A. 17-76,136, and 38 amendments thereto. Upon the filing of such certificate, the secretary of 39 state shall furnish to the resident agent a certified copy of the certificate 40 under hand and seal of office. Filing a certificate under this section shall be 41 deemed to be an amendment of the articles of organization of each limited 42 liability company affected thereby and each such limited liability company 43 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 17-7674, 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.

5 (c) The resident agent of one or more limited liability companies may 6 resign and appoint a successor resident agent by paying a fee as set forth in 7 K.S.A. 17-76,136, and amendments thereto, and filing a certificate with 8 the secretary of state, stating that the resident agent resigns and the name 9 and address of the successor resident agent. There shall be attached to such 10 certificate a statement executed by each affected limited liability company ratifying and approving such change of resident agent. Upon such filing, 11 12 the successor resident agent shall become the resident agent of such 13 limited liability companies as have ratified and approved such substitution 14 and the successor resident agent's address, as stated in such certificate, 15 shall become the address of each such limited liability company's 16 registered office in the state of Kansas. The secretary of state shall furnish 17 to the successor resident agent a certified copy of the certificate of resignation. Filing of such certificate of resignation shall be deemed to be 18 19 an amendment of the articles of organization of each limited liability 20 company affected thereby and each such limited liability company shall 21 not be required to take any further action with respect thereto, to amend its 22 articles of organization under K.S.A. 17-76,136 17-7674, and amendments 23 thereto.

24 (d) The resident agent of a limited liability company may resign 25 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 26 27 the secretary of state stating that the resident agent resigns as resident 28 agent for the limited liability company identified in the certificate, but 29 such resignation shall not become effective until 60 days after the 30 certificate is filed. There shall be attached to said certificate an affidavit of 31 such resident agent, if an individual, or the president, a vice-president or 32 the secretary thereof if a corporation, that at least 30 days prior to and on 33 or about the date of the filing of such certificate, notices were sent by 34 certified or registered mail to the limited liability company for which such 35 resident agent is resigning as resident agent, at the principal office thereof 36 within or outside the state of Kansas, if known to such resident agent or, if 37 not, to the last known address of the attorney or other individual at whose 38 request such resident agent was appointed for such limited liability 39 company, of the resignation of such resident agent. After receipt of the 40 notice of the resignation of its resident agent, the limited liability company 41 for which such resident agent was acting shall obtain and designate a new 42 resident agent, to take the place of the resident agent so resigning. If such 43 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 1 2 by the resident agent of the certificate of resignation, the articles of 3 organization of such limited liability company shall be deemed to be 4 canceled. After the resignation of the resident agent shall have become 5 effective as provided in this section and if no new resident agent shall have 6 been obtained and designated in the time and manner aforesaid, service of 7 legal process against the limited liability company for which the resigned 8 resident agent had been acting shall thereafter be upon the secretary of 9 state in accordance with K.S.A. 17-76,136 60-304, and amendments 10 thereto.

11 (e) If a domestic limited liability company's resident agent dies or 12 moves from the registered office, the limited liability company shall 13 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 14 designated, the service of legal process on the limited liability company 15 16 may be made as prescribed in K.S.A. 60-304, and amendments thereto. If 17 any domestic limited liability company fails to designate a new resident 18 agent as required by this subsection, the secretary of state, after giving 30 19 days' notice of the intended action, may declare the articles of organization 20 canceled.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 17-7668 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-7668. (a) Unless otherwise specifically prohibited by law, a limited liability company may carry on any lawful business, purpose or activity, whether or not for profit with the exception of the business of granting policies of insurance, or assuming insurance risks or banking as defined in K.S.A. 9-702, and amendments thereto.

(b) A limited liability company shall possess and may exercise all the powers and privileges granted by this act or by any other law or by its operating agreement, together with any powers incidental thereto, so far as *including* such powers and privileges *as* are necessary or convenient to the conduct, promotion or attainment of the business, purposes or activities of the limited liability company.

33 (c) A limited liability company organized and existing under the 34 Kansas revised limited liability company act or otherwise qualified to do 35 business in Kansas may have and exercise all powers which may be 36 exercised by a Kansas professional association or professional corporation 37 under the professional corporation law of Kansas, including employment 38 of professionals to practice a profession, which shall be limited to the 39 practice of one profession, except as provided in K.S.A. 17-2710, and 40 amendments thereto.

(d) Only a qualified person may be a member of a limited liability
 company organized to exercise powers of a professional association or
 professional corporation. No membership may be transferred to another

1 person until there is presented to such limited liability company a 2 certificate by the licensing body, as defined in K.S.A. 74-146, and 3 amendments thereto, stating that the person to whom the transfer is made 4 or the membership issued is duly licensed to render the same type of 5 professional services as that for which the limited liability company was 6 organized.

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(e) As used in the section, "qualified person" means:

8 (1) Any natural person licensed to practice the same type of 9 profession which any professional *association or professional* corporation 10 is authorized to practice;

(2) the trustee of a trust which is a qualified trust under subsection (a)
of section 401 of the federal internal revenue code of 1986, as in effect, on
July 1, 1999, or of a contribution plan which is a qualified employee stock
ownership plan under subsection (a) of section 409A of the federal internal
revenue code of 1986, as in effect, on July 1, 1999;

16 (3) the trustee of a revocable living trust established by a natural 17 person who is licensed to practice the type of profession which any 18 professional association or professional corporation is authorized to 19 practice, if the terms of such trust provide that such natural person is the 20 principal beneficiary and sole trustee of such trust and such trust does not 21 continue to hold title to membership in the limited liability company 22 following such natural person's death for more than a reasonable period of 23 time necessary to dispose of such membership; or

(4) a Kansas professional corporation or foreign professional
corporation in which at least one member or shareholder is authorized by a
licensing body, as defined in K.S.A. 74-146, and amendments thereto, to
render in this state a professional service permitted by the articles of
organization; or

(5) a general partnership or limited liability company, if all partners or members thereof are authorized to render the professional services permitted by the articles of organization of the issuing-limited liability company formed pursuant to this section and in which at least one partner or member is authorized by a licensing authority of this state to render in this state the professional services permitted by the articles of organization of the limited liability company.

36 (f) Nothing in this act shall restrict or limit in any manner the 37 authority and duty of any licensing body, as defined in K.S.A. 74-146, and 38 amendments thereto, for the licensing of individual persons rendering a 39 professional service or the practice of the profession which is within the 40 jurisdiction of the licensing body, notwithstanding that the person is an 41 officer, manager, member or employee of a limited liability company 42 organized to exercise powers of a professional association or professional 43 corporation. Each licensing body may adopt rules and regulations

governing the practice of each profession as are necessary to enforce and
 comply with this act and the law applicable to each profession.

3 (g) A licensing body, as defined in K.S.A. 74-146, and amendments 4 thereto, the attorney general or district or county attorney may bring an 5 action in the name of the state of Kansas in quo warranto or injunction 6 against a limited liability company engaging in the practice of a profession 7 with without complying with the provisions of this act.

8 (h) A limited liability company organized to exercise powers of a-9 professional association or professional corporation under the Kansaslimited liability company act prior to July 1, 1999, shall file with the 10 secretary of state at the time of making an annual report for the calendar 11 year 1999 a certificate by the licensing body, as defined in K.S.A. 74-146, 12 and amendments thereto, of the profession involved that each of the-13 14 members is duly licensed to practice that profession, and that the proposed 15 company name has been approved.

16 (h) Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, without limiting the general powers enumerated in subsection (b), a limited 17 liability company shall, subject to such standards and restrictions, if any, 18 19 as are set forth in its operating agreement, have the power and authority to make contracts of guaranty and suretyship and enter into interest rate, 20 basis, currency, hedge or other swap agreements or cap, floor, put, call, 21 22 option, exchange or collar agreements, derivative agreements, or other 23 agreements similar to any of the foregoing.

(i) Unless otherwise provided in an operating agreement, a limited
liability company has the power and authority to grant, hold or exercise a
power of attorney, including an irrevocable power of attorney.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 17-7670 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-7670. (a) Subject to such standards and restrictions, if any, as are set forth in its operating agreement, a limited liability company may, and shall have the power to, indemnify and hold harmless any member or manager or other person from and against any and all claims and demands whatsoever.

(b) To the extent that a *present or former* member, manager, officer, 32 employee or agent of a limited liability company has been successful on 33 the merits or otherwise or the defenses of any action, suits or proceeding, 34 or in defense of any issue or matter therein, such director, officer, 35 36 employee or agent in defense of any threatened, pending or completed 37 action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that such person is or was a member, 38 39 manager, officer, employee or agent of the limited liability company, or is or was serving at the request of the limited liability company as a member, 40 manager, director, officer, employee or agent of another limited liability 41 company, corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, 42 43 or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, such member, manager,

officer, employee or agent shall be indemnified by the limited liability
 company against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by such person
 in connection therewith, including attorney fees.

4 Sec. 7. K.S.A. 17-7671 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-5 7671. (a) Upon application of any member or manager, as defined in 6 subsection (c), the district court may hear and determine the validity of any 7 admission, election, appointment, removal or resignation of a manager of a 8 limited liability company, and the right of any person to become or 9 continue to be a manager of a limited liability company, and, in case the 10 right to serve as a manager is claimed by more than one person, may determine the person or persons entitled to serve as managers; and to that 11 12 end make such order or decree in any such case as may be just and proper, with power to enforce the production of any books, papers and records of 13 14 the limited liability company relating to the issue. In any such application, 15 the limited liability company shall be named as a party, and service of 16 copies of the application upon the resident agent of the limited liability 17 company shall be deemed to be service upon the limited liability company and upon the person or persons whose right to serve as a manager is 18 19 contested and upon the person or persons, if any, claiming to be a manager 20 or claiming the right to be a manager; and the resident agent shall forward 21 immediately a copy of the application to the limited liability company and 22 to the person or persons whose right to serve as a manager is contested and 23 to the person or persons, if any, claiming to be a manager or the right to be a manager, in a postpaid, sealed, registered letter addressed to such limited 24 25 liability company and such person or persons at their post-office addresses 26 last known to the resident agent or furnished to the resident agent by the 27 applicant member or manager. The court may make such order respecting 28 further or other notice of such application as it deems proper under these 29 circumstances.

30 (b) Upon application of any member or manager, the district court 31 may hear and determine the result of any vote of members or managers 32 upon matters as to which the members or managers of the limited liability 33 company, or any class or group of members or managers, have the right to 34 vote pursuant to the operating agreement or other agreement or this act-(, 35 other than the admission, election, appointment, removal or resignation of 36 managers). In any such application, the limited liability company shall be 37 named as a party, and service of the application upon the resident agent of 38 the limited liability company shall be deemed to be service upon the 39 limited liability company, and no other party need be joined in order for 40 the court to adjudicate the result of the vote. The court may make such 41 order respecting further or other notice of such application as it deems proper under these circumstances. 42

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(c) As used in this section, the term "manager" refers to a person:

Who is a manager as defined in subsection (i) of K.S.A. 17-7663, 1 (1)2 and amendments thereto: and

3 (2) whether or not a member of a limited liability company, who, although not a manager as defined in subsection (i) of K.S.A. 17-7663, 4 and amendments thereto, participates materially in the management of the 5 6 limited liability company, except that the power to elect or otherwise select 7 or to participate in the election or selection of a person to be a manager 8 as defined in subsection (i) of K.S.A. 17-7663, and amendments thereto, 9 shall not, by itself, constitute participation in the management of the 10 limited liability company.

(e) (d) Nothing herein contained limits or affects the right to serve 11 process in any other manner now or hereafter provided by law. This 12 section is an extension of and not a limitation upon the right otherwise 13 existing of service of legal process upon nonresidents. 14

Sec. 8. K.S.A. 17-7672 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-15 16 7672. (a) Any action to interpret, apply or enforce the provisions of an operating agreement, or the duties, obligations or liabilities of a limited 17 liability company to the members or managers of the limited liability 18 19 company, or the duties, obligations or liabilities among members or managers and of members or managers to the limited liability company, or 20 the rights or powers of, or restrictions on, the limited liability company, 21 22 members or managers, or any provision of this act, or any other instrument, document, agreement, articles of organization or certificate 23 contemplated by any provision of this act, may be brought in the district 24 25 court.

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(b) As used in this section, the term "manager" refers to a person:

(1) Who is a manager as defined in subsection (i) of K.S.A. 17-7663, 27 28 and amendments thereto; and

(2) whether or not a member of a limited liability company, who, 29 although not a manager as defined in subsection (i) of K.S.A. 17-7663, 30 and amendments thereto, participates materially in the management of the 31 limited liability company, except that the power to elect or otherwise select 32 or to participate in the election or selection of a person to be a manager 33 as defined in subsection (i) of K.S.A. 17-7663, and amendments thereto, 34 shall not, by itself, constitute participation in the management of the 35 36 limited liability company.

37 Sec. 9. K.S.A. 17-7673 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-38 7673. (a) In order to form a limited liability company, one or more 39 authorized persons must execute articles of organization. The articles of organization shall be filed with the secretary of state and set forth: 40

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(1) The name of the limited liability company;

(2) the address of the registered office and the name and address of 42 43 the resident agent for service of process required to be maintained by

1 K.S.A. 17-7666, and amendments thereto;

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(3) any other matters the members determine to include therein; and

3 (4) if the limited liability company is organized to exercise the 4 powers of a professional association or *professional* corporation, each such 5 profession shall be stated;; and

6 (5) if the limited liability company will have series, the matters 7 required by K.S.A. 17-76,143, and amendments thereto.

8 (b) A limited liability company is formed at the time of the filing of 9 the initial articles of organization with the secretary of state or at any later date or time specified in the articles of organization which is not later than 10 90 days after the date of filing, if, in either case, there has been substantial 11 compliance with the requirements of this section. A limited liability 12 company formed under this act shall be a separate legal entity, the 13 14 existence of which as a separate legal entity shall continue until 15 cancellation of the limited liability company's articles of organization.

16 (c) An operating agreement may shall be entered into or otherwise 17 existing either before, after or at the time of the filing of the articles of 18 organization and, whether entered into or otherwise existing before, after 19 or at the time of such filing, may be made effective as of the formation of 20 the limited liability company effective time of such filing or at such other 21 time or date as provided in or reflected by the operating agreement.

Sec. 10. K.S.A. 17-7674 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-7674. (a) Articles of organization are amended by filing a certificate of amendment thereto with the secretary of state. The certificate of amendment shall set forth:

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(1) The name of the limited liability company; and(2) the amendment to the articles of organization.

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 becomes aware that any statement in the articles of organization was false
 in any material respect when made, or that any matter described has
 changed making the articles of organization false in any material respect,
 shall promptly amend the articles of organization.

(c) Articles of organization may be amended at any time for any otherproper purpose.

(d) Unless otherwise provided in this act or unless a later effective
date or time-(, which shall be a date or time certain within 90 days of the
date of filing), is provided for in the certificate of amendment, a certificate
of amendment shall be effective at the time of its filing with the secretary
of state.

40 Sec. 11. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 17-7675 is hereby amended to read as 41 follows: 17-7675. *(a)* Articles of organization shall be canceled upon the 42 dissolution and the completion of winding up of a limited liability 43 company, or as provided in subsection (d) *or (e)* of K.S.A. 17-7666, and

amendments thereto, or K.S.A. 17-76,139, and amendments thereto, or 1 2 upon the filing of a certificate of merger or consolidation if the limited liability company is not the surviving or resulting entity in a merger or 3 4 consolidation or upon the future effective date of a certificate of merger or 5 consolidation if the limited liability company is not the surviving or 6 resulting entity in a merger or consolidation. A certificate of cancellation 7 shall be filed with the secretary of state to accomplish the cancellation of articles of organization upon the dissolution and the completion of winding 8 9 up of a limited liability company. The certificate shall set forth:

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(a) (1) The name of the limited liability company;

11 12 (2) the date of filing of its articles of organization;
 (b) (3) the reason for filing the certificate of cancellation;

13 (e) (4) the future effective date or time, which shall be a date or time 14 certain not later than 90 days after the date of filing, of cancellation if it is 15 not to be effective upon the filing of the certificate; and

16 (d) (5) any other information the person filing the certificate of 17 cancellation determines.

(b) A certificate of cancellation that is filed with the secretary of state
prior to the dissolution or the completion of winding up of a limited
liability company may be corrected as an erroneously executed certificate
of cancellation by filing with the secretary of state a certificate of
correction of such certificate of cancellation in accordance with K.S.A.
17-7683, and amendments thereto.

(c) The secretary of state shall not issue a certificate of good
 standing with respect to a limited liability company if its articles of
 organization are canceled.

Sec. 12. K.S.A. 17-7676 is hereby amended to read as follows: 177676. (a) Each of The articles or any of organization and each certificate
required by this act K.S.A. 17-7673 through 17-7683, and amendments
thereto, to be filed with the secretary of state shall be executed by one or
more authorized persons.

32 (b) Unless otherwise provided in an operating agreement, any person 33 may sign the articles; of organization or any certificate, or any amendment 34 thereof, or enter into an operating agreement or amendment thereof by an 35 agent, including an attorney-in-fact. An authorization, including a power 36 of attorney, to sign-any articles; of organization or any certificate, or any 37 amendments amendment thereof, or to enter into an operating agreement 38 or amendment thereof need not be in writing, need not be sworn to, 39 verified or acknowledged, and need not be filed with the secretary of state, 40 but if in writing, must be retained by the limited liability company.

41 (c) For all purposes of the laws of the state of Kansas, a power of 42 attorney with respect to matters relating to the organization, internal 43 affairs or termination of a limited liability company or granted by a 1

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person as a member or assignee of a limited liability company interest or by a person seeking to become a member or an assignee of a limited liability company interest shall be irrevocable if it states that it is

liability company interest shall be irrevocable if it states that it is 3 4 irrevocable and it is coupled with an interest sufficient in law to support an irrevocable power. Such irrevocable power of attorney, unless 5 6 otherwise provided therein, shall not be affected by subsequent death, 7 disability, incapacity, dissolution, termination of existence or bankruptcy 8 of, or any other event concerning, the principal. A power of attorney with 9 respect to matters relating to the organization, internal affairs or termination of a limited liability company or granted by a person as a 10 member or an assignee of a limited liability company interest or by a 11 12 person seeking to become a member or an assignee of a limited liability company interest and, in either case, granted to the limited liability 13 company, a manager or member thereof, or any of their respective 14 15 officers, directors, managers, members, partners, trustees, employees or 16 agents shall be deemed coupled with an interest sufficient in law to 17 support an irrevocable power.

(d) The execution of articles of organization or a certificate by-an
authorized a person who is authorized by this act to execute such articles
of organization or certificate, upon filing such articles of organization or
certificate with the secretary of state, constitutes an oath or affirmation,
under the penalties of perjury that, to the best of-the authorized such
person's knowledge and belief, the facts stated therein are true.

24 Sec. 13. K.S.A. 17-7677 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-25 7677. (a) If a person required to execute articles of organization or a certificate required by this act K.S.A. 17-7673 through 17-7683, and 26 27 amendments thereto, fails or refuses to do so, any other person who is 28 adversely affected by the failure or refusal may petition the district court to 29 direct the execution of the articles of organization or certificate. If the court finds that the execution of the articles of organization or certificate 30 31 is proper and that any person so designated has failed or refused to execute 32 the articles of organization or certificate, it shall order the secretary of 33 state to record an appropriate *articles of organization or a* certificate.

34 (b) If a person required to execute an operating agreement or 35 amendment thereof fails or refuses to do so, any other person who is 36 adversely affected by the failure or refusal may petition the district court to 37 direct the execution of the operating agreement or amendment thereof. If 38 the court finds that the operating agreement or amendment thereof should 39 be executed and that any person required to execute the operating 40 agreement or amendment thereof has failed or refused to do so, it shall 41 enter an order granting appropriate relief.

42 Sec. 14. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 17-7678 is hereby amended to read as 43 follows: 17-7678. (a) The original signed copy of articles of organization

1 or any certificate to be filed pursuant to this act, shall be filed with the 2 secretary of state, where the instrument shall be recorded in an electronic 3 medium. A person who executes articles of organization, a certificate; or a 4 statement-or articles as an agent or fiduciary shall not be required to 5 exhibit evidence of the person's authority as a prerequisite to filing. Any 6 signature on any articles of organization or certificate authorized to be 7 filed with the secretary of state under any provision of this act may be a 8 facsimile, a conformed signature or an electronically transmitted signature. 9 Unless the secretary of state finds that any filing does not conform to law, 10 upon receipt of all filing fees required by law, the secretary of state shall:

(1) Certify that such document has been filed in the secretary of
state's office by endorsing upon the electronically-recorded document the
word "filed" and the date and hour of the filing; in the absence of actual
fraud, this endorsement is conclusive of the date and time of its filing;

15 (2) record the endorsed document in an electronic medium and that 16 electronic document shall become the original document; and

17 (3) return a copy of the recorded document, to the person who filed it18 or such person's representative.

19 (b) The articles of organization shall be amended as provided in a 20 certificate of amendment or judicial decree of amendment upon the filing 21 of the certificate of amendment or judicial decree of amendment with the 22 secretary of state or upon the future effective date specified in the 23 certificate of amendment. An inaccuracy in the articles of organization 24 may be corrected by filing a certificate of correction with the secretary of 25 state as provided in K.S.A. 17-7683, and amendments thereto. The articles 26 of organization are canceled upon the issuance of filing with the secretary 27 of state of a certificate of cancellation or certificate of merger or 28 consolidation where the limited liability company is not the surviving or 29 resulting entity by the secretary of state or upon the future effective date of 30 the certificate of cancellation or certificate of merger or consolidation.

(c) The fee required by this act shall be paid at the time of the filing
 of any articles of organization or any certificate to be filed pursuant to this
 act.

(d) The fee required by this act shall be paid for a certified copy of
any paper on file pursuant to this act and the fee fixed pursuant to this act
shall be paid for each page copied.

(e) The secretary of state may prescribe a telefacsimile
communication fee in addition to any filing fees to cover the cost of such
services. This fee must be paid prior to acceptance of a telefacsimile
communication and shall be deposited into the information and copy
service fee fund.

42 (f) Upon filing the articles of organization of a limited liability 43 company organized to exercise powers of a professional association or 1 professional corporation, the limited liability company shall file with the 2 secretary of state a certificate by the licensing body, as defined in K.S.A.

2 secretary of state a certificate by the licensing body, as defined in K.S.A. 74-146, and amendments thereto, of the profession involved that each of the members is duly licensed to practice that profession, and that the proposed company name has been approved.

6 Sec. 15. K.S.A. 17-7679 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-7 7679. The fact that articles of organization, or amendments thereto, of a 8 limited liability company are on file with the secretary of state is notice 9 that the entity formed in connection with the filing of the articles of 10 organization is a limited liability company formed under the laws of the state of Kansas and is notice for all purposes with respect to all matters 11 required to be set forth therein of all other facts set forth therein which are 12 required to be set forth in articles of organization by subsections (a)(1), 13 (a)(2), (a)(4) and (a)(5) of K.S.A. 17-7673, and amendments thereto. 14

15 Sec. 16. K.S.A. 17-7680 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-16 7680. (a) A limited liability company may, whenever desired, may-17 integrate into a single instrument all of the provisions of its articles of 18 organization which are then in effect and operative as a result of there 19 having previously been filed with the secretary of state one or more 20 certificates or other instruments pursuant to this act K.S.A. 17-7673 21 through 17-7683, and amendments thereto, and it may at the same time 22 also further amend its articles of organization by adopting restated articles 23 of organization.

24 (b) If the restated articles of organization merely restate and integrate 25 but do not further amend the initial articles of organization, as previously amended or supplemented by any certificate or instrument that was 26 27 executed and filed pursuant to this act K.S.A. 17-7673 through 17-7683, 28 and amendments thereto, they shall be specifically designated in their heading as "restated articles of organization" together with such other 29 30 words as the *limited liability* company may deem appropriate and shall be 31 executed by an authorized person and filed as provided in K.S.A. 17-7678. 32 and amendments thereto, with the secretary of state. If the restated articles 33 of organization restate and integrate and also further amend in any respect 34 the articles of organization, as previously amended or supplemented, they 35 shall be specifically designated in their heading as "amended and restated 36 articles of organization" together with such other words as the limited 37 liability company may deem appropriate and shall be executed by at least 38 one authorized person and filed as provided in K.S.A. 17-7678, and 39 amendments thereto, with the secretary of state.

40 (c) Restated articles of organization-shall be specifically designated 41 as such in the heading. They shall state, either in their heading or in an 42 introductory paragraph, the *limited liability* company's present name; if it 43 has been changed, the name under which it was originally filed; the date of

filing of its original articles of organization with the secretary of state; and 1 2 the future effective date, which shall be a date certain, of the restated 3 articles of organization if they are not to be effective upon the filing of the 4 restated articles of organization with the secretary of state f, such future 5 effective date must be within 90 days of the date of filing such restated 6 articles of organization with the secretary of state). Restated articles-also 7 of organization shall also state that they were duly executed and are being 8 filed in accordance with the provisions of this section. If the restated 9 articles of organization only restate and integrate and do not further amend the provisions of the *a limited liability company's* articles of organization 10 as previously amended or supplemented and there is no discrepancy 11 12 between those provisions and the provisions of the restated articles of 13 organization, they shall state that fact as well.

14 (d) Upon the filing of the restated articles of organization with the secretary of state, or upon the future effective date of restated articles of 15 16 organization as provided for therein, the initial articles of organization, as 17 previously amended or supplemented, shall be superseded. Thereafter the 18 restated articles of organization, including any further amendment or 19 changes made by the restated articles thereby, shall be the articles of 20 organization of the limited liability company, but the original effective date 21 of formation shall remain unchanged.

(e) Any amendment or change-made *effected* in connection with the
 restatement and integration of the articles of organization shall be subject
 to any other provision of this act, not inconsistent with this section, which
 would apply if a separate certificate of amendment were filed to-make the
 effect such amendment or change.

27 Sec. 17. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 17-7681 is hereby amended to read as 28 follows: 17-7681. (a) Pursuant to an agreement of merger or consolidation, a one or more domestic limited liability company companies may merge or 29 consolidate with or into one or more limited liability companies formed 30 31 under the laws of this the state of Kansas or any other state or any foreign 32 country or other foreign jurisdiction, or any combination thereof, with 33 such limited liability company as the agreement shall provide being the 34 surviving or resulting limited liability company. Unless otherwise provided 35 in the-limited liability company operating agreement, a an agreement of 36 merger or consolidation shall be approved by each domestic limited 37 liability company which is to merge or consolidate by the members, or if 38 there is more than one class or group of members, then by each class or 39 group of members, in either case, by the affirmative vote or consent of not 40 less than a majority in interest of the remaining members who own more 41 than 50% of the then current percentage or other interest in the profits of the domestic limited liability company owned by all of the members or by 42 43 the members in each class or group, as appropriate. In connection with a

1 merger or consolidation hereunder, rights or securities of, or interests in, a 2 domestic limited liability company which is a constituent party to the merger or consolidation may be exchanged for or converted into cash, 3 property, rights or securities of, or interests in, the surviving or resulting 4 limited liability company or, in addition to or in lieu thereof, may be 5 6 exchanged for or converted into cash, property, rights or securities of, or 7 interests in, a limited liability company which is not the surviving or 8 resulting limited liability company in the merger or consolidation or may 9 be canceled. Notwithstanding prior approval, an agreement of merger or consolidation may be terminated or amended pursuant to a provision for 10 such termination or amendment contained in the agreement of merger or 11 12 consolidation.

(b) The limited liability company surviving or resulting in or from the merger or consolidation shall file a certificate of merger or consolidation *executed by one or more authorized persons on behalf of the domestic limited liability company when it is the surviving or resulting entity* with the secretary of state. The certificate of merger or consolidation shall state:

18 (1) The name and jurisdiction of formation or organization of each of19 the limited liability companies which is to merge or consolidate;

(2) that an agreement of merger or consolidation has been approved
 and executed by each of the limited liability companies which is to merge
 or consolidate;

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(3) the name of the surviving or resulting limited liability company;

(4) in the case of a merger in which a domestic limited liability
company is the surviving entity, such amendments, if any, to the articles of
organization of the surviving domestic limited liability company to change
its name, registered office or resident agent as are desired to be effected by
the merger;

(4) (5) the future effective date or time, which shall be a date certain,
of the merger or consolidation if it is not to be effective upon the filing of
the certificate of merger or consolidation, which date shall, in no event,
exceed 90 days after the date the certificate is filed in with the secretary of
state's office state;

34 (5) (6) that the agreement of merger or consolidation is on file at a
35 place of business of the surviving or resulting limited liability company,
36 and shall state the address thereof;

37 (6) (7) that a copy of the agreement of merger or consolidation will
38 be furnished by the surviving or resulting limited liability company, on
39 request and without cost, to any member of any limited liability company
40 which is to merge or consolidate; and

41 (7) (8) if the surviving or resulting <u>entity</u> *limited liability company* is
 42 not a domestic limited liability company, a statement that such surviving
 43 entity or resulting limited liability company agrees that it may be served

with process in the state of Kansas in any action, suit or proceeding for the enforcement of any obligation of any domestic limited liability company which is to merge or consolidate, irrevocably appointing the secretary of state as its agent to accept service of process in any such action, suit or proceeding and specifying the address to which a copy of such process shall be mailed to it by the secretary of state.

7 (c) Unless a future effective date or time is provided in a certificate of 8 merger or consolidation, in which event a merger or consolidation shall be 9 effective at any such future effective date or time, a merger or consolidation shall be effective upon the filing with the secretary of state 10 of a certificate of merger or consolidation. If a certificate of merger or 11 12 consolidation provides for a future effective date or time and if anagreement of merger or consolidation is amended to change the future-13 effective date or time, or to change any other matter described in the 14 15 certificate of merger or consolidation so as to make the certificate of 16 merger or consolidation false in any material respect, as permitted by-17 subsection (b) of this section prior to the future effective date or time, the 18 certificate of merger or consolidation shall be amended by the filing of a 19 certificate of amendment of a certificate of merger or consolidation which 20 shall identify the certificate of merger or consolidation and the agreement 21 of merger or consolidation which has been amended and shall state that the 22 agreement of merger or consolidation has been amended and shall set forth 23 the amendment to the certificate of merger or consolidation. If a certificate of merger or consolidation provides for a future effective date or time and 24 25 if an agreement of merger or consolidation is terminated as permitted by 26 subsection (a) of this section prior to the future effective date or time, the 27 certificate of merger or consolidation shall be terminated by the filing of a certificate of termination of a merger or consolidation which shall identify 28 29 the certificate of merger or consolidation and the agreement of merger or 30 consolidation which has been terminated and shall state that the agreement 31 of merger or consolidation has been terminated.

32 (d) A certificate of merger or consolidation shall act as a certificate of 33 cancellation for a domestic limited liability company which is not the 34 surviving or resulting entity limited liability company in the merger or 35 consolidation. A certificate of merger that sets forth any amendment in accordance with subsection (b)(4) shall be deemed to be an amendment to 36 37 the articles of organization of the limited liability company, and the 38 *limited liability company shall not be required to take any further action to* 39 amend its articles of organization under K.S.A. 17-7674, and amendments thereto, with respect to such amendments set forth in the certificate of 40 merger. Whenever this section requires the filing of a certificate of merger 41 or consolidation, such requirement shall be deemed satisfied by the filing 42 43 of an agreement of merger or consolidation containing the information

1 required by this section to be set forth in the certificate of merger or 2 consolidation.

3 (e) An agreement of merger or consolidation approved in accordance 4 with subsection (a) of this section may:

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(1) Effect any amendment to the operating agreement; or

6 (2) effect the adoption of a new operating agreement, *for a limited* 7 *liability company if it is the surviving or resulting limited liability* 8 *company in the merger or consolidation.*

9 Any amendment to an operating agreement or adoption of a new operating agreement made pursuant to the foregoing-provision sentence 10 shall be effective at the effective time or date of the merger or 11 consolidation and shall be effective notwithstanding any provision of the 12 13 operating agreement relating to amendment or adoption of a new operating agreement, other than a provision that by its terms applies to an 14 15 amendment to the operating agreement or the adoption of a new operating 16 agreement, in either case, in connection with a merger or consolidation. 17 The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to limit the 18 accomplishment of a merger or of any of the matters referred to herein by 19 any other means provided for in an operating agreement or other 20 agreement or as otherwise permitted by law, including that the operating 21 agreement of any constituent limited liability company to the merger or 22 consolidation *f*, including a limited liability company formed for the 23 purpose of consummating a merger or consolidation), shall be the 24 operating agreement of the surviving or resulting limited liability 25 company.

26 (f) When any merger or consolidation shall have become effective 27 under this section, for all purposes of the laws of the state of Kansas, all of 28 the rights, privileges and powers of each of the limited liability companies 29 that have merged or consolidated, and all property, real, personal and mixed, and all debts due to any of the limited liability companies, as well 30 31 as all other things and causes of action belonging to each of such limited 32 liability companies, shall be vested in the surviving or resulting limited 33 liability company, and shall thereafter be the property of the surviving or 34 resulting limited liability company as they were of each of the limited 35 liability companies that have merged or consolidated, and the title to any 36 real property vested by deed or otherwise, under the laws of the state of 37 Kansas, in any of such limited liability companies, shall not revert or be in 38 any way impaired by reason of this-section act, but all rights of creditors 39 and all liens upon any property of any of the limited liability companies 40 shall be preserved unimpaired, and all debts, liabilities and duties of each 41 of the limited liability companies that have merged or consolidated shall 42 thenceforth attach to the surviving or resulting limited liability company, 43 and may be enforced against it to the same extent as if the debts, liabilities 1 and duties had been incurred or contracted by it. Unless otherwise agreed, 2 a merger or consolidation of a *domestic* limited liability company, 3 including a *domestic* limited liability company which is not the surviving 4 or resulting entity in the merger or consolidation, shall not require such 5 domestic limited liability company to wind up its affairs under K.S.A. 17-6 76,118, and amendments thereto, or pay its liabilities and distribute its 7 assets under K.S.A. 17-76,119, and amendments thereto, and the merger 8 or consolidation shall not constitute a dissolution of such limited liability 9 company.

(g) A limited liability company may merge or consolidate with or into
any other entity in accordance with the business entity transactions act,
K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 17-78-101 et seq., and amendments thereto.

(h) An operating agreement may provide that a domestic limited
liability company shall not have the power to merge or consolidate as set
forth in this section.

Sec. 18. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 17-7682 is hereby amended to read as 16 17 follows: 17-7682. An operating agreement or an agreement of merger or 18 consolidation may provide that contractual appraisal rights with respect to 19 a limited liability company interest or another interest in a limited liability 20 company shall be available for any class, group or series of members or 21 limited liability company interests in connection with any amendment of 22 the an operating agreement, any merger or consolidation in which the limited liability company is a constituent party to the merger or 23 24 consolidation, or the sale of all or substantially all of the limited liability 25 company's assets. The district court shall have jurisdiction to hear and 26 determine any matter relating to any such appraisal rights.

27 Sec. 19. K.S.A. 17-7683 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-28 7683. (a) Whenever any articles of organization or certificate authorized to 29 be filed with the secretary of state under any provision of this act has been 30 so filed and is an inaccurate in any respect record of the action therein 31 referred to, or was defectively or erroneously executed, such articles of 32 organization or certificate may be corrected by filing with the secretary of 33 state a certificate of correction of such articles of organization or 34 certificate. The certificate of correction shall specify the inaccuracy or 35 defect to be corrected, shall set forth the portion of the articles of 36 organization or certificate in corrected form and shall be executed and 37 filed as required by this act. The certificate of correction shall be effective 38 as of the date the original articles of organization or certificate was filed, 39 except as to those persons who are substantially and adversely affected by 40 the correction, and as to those persons the certificate of correction shall be 41 effective from the filing date.

42 (b) In lieu of filing a certificate of correction, articles *of organization* 43 or a certificate may be corrected by filing with the secretary of state 1 corrected articles of organization or a corrected certificate which shall be

2 executed and filed as if the corrected articles of organization or certificate 3 were the articles of organization or certificate being corrected, and a fee 4 equal to the fee payable to the secretary of state if the articles of 5 organization or certificate being corrected were then being filed shall be 6 paid and collected by the secretary of state for the use of the state of 7 Kansas in connection with the filing of the corrected articles of 8 organization or certificate. The corrected articles of organization or certificate shall be specifically designated as such in *their or* its heading, 9 10 shall specify the inaccuracy or defect to be corrected, and shall set forth all articles of organization or the entire-articles or certificate in corrected 11 form. Articles of organization or a certificate corrected in accordance with 12 this section shall be effective as of the date the original articles of 13 organization or certificate was filed, except as to those persons who are 14 15 substantially and adversely affected by the correction and as to those 16 persons the articles of organization or certificate as corrected shall be 17 effective from the filing date.

(c) The secretary of state may correct the secretary's own errors onthe secretary's own motion.

Sec. 20. K.S.A. 17-7686 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-7686. (a) In connection with the formation of a limited liability company, a
person is admitted as a member of the limited liability company upon the
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(1) The formation of the limited liability company; or

(2) the time provided in and upon compliance with the operating agreement or, if the operating agreement does not so provide, when the person's admission is reflected in the records of the limited liability company.

(b) After the formation of a limited liability company, a person isadmitted as a member of the limited liability company:

31 (1) In the case of a person who is not an assignee of a limited liability 32 company interest, including a person acquiring a limited liability company 33 interest directly from the limited liability company and a person to be 34 admitted as a member of the limited liability company without acquiring a 35 limited liability company interest in the limited liability company at the 36 time provided in and upon compliance with the operating agreement or, if 37 the operating agreement does not so provide, upon the consent of all 38 members and when the person's admission is reflected in the records of the 39 limited liability company;

40 (2) in the case of an assignee of a limited liability company interest, 41 as provided in subsection (a) of K.S.A. 17-76,114, and amendments 42 thereto, and at the time provided in and upon compliance with the 43 operating agreement or, if the operating agreement does not so provide, when any such person's permitted admission is reflected in the records of
 the limited liability company; or

(3) unless otherwise provided in an agreement of merger or 3 consolidation, in the case of a person acquiring a limited liability company 4 5 interest in a surviving or resulting limited liability company pursuant to a 6 merger or consolidation approved in accordance with subsection-(b) (a) of 7 K.S.A. 17-7681, and amendments thereto, at the time provided in and 8 upon compliance with the operating agreement of the surviving or 9 resulting limited liability company; and in the case of a person being admitted as a member of a limited liability company pursuant to a merger 10 or consolidation in which such limited liability company is not the 11 12 surviving or resulting limited liability company in the merger or consolidation, as provided in the operating agreement of such limited 13 14 liability company.

15 (c) A person may be admitted to a limited liability company as a 16 member of the limited liability company and may receive a limited 17 liability company interest in the limited liability company without making 18 a contribution or being obligated to make a contribution to the limited 19 liability company. Unless otherwise provided in an operating agreement, a 20 person may be admitted to a limited liability company as a member of the 21 limited liability company without acquiring a limited liability company 22 interest in the limited liability company. Unless otherwise provided in a an 23 operating agreement, a person may be admitted as the sole member of a 24 limited liability company without making a contribution or being obligated 25 to make a contribution to the limited liability company or without 26 acquiring a limited liability company interest in the limited liability 27 company.

(d) Unless otherwise provided in an operating agreement or another
agreement, a member shall have no preemptive right to subscribe to any
additional issue of limited liability company interests or another interest in
a limited liability company.

32 Sec. 21. K.S.A. 17-7687 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-33 7687. (a) An operating agreement may provide for classes or groups of 34 members having such relative rights, powers and duties as the operating 35 agreement may provide, and may make provision for the future creation in 36 the manner provided in the operating agreement of additional classes or 37 groups of members having such relative rights, powers and duties as may 38 from time to time be established, including rights, powers and duties senior to existing classes and groups of members. An operating agreement 39 40 may provide for the taking of an action, including the amendment of the 41 operating agreement, without the vote or approval of any member or class 42 or group of members, including an action to create under the provisions of 43 the operating agreement a class or group of limited liability company

interests that was not previously outstanding. An operating agreement may
 provide that any member or class or group of members shall have no
 voting rights.

4 (b) An operating agreement may grant to all or certain identified 5 members or a specified class or group of the members the right to vote 6 separately or with all or any class or group of the members or managers, 7 on any matter. Voting by members may be on a per capita, number, 8 financial interest, class, group or any other basis.

9 (c) An operating agreement which grants a right to vote may set forth 10 provisions relating to notice of the time, place or purpose of any meeting 11 at which any matter is to be voted on by any members, waiver of any such 12 notice, action by consent without a meeting, the establishment of a record 13 date, quorum requirements, voting in person or by proxy, or any other 14 matter with respect to the exercise of any such right to vote.

(d) Unless otherwise provided in an operating agreement, meetings of
members may be held by means of conference telephone or other
communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in
the meeting can hear each other, and participation in a meeting pursuant
to this subsection shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

20 Unless otherwise provided in an operating agreement, on any matter that 21 is to be voted on, *consented to or approved* by members, the members may 22 take such action without a meeting, without prior notice and without a 23 vote, if a consent or consents in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by the consented to, in writing or by electronic 24 transmission, by members having not less than the minimum number of 25 26 votes that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting 27 which unless otherwise provided in the operating agreement or this act-28 shall be a majority in interest of each class at which all members entitled 29 to vote thereon were present and voted. Unless otherwise provided in an 30 operating agreement, on any matter that is to be voted on by members, the 31 members may vote in person or by proxy, and such proxy may be granted 32 in writing, by means of electronic transmission or as otherwise permitted 33 by applicable law. Unless otherwise provided in an operating agreement, a consent transmitted by electronic transmission by a member or by a 34 35 person or persons authorized to act for a member shall be deemed to be written and signed for purposes of this subsection. For purposes of this 36 subsection, the term "electronic transmission" means any form of 37 38 communication not directly involving the physical transmission of paper 39 that creates a record that may be retained, retrieved and reviewed by a recipient thereof and that may be directly reproduced in paper form by 40 41 such a recipient through an automated process.

42 (e) Unless otherwise provided in the operating agreement or in this 43 act, every member holding *an* interest in profits shall be entitled to vote.

(f) When, under the provisions of this act or under the provisions of 1 the articles of organization or operating agreement of a limited liability 2 company, notice is required to be given to a member of a limited liability 3 company a waiver in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to 4 the notice, whether made before or after the time for notice to be given, is 5 equivalent to the giving of notice. If an operating agreement provides for 6 7 the manner in which it may be amended, including by requiring the 8 approval of a person who is not a party to the operating agreement or the 9 satisfaction of conditions, it may be amended only in that manner or as otherwise permitted by law, including as permitted by subsection (e) of 10 K.S.A. 17-7681, and amendments thereto, provided that the approval of 11 any person may be waived by such person and that any such conditions 12 may be waived by all persons for whose benefit such conditions were 13 intended. Unless otherwise provided in an operating agreement, a 14 supermajority amendment provision shall only apply to provisions of the 15 16 operating agreement that are expressly included in the operating agreement. As used in this section, "supermajority amendment provision" 17 means any amendment provision set forth in an operating agreement 18 19 requiring that an amendment to a provision of the operating agreement be 20 adopted by no less than the vote or consent required to take action under 21 such latter provision.

(g) If an operating agreement does not provide for the manner in which it may be amended, the operating agreement may be amended with the approval of all of the members or as otherwise permitted by law, including as permitted by subsection (e) of K.S.A. 17-7681, and amendments thereto. This subsection shall only apply to a limited liability company whose original articles of organization were filed with the secretary of state on or after July 1, 2013.

29 Sec. 22. K.S.A. 17-7688 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-7688. (a) Except as otherwise provided by this act, the debts, obligations 30 and liabilities of a limited liability company, whether arising in contract, 31 tort or otherwise, shall be solely the debts, obligations and liabilities of the 32 limited liability company, and no member or manager of a limited liability 33 company shall be obligated personally for any such debt, obligation or 34 liability of the limited liability company solely by reason of being a 35 member or acting as a manager of the limited liability company. 36

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
under an operating agreement or under another agreement, a member or
manager may agree to be obligated personally for any or all of the debts,
obligations and liabilities of the limited liability company.

41 (c) A member or manager of a limited liability company is not a
42 proper party to proceedings by or against a limited liability company,
43 except when the object is to enforce a member's or manager's right against,

1 or liability to, the limited liability company.

Sec. 23. K.S.A. 17-7689 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-7689. A person ceases to be a member of a limited liability company-and
 shall become an assignee upon the happening of any of the following
 events:

6 (a) Unless otherwise provided in an operating agreement, or with the 7 written consent of all members, a member:

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(1) Makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors;

(2) files a voluntary petition in bankruptcy;

10 (3) is adjudged a bankrupt or insolvent, or has entered against the 11 member an order for relief, in any bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding;

12 (4) files a petition or answer seeking for the <u>member's own self</u> 13 *member* any reorganization, arrangement, composition, readjustment, 14 liquidation, dissolution or similar relief under any statute, law or 15 regulation;

(5) files an answer or other pleading admitting or failing to contest
the material allegations of a petition filed against the member in any
proceeding of this nature;

(6) seeks, consents to or acquiesces in the appointment of a trustee,
 receiver or liquidator of the member or of all or any substantial part of the
 member's properties; or

22 (b) unless otherwise provided in an operating agreement, or with the 23 written consent of all members, 120 days after the commencement of any proceeding against the member seeking reorganization, arrangement, 24 25 composition, readjustment, liquidation, dissolution or similar relief under 26 any statute, law or regulation, if the proceeding has not been dismissed, or if within 90 days after the appointment without the member's consent or 27 28 acquiescence of a trustee, receiver or liquidator of the member or of all or 29 any substantial part of the member's properties, the appointment is not vacated or stayed, or within 90 days after the expiration of any such stay, 30 31 the appointment is not vacated.

32 Sec. 24. K.S.A. 17-7690 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-33 7690. (a) Each member of a limited liability company has the right, subject 34 to such reasonable standards (, including standards governing what 35 information and documents are to be furnished at what time and location 36 and at whose expense), as may be set forth in an operating agreement or 37 otherwise established by the manager or, if there is no manager, then by 38 the members, to obtain from the limited liability company from time to 39 time upon reasonable demand for any purpose reasonably related to the 40 member's interest as a member of the limited liability company:

(1) True and full information regarding the status of the business andfinancial condition of the limited liability company;

43 (2) promptly after becoming available, a copy of the limited liability

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1 company's federal, state and local income tax returns for each year;

2 (3) a current list of the name and last known business, residence or 3 mailing address of each member and manager;

4 (4) a copy of any written operating agreement and articles of 5 organization and all amendments thereto, together with executed copies of 6 any written powers of attorney pursuant to which the operating agreement 7 and any certificate and all amendments thereto have been executed;

8 (5) true and full information regarding the amount of cash and a 9 description and statement of the agreed value of any other property or 10 services contributed by each member and which each member has agreed 11 to contribute in the future, and the date on which each became a member; 12 and

(6) other information regarding the affairs of the limited liabilitycompany as is just and reasonable.

15 (b) Each manager shall have the right to examine all of the 16 information described in subsection (a) of this section for a purpose 17 reasonably related to the manager's position as a *of* manager.

(c) The manager of a limited liability company shall have the right to 18 19 keep confidential from the members, for such period of time as the manager deems reasonable, any information which the manager 20 21 reasonably believes to be in the nature of trade secrets or other information 22 the disclosure of which the manager in good faith believes is not in the 23 best interest of the limited liability company or could damage the limited liability company or its business or which the limited liability company is 24 25 required by law or by agreement with a third party to keep confidential.

26 (d) A limited liability company may maintain its records in other than
27 a written form if such form is capable of conversion into written form
28 within a reasonable time.

(e) Any demand by a member under this section shall be in writingand shall state the purpose of such demand.

31 Any action to enforce any right arising under this section shall be (f) 32 brought in the district court. If the limited liability company refuses to 33 permit a member to obtain or a manager to examine the information 34 described in subsection (a)(3) of this section or does not reply to the 35 demand that has been made within five business days, or such shorter or 36 longer period of time as is provided for in an operating agreement, but not 37 longer than 30 business days, after the demand has been made, the 38 demanding member or manager may apply to the district court for an order 39 to compel such disclosure. The district court may summarily order the limited liability company to permit the demanding member to obtain or 40 41 manager to examine the information described in subsection (a)(3) of this 42 section and to make copies or abstracts therefrom, or the district court may 43 summarily order the limited liability company to furnish to the demanding

1 member or manager the information described in subsection (a)(3) of this 2 section on the condition that the demanding member or manager first pay 3 to the limited liability company the reasonable cost of obtaining and 4 furnishing such information and on such other conditions as the district 5 court deems appropriate. When a demanding member seeks to obtain or a 6 manager seeks to examine the information described in subsection (a)7 of this section, the demanding member or manager shall first establish (1) 8 that the demanding member or manager has complied with the provisions 9 of this section respecting the form and manner of making demand for 10 obtaining or examining of such information, and (2) that the information the demanding member or manager seeks is reasonably related to the 11 member's interest as a member or the manager's position as a manager, as 12 the case may be. The district court may, in its discretion, prescribe any 13 14 limitations or conditions with reference to the obtaining or examining of information, or award such other or further relief as the district court may 15 deem just and proper. The district court may order books, documents and 16 17 records, pertinent extracts therefrom, or duly authenticated copies thereof, 18 to be brought within the state of Kansas and kept in the state of Kansas 19 upon such terms and conditions as the order may prescribe.

20 (g) Failure to maintain books and records shall not be grounds for 21 personal liability of any member or manager. The rights of a member or 22 manager to obtain information as provided in this section may be 23 restricted in an original operating agreement or in any subsequent amendment approved or adopted by all of the members or in compliance 24 25 with any applicable requirements of the operating agreement. The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to limit the ability to 26 27 impose restrictions on the rights of a member or manager to obtain 28 information by any other means permitted under this act.

Sec. 25. K.S.A. 17-7691 is hereby amended to read as follows: 177691. An operating agreement may provide that:

(a) A member who fails to perform in accordance with, or to comply
 with the terms and conditions of, the operating agreement shall be subject
 to specified penalties or specified consequences; and

(b) at the time or upon the happening of events specified in the
 operating agreement, a member shall be subject to specified penalties or
 specified consequences.

Such specified penalties or specified consequences may include and
take the form of any penalty or consequence set forth in subsection (c) of
K.S.A. 17-76,100, and amendments thereto.

40 Sec. 26. K.S.A. 17-7693 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-41 7693. (a) Unless otherwise provided in an operating agreement, the 42 management of a limited liability company shall be vested in its members 43 in proportion to the then current percentage or other interest of members in

the profits of the limited liability company owned by all of the members, 1 the decision of members owning more than 50% of the then current 2 3 percentage or other interest in the profits controlling; provided however, 4 *except* that if an operating agreement provides for the management, in 5 whole or in part, of a limited liability company by a manager, the 6 management of the limited liability company, to the extent so provided, 7 shall be vested in the manager who shall be chosen by the members in the 8 manner provided in the operating agreement. The manager shall also hold 9 the offices and have the responsibilities accorded to the manager by-the members and set forth or in the manner provided in an operating 10 agreement. Subject to K.S.A. 17-76,105, and amendments thereto, a 11 manager shall cease to be a manager as provided in an operating 12 agreement. A limited liability company may have more than one manager. 13 Unless otherwise provided in an operating agreement, each member in a 14 15 member managed LLC has the authority to bind the limited liability-16 company, and each manager, in a manager managed LLC has the authority

17 to bind the LLC.

18 (b) If the articles of organization provide that management of the 19 limited liability company is vested in one or more managers: (1) No-20 member acting solely in the member's capacity as a member, is an agent of 21 the limited liability company; and (2) every manager is an agent of the 22 limited liability company for the purpose of its business and affairs, and 23 the act of any manager for apparently carrying on the usual way of the business or affairs of the limited liability of which the manager is a-24 25 manager binds the limited liability company, unless the manager so acting 26 has, in fact, no authority to act for the limited liability company in the-27 particular matter, and the person with whom the manager is dealing has-28 knowledge of the fact that the manager has no such authority.

29 (c) An act of a member or manager which apparently is not for-30 carrying on the usual way of the business or affairs of the limited liability 31 company does not bind the limited liability company unless authorized in 32 accordance with the terms of the articles of organization or operating-33 agreement, at the time of the transaction or at any other time. Unlessotherwise provided in the articles of organization or operating agreement, 34 a transaction not in the ordinary course of the business or affairs of the 35 36 limited liability company must be approved by a majority, by number, of 37 the members of the limited liability company.

Sec. 27. K.S.A. 17-7695 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-7695. (a) An operating agreement may provide for classes or groups of agreement may provide, and may make provision for the future creation in the manner provided in the operating agreement of additional classes or groups of managers having such relative rights, powers and duties as may from time to time be established, including rights, powers and duties senior to existing classes and groups of managers. An operating agreement may provide for the taking of an action, including the amendment of the operating agreement, without the vote or approval of any manager or class or group of managers, including an action to create under the provisions of the operating agreement a class or group of limited liability company interests that was not previously outstanding.

8 (b) An operating agreement may grant to all or certain identified 9 managers or a specified class or group of the managers the right to vote, 10 separately or with all or any class or group of managers or members, on 11 any matter. Voting by managers may be on a per capita, number, financial 12 interest, class, group or any other basis. Unless otherwise provided in-the 13 *an* operating agreement, if more than one manager is appointed, all 14 managers shall have an equal vote per capita.

(c) An operating agreement which grants a right to vote may set forth provisions relating to notice of the time, place or purpose of any meeting at which any matter is to be voted on by any manager or class or group of managers, waiver of any such notice, action by consent without a meeting, the establishment of a record date, quorum requirements, voting in person or by proxy, or any other matter with respect to the exercise of any such right to vote.

22 (d) Unless otherwise provided in an operating agreement, *meetings of* 23 managers may be held by means of conference telephone or other communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in 24 25 the meeting can hear each other, and participation in a meeting pursuant 26 to this subsection shall constitute presence in person at the meeting. 27 Unless otherwise provided in an operating agreement, on any matter that 28 is to be voted on, *consented to or approved* by *the* managers, the managers 29 may take such action without a meeting, without prior notice and without a 30 vote, if a consent or consents in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by the if consented to, in writing or by electronic 31 32 transmission, by managers having not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting 33 at which all managers entitled to vote thereon were present and voted. 34 35 Unless otherwise provided in an operating agreement, on any matter that is 36 to be voted on by managers, the managers may vote in person or by proxy, 37 and such proxy may be granted in writing, by means of electronic 38 transmission or as otherwise permitted by applicable law. Unless 39 otherwise provided in an operating agreement, a consent transmitted by electronic transmission by a manager or by a person or persons 40 41 authorized to act for a manager shall be deemed to be written and signed for purposes of this subsection. For purposes of this subsection, the term 42 "electronic transmission" means any form of communication not directly 43

1 involving the physical transmission of paper that creates a record that may

2 be retained, retrieved and reviewed by a recipient thereof and that may be
3 directly reproduced in paper form by such a recipient through an
4 automated process.

5 (c) When, under the provisions of the Kansas revised limited liability 6 company act or under the provisions of the articles of organization or 7 operating agreement of a limited liability company, notice is required to be 8 given to a manager of a limited liability company having a manager or 9 managers, a waiver in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to 10 the notice, whether made before or after the time for notice to be given, is 8 equivalent to the giving of notice.

12 Sec. 28. K.S.A. 17-7697 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-7697. A member-or, manager or liquidating trustee of a limited liability 13 company shall be fully protected in relying in good faith upon the records 14 15 of the limited liability company and upon-such information, opinions, 16 reports or statements presented to by another manager, member or 17 *liquidating trustee, an officer or employee of* the limited liability company by any of its other managers, members, officers, employees, or committees 18 19 of the limited liability company, members or managers, or by any other 20 person, as to matters the member-or, manager or liquidating trustee 21 reasonably believes are within such other person's professional or expert 22 competence and who has been selected with reasonable care by or on 23 behalf of the limited liability company, including information, opinions, reports or statements as to the value and amount of the assets, liabilities, 24 25 profits or losses of the limited liability company, or the value and amount 26 of assets or reserves or contracts, agreements or other undertakings that 27 would be sufficient to pay claims and obligations of the limited liability 28 company or to make reasonable provision to pay such claims and 29 obligations, or any other facts pertinent to the existence and amount of 30 assets from which distributions to members or creditors might properly be 31 paid.

32 Sec. 29. K.S.A. 17-7698 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-33 7698. Unless otherwise provided in the operating agreement, a member or 34 manager of a limited liability company has the power and authority to 35 delegate to one or more other persons the member's or manager's, as the case may be, rights and powers to manage and control the business and 36 37 affairs of the limited liability company, including to delegate to agents, 38 officers and employees of a member or manager or the limited liability 39 company, and to delegate by a management agreement or another agreement with, or otherwise to, other persons. Unless otherwise provided 40 41 in the operating agreement, such delegation by a member or manager of a limited liability company shall not cause the member or manager to cease 42 43 to be a member or manager, as the case may be, of the limited liability

1 company or cause the person to whom any such rights and powers have

been delegated to be a member or manager, as the case may be, of the
limited liability company.

4 Sec. 30. K.S.A. 17-76,100 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-76,100. (a) Except as provided in an operating agreement, a member is 5 6 obligated to a limited liability company to perform any promise to 7 contribute cash or property or to perform services, even if the member is 8 unable to perform because of death, disability or any other reason. If a 9 member does not make the required contribution of property or services, 10 the member is obligated at the option of the limited liability company to contribute cash equal to that portion of the agreed value (, as stated in the 11 12 records of the limited liability company), of the contribution that has not 13 been made. The foregoing option shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, 14 any other rights, including the right to specific performance, that the 15 limited liability company may have against such member under the 16 operating agreement or applicable law.

17 (b) Unless otherwise provided in an operating agreement, the 18 obligation of a member to make a contribution or return money or other 19 property paid or distributed in violation of this act may be compromised 20 only by consent of all the members. Notwithstanding the compromise, a 21 creditor of a limited liability company who extends credit, after the 22 entering into of an operating agreement or an amendment thereto which, in 23 either case, reflects the obligation, and before the amendment thereof to 24 reflect the compromise, may enforce the original obligation to the extent 25 that, in extending credit, the creditor reasonably relied on the obligation of a member to make a contribution or return. A conditional obligation of a 26 27 member to make a contribution or return money or other property to a 28 limited liability company may not be enforced unless the conditions of the 29 obligation have been satisfied or waived as to or by such member. 30 Conditional obligations include contributions payable upon a discretionary 31 call of a limited liability company prior to the time the call occurs.

32 (c) An operating agreement may provide that the interest of any 33 member who fails to make any contribution that the member is obligated 34 to make shall be subject to specified penalties for, or specified 35 consequences of, such failure. Such penalty or consequence may take the 36 form of reducing or eliminating the defaulting member's proportionate 37 interest in a limited liability company, subordinating the member's limited 38 liability company interest to that of nondefaulting members, a forced sale 39 of the member's that limited liability company interest, forfeiture of the 40 defaulting member's limited liability company interest, the lending by 41 other members of the amount necessary to meet the *defaulting* member's commitment, a fixing of the value of the defaulting member's limited 42 43 liability company interest by appraisal or by formula and redemption or

sale of the member's limited liability company interest at such value, or
 other penalty or consequence.

3 Sec. 31. K.S.A. 17-76,103 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-76,103. No obligation of a member or manager of a limited liability 4 5 company to the limited liability company, or to a member or manager of 6 the limited liability company, arising under the operating agreement or a 7 separate agreement or writing, and no note, instrument or other writing 8 evidencing any such obligation of a member or manager, shall be subject 9 to the defense of usury, and no member or manager shall interpose the defense of usury with respect to any such obligation in any action. 10

Sec. 32. K.S.A. 17-76,104 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-76,104. Except as provided in—this—aet *K.S.A.* 17-76,104 through 17-76,110, and amendments thereto, to the extent and at the times or upon the happening of the events specified in an operating agreement, a member is entitled to receive from a limited liability company distributions before the member's resignation from the limited liability company and before the dissolution and winding up thereof.

18 Sec. 33. K.S.A. 17-76,105 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-19 76,105. A manager may resign as a manager of a limited liability company at the time or upon the happening of events specified in an operating 20 21 agreement and in accordance with the limited liability company operating 22 agreement. An operating agreement may provide that a manager shall not 23 have the right to resign as a manager of a limited liability company. 24 Notwithstanding that an operating agreement provides that a manager does 25 not have the right to resign as a manager of a limited liability company, a manager may resign as a manager of a limited liability company at any 26 27 time by giving written notice to the members and other managers. If the 28 resignation of a manager violates an operating agreement, in addition to 29 any remedies otherwise available under applicable law, a limited liability 30 company may recover from the resigning manager damages for breach of 31 the operating agreement and offset the damages against the amount 32 otherwise distributable to the resigning manager.

33 Sec. 34. K.S.A. 17-76,106 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-34 76,106. (a) A member may resign from a limited liability company only at 35 the time or upon the happening of events specified in an operating 36 agreement and in accordance with the operating agreement. 37 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary under applicable law, unless the 38 an operating agreement provides otherwise, a member may not resign 39 from a limited liability company prior to the dissolution and winding up of 40 the limited liability company. Upon resignation the member shall bedeemed to be an assignce and shall have only the rights of an assignce. 41 42 The resigned member is not released from the member's liability, if any, to 43 a limited liability company. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary1 under applicable law, the operating agreement may provide that a limited

liability company interest may not be assigned prior to the dissolution and
 winding up of the limited liability company.

4 (b) Unless otherwise provided in an operating agreement, a limited 5 liability company whose original articles of organization were filed with 6 the secretary of state and effective on or prior to June 30, 2013, shall 7 continue to be governed by this section as in effect on June 30, 2013, and 8 shall not be governed by this section.

9 Sec. 35. K.S.A. 17-76,107 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-76,107. (a) Except as provided in-this act K.S.A. 17-76,104 through 17-10 76,110, and amendments thereto, upon resignation any resigning member 11 is entitled to receive any distribution to which the such member is entitled 12 13 under-the an operating agreement- and, if not otherwise provided in-the an 14 operating agreement, the resigning such member is not entitled to receive, 15 within a reasonable time after resignation, the fair value of the such 16 member's limited liability company interest until the dissolution and 17 winding up of as of the date of resignation based upon such member's right to share in distributions from the limited liability company.-All-18 19 distributions to a resigned member shall be subject to the provisions of 20 K.S.A. 17-76,108, 17-76,109 and 17-76,110, and amendments thereto.

(b) Unless otherwise provided in an operating agreement, a limited
liability company whose original articles of organization were filed with
the secretary of state and effective on or prior to June 30, 2013, shall
continue to be governed by this section in effect on June 30, 2013, and
shall not be governed by this section.

26 Sec. 36. K.S.A. 17-76,110 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-27 76,110. (a) A limited liability company shall not make a distribution to a 28 member to the extent that at the time of the distribution, after giving effect 29 to the distribution, all liabilities of the limited liability company, other than 30 liabilities to members on account of their limited liability company 31 interests and liabilities for which the recourse of creditors is limited to 32 specified property of the limited liability company, exceed the fair value of 33 the assets of the limited liability company, except that the fair value of 34 property that is subject to a liability for which the recourse of creditors is 35 limited shall be included in the assets of the limited liability company only 36 to the extent that the fair value of that property exceeds that liability. For 37 purposes of this subsection, "distribution" shall not include amounts 38 constituting reasonable compensation for present or past services or 39 reasonable payments made in the ordinary course of business pursuant to 40 a bona fide retirement plan or other benefits program.

(b) A member who receives a distribution in violation of subsection
(a) of this section, and who knew at the time of the distribution that the
distribution-violates violated subsection (a) of this section, shall be liable

1 to a limited liability company for the amount of the distribution. A member

2 who receives a distribution in violation of subsection (a)-of this section, 3 and who did not know at the time of the distribution that the distribution 4 violated subsection (a)-of this section, shall not be liable for the amount of 5 the distribution. Subject to subsection (c)-of this section, this subsection 6 shall not affect any obligation or liability of a member under an agreement 7 or other applicable law for the amount of *a* distribution.

8 (c) Unless otherwise agreed, a member who receives a distribution 9 from a limited liability company shall have no liability under this act or 10 other applicable law for the amount of the distribution after the expiration 11 of three years from the date of the distribution unless an action to recover 12 the distribution from such member is commenced prior to the expiration of 13 such the three-year period and an adjudication of liability against such 14 member is made in the action.

Sec. 37. K.S.A. 17-76,112 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-76,112. (a) A limited liability company interest is assignable in whole or in part except as provided in an operating agreement. The assignee of a member's limited liability company interest shall have no right to participate in the management of the business and affairs of a limited liability company, except as provided in an operating agreement-and upon:

(1) The approval of all of the members of the limited liability company other than the member assigning the member's limited liability
 company interest; or

(2) compliance with any procedure provided for in the operatingagreement or, unless otherwise provided in the operating agreement, upon the affirmative vote or written consent of all of the members of the limited liability company. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary under applicable law, an operating agreement may provide that a limited liability company interest may not be assigned prior to the dissolution and winding up of the limited liability company.

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(b) Unless otherwise provided in an operating agreement:

(1) An assignment of a limited liability company interest does not
 entitle the assignee to become or to exercise any rights or powers of a
 member;

(2) an assignment of a limited liability company interest entitles the
assignee to share in such profits and losses, to receive such distribution or
distributions, and to receive such allocation of income, gain, loss,
deduction, or credit or similar item to which the assignor was entitled, to
the extent assigned; and

40 (3) a member ceases to be a member and to have the power to
41 exercise any rights or powers of a member upon assignment of all of the
42 member's limited liability company interest. Unless otherwise provided in
43 an operating agreement, the pledge of, or granting of a security interest,

lien or other encumbrance in or against, any or all of the limited liability
 company interest of a member shall not cause the member to cease to be a
 member or to have the power to exercise any rights or powers of a
 member.

5 (c) Unless otherwise provided in an operating agreement-may provide 6 that, a member's interest in a limited liability company may be evidenced 7 by a certificate of limited liability company interest issued by the limited liability company. An operating agreement may provide for the assignment 8 9 or transfer of any limited liability company interest represented by such a certificate and make other provisions with respect to such certificates. A 10 limited liability company shall not have the power to issue a certificate of 11 12 limited liability company interest in bearer form.

(d) Unless otherwise provided in an operating agreement and except
 to the extent assumed by agreement, until an assignee of a limited liability
 company interest becomes a member, the assignee shall have no liability
 as a member solely as a result of the assignment.

17 (e) Unless otherwise provided in the operating agreement, a limited 18 liability company may acquire, by purchase, redemption or otherwise, any 19 limited liability company interest or other interest of a member or manager 20 in the limited liability company. Unless otherwise provided in the 21 operating agreement, any such interest so acquired by the limited liability 22 company shall be deemed canceled.

(f) If the assignor of a limited liability company interest is the only
 member of the limited liability company at the time of the assignment, the
 assignce shall have the right to participate in the management of the
 business and affairs of the limited liability company as a member.

27 Sec. 38. K.S.A. 17-76,113 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-28 76,113. (a) On application to a court of competent jurisdiction by any by a 29 judgment creditor of a member or of a member's assignee, the a court having jurisdiction may charge the limited liability company interest of the 30 31 member with payment of the unsatisfied amount of the judgment with-32 interest. To the extent so charged, the judgment creditor has only the rights 33 of an assignce of the limited liability company interest. This act does not deprive any member of the benefit of any exemption laws applicable to the 34 35 member's limited liability company interest. The rights provided by this section to the judgment creditor shall be the sole and exclusive remedy of 36 37 a judgment creditor with respect to the member's limited liability company 38 interest. judgment debtor to satisfy the judgment. To the extent so charged, 39 the judgment creditor has only the right to receive any distribution or distributions to which the judgment debtor would otherwise have been 40 41 entitled in respect of such limited liability company interest. 42 (b) A charging order constitutes a lien on the judgment debtor's

43 *limited liability company interest.*

(c) This act does not deprive a member or member's assignee of a
 right under exemption laws with respect to the judgment debtor's limited
 liability company interest.

4 (d) The entry of a charging order is the exclusive remedy by which a
5 judgment creditor of a member or of a member's assignee may satisfy a
6 judgment out of the judgment debtor's limited liability company interest.

7 (e) No creditor of a member or of a member's assignee shall have any
8 right to obtain possession of, or otherwise exercise legal or equitable
9 remedies with respect to, the property of the limited liability company.

10 *(f)* The district court shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine 11 any matter relating to any such charging order.

Sec. 39. K.S.A. 17-76,114 is hereby amended to read as follows: 1776,114. (a) An assignee of a limited liability company interest may become
a member-as provided in an operating agreement and upon:

(1) The approval of all of the members of the limited liability company other than the member assigning the member's limited liability
 company interest; or

(2) compliance with any procedure provided for in the operating agreement.:

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(1) As provided in the operating agreement; or

(2) unless otherwise provided in the operating agreement, upon the
 affirmative vote or written consent of all of the members of the limited
 liability company.

(b) An assignee who has become a member has, to the extent 24 25 assigned, the rights and powers, and is subject to the restrictions and liabilities, of a member under an operating agreement and this act. 26 Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless otherwise provided in an operating 27 28 agreement, an assignee who becomes a member is liable for the 29 obligations of the assignee's assignor to make contributions as provided in K.S.A. 17-76,100, and amendments thereto, but shall not be liable for the 30 31 obligations of the assignee's assignor under any other provision of this act K.S.A. 17-76,104 through 17-76,110, and amendments thereto. However, 32 33 the assignee is not obligated for liabilities, including the obligations of the assignee's assignor to make contributions as provided in K.S.A. 17-76,100, 34 35 and amendments thereto, unknown to the assignee at the time the assignee 36 became a member and which could not be ascertained from an operating 37 agreement.

(c) Whether or not an assignee of a limited liability company interest
becomes a member, the assignor is not released from the assignor'sliability to a limited liability company under any other provision of this act *K.S.A.* 17-7699 through 17-76,110, and amendments thereto.

42 Sec. 40. K.S.A. 17-76,115 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-43 76,115. If a member who is an individual dies or a court of competent

jurisdiction adjudges the member to be incompetent to manage the 1 2 member's person or property, the member's personal representative shall 3 have may exercise all of the member's rights of an assignce of the 4 member's interest, unless the deceased or incompetent member is the only 5 member of the limited liability company, in which case the member's-6 personal representative shall have the right to participate in the 7 management of the business and the affairs of the limited liability-8 company as a member. for the purpose of settling the member's estate or 9 administering the member's property, including any power under an operating agreement of an assignee to become a member. If a member is a 10 corporation, trust or other entity and is dissolved or terminated, the 11 12 powers of that member may be exercised by its personal representative.

Sec. 41. K.S.A. 17-76,116 is hereby amended to read as follows: 1776,116. (a) A limited liability company is dissolved and its affairs shall be
wound up upon the first to occur of the following:

16 (1) At the time specified in an operating agreement, but if no such 17 time is set forth in the operating agreement, then the limited liability 18 company shall have a perpetual existence;

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(2) upon the happening of events specified in an operating agreement;

20 (3) unless otherwise provided in an operating agreement, upon the 21 *affirmative vote or* written consent of the members of the limited liability 22 company; or, if there is more than one class or group of members, then by 23 each class or group of members, in either case, by members who own 24 more than 50% $\frac{3}{3}$ of the then-current percentage or other interest in the 25 profits of the limited liability company owned by all of the members or by 26 the members in each class or group, as appropriate;

(4) at any time there are no members, provided that, the limited *liability company is not dissolved and is not required to be wound up if:*

29 (A) Unless otherwise provided in an operating agreement, the limited 30 liability company is not dissolved and is not required to be wound up if. 31 within 90 days or such other period as is provided for in the operating 32 agreement after the occurrence of the event that terminated the continued 33 membership of the last remaining member, the personal representative of 34 the last remaining member agrees in writing to continue the limited 35 liability company and to the admission of the personal representative of 36 such member or the personal representative's its nominee or designee to 37 the limited liability company as a member, effective as of the occurrence 38 of the event that terminated the continued membership of the last 39 remaining member, except that an operating agreement may provide that 40 the personal representative of the last remaining member shall be 41 obligated to agree in writing to continue the limited liability company and 42 to the admission of the personal representative of such member or its 43 nominee or designee to the limited liability company as a member,

1 effective as of the occurrence of the event that terminated the continued 2 membership of the last remaining member; or

3 (B) a member is admitted to the limited liability company in the 4 manner provided for in the operating agreement, effective as of the 5 occurrence of the event that terminated the continued membership of the 6 last remaining member, within 90 days or such other period as is provided 7 for in the operating agreement after the occurrence of the event that 8 terminated the continued membership of the last remaining member, 9 pursuant to a provision of the operating agreement that specifically provides for the admission of a member to the limited liability company 10 after there is no longer a remaining member of the limited liability 11 12 company; or

(5) the entry of a decree of judicial dissolution under K.S.A. 17-76,117, and amendments thereto.

(b) Unless otherwise provided in an operating agreement, the death, 15 retirement, resignation, expulsion, bankruptcy or dissolution of any 16 17 member or the occurrence of any other event that terminates the continued 18 membership of any member shall not cause the limited liability company 19 to be dissolved or its affairs to be wound up, and upon the occurrence of 20 any such event, the limited liability company shall be continued without 21 dissolution, unless within 90 days following the occurrence of any such 22 event, the remaining members of the limited liability company or, if there 23 is more than one class or group of members, then the remaining members in each class or group of members, in either case, by members who own 24 25 more than 50% of the then-current percentage or other interest in theprofits of the limited liability company owned by all of the members or by 26 27 the members in each class or group, as appropriate, agree in writing to-28 dissolve the limited liability company.

Sec. 42. K.S.A. 17-76,117 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-76,117. (a) A limited liability company may be dissolved involuntarily by order of the district court for the county in which the registered office of the limited liability company is located in an action filed by the attorney general when it is established that the limited liability company:

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(1) Has procured its articles of organization through fraud;

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(2) has exceeded the authority conferred upon it by law;

36 (3) has committed a violation of any provision of law whereby it has37 forfeited its articles of organization;

38 (4) has carried on, conducted or transacted its business in a39 persistently fraudulent or illegal manner; or

40 (5) by the abuse of its powers contrary to the public policy of the 41 state, has become liable to be dissolved.

42 (b) If the business of the limited liability company is suffering or is 43 threatened with irreparable injury because the members of a limited

liability company, or the managers of a limited liability company having 1 2 more than one manager, are so deadlocked respecting the management of 3 the affairs of the limited liability company that the requisite vote for action 4 cannot be obtained and the members are unable to terminate such 5 deadlock, then any member or members in the aggregate owning at least 6 25% of the outstanding interests in either capital or profits and losses in 7 the limited liability company may file with the district court a petition 8 stating that such member or members desire to dissolve the limited 9 liability company and to dispose of the assets thereof in accordance with a 10 plan to be agreed upon by the members or as determined by the district court in the absence of such agreement. Such petition shall have attached 11 12 thereto a copy of a proposed plan of dissolution and distribution and a certificate stating that copies of such petition and plan have been 13 14 transmitted in writing to all of the other members of the limited liability 15 company at least 30 days before the filing of the petition and that the 16 members having the requisite vote required to cause dissolution under the 17 operating agreement have failed or refused to consent to such plan. Unless 18 a majority in interest of the members (who own more than $\frac{2}{3}$ of the then current percentage or other interest in profits of the limited liability 19 20 company owned by all members, or if there is more than one class or 21 group of members, then by each class or group, or such other number of 22 members having the requisite vote to cause dissolution as the operating 23 agreement may provide), file with the district court within the time period 24 for the answer date of the petition, an answer and a certificate stating that 25 they have agreed on either the petitioner's plan, or a modification or 26 alternative thereof, then the district court shall order that such limited 27 liability company be dissolved, if the district court determines that such 28 irreparable injury and deadlock exists. In any proceeding under this 29 section, the court may appoint one or more trustees or receivers with all 30 the powers and title of a trustee or receiver appointed under K.S.A. 17-31 6808, and amendments thereto, to administer and wind up the limited liability company's affairs and may grant such other relief as the court 32 33 deems equitable.

34 Sec. 43. K.S.A. 17-76,118 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-35 76,118. (a) Unless otherwise provided in the operating agreement, a 36 manager who has not wrongfully dissolved a limited liability company or, 37 if none, the members or a person approved by the members or, if there is 38 more than one class or group of members, then by each class or group of 39 members, in either case, by members who own more than 50% of the then 40 current percentage or other interest in the profits of the limited liability 41 company owned by all of the members or by the members in each class or 42 group, as appropriate, may wind up the limited liability company's affairs; 43 but the district court upon cause shown, may wind up the limited liability company's affairs upon application of any member or manager, *or the member's* personal representative or assignee, and in connection therewith,
 may appoint a liquidating trustee.

4 (b) Upon dissolution of a limited liability company and until the 5 filing of a certificate of dissolution cancellation as provided in K.S.A. 17-6 7675, and amendments thereto, the persons winding up the limited liability 7 company's affairs may, in the name of, and for and on behalf of, the 8 limited liability company, prosecute and defend suits, whether civil, 9 criminal or administrative, gradually settle and close the limited liability 10 company's business, dispose of and convey the limited liability company's property, discharge or make reasonable provision for the limited liability 11 12 company's liabilities, and distribute to the members any remaining assets of the limited liability company, all without affecting the liability of 13 14 member members and managers and without imposing liability on a 15 liquidating trustee.

Sec. 44. K.S.A. 17-76,119 is hereby amended to read as follows: 1776,119. (a) Upon the winding up of a limited liability company, the assets
shall be distributed as follows:

(1) To creditors, including members and managers who are creditors,
to the extent otherwise permitted by law, in satisfaction of liabilities of the
limited liability company—(, whether by payment or the making of
reasonable provision for payment thereof), other than liabilities for which
reasonable provision for payment has been made and liabilities for
distributions to members and former members under K.S.A. 17-76,104 or
17-76,107, and amendments thereto;

(2) unless otherwise provided in an operating agreement, to members
and former members in satisfaction of liabilities for distributions under
K.S.A. *17-76,104 or* 17-76,107, and amendments thereto;

(3) unless otherwise provided in an operating agreement, to members
first for the return of their contributions and second respecting their limited
liability company interests, in the proportions in which the members share
in distributions.

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(b) A limited liability company which has dissolved shall:

(1) Pay or make reasonable provision to pay all claims and
 obligations, including all contingent, conditional or unmatured claims and
 obligations contractual claims, known to the limited liability company-and
 all claims and obligations which are known to the limited liability company but for which the identity of the claimant is unknown.;

(2) make such provision as will be reasonably likely to be sufficient to
provide compensation for any claim against the limited liability company
which is the subject of a pending action, suit or proceeding to which the
limited liability company is a party; and

43 (3) make such provision as will be reasonably likely to be sufficient to

1 provide compensation for claims that have not been made known to the 2 limited liability company or that have not arisen but that, based on facts 3 known to the limited liability company, are likely to arise or to become 4 known to the limited liability company within 10 years after the date of 5 dissolution.

6 If there are sufficient assets, such claims and obligations shall be paid 7 in full and any such provision for payment made shall be made in full. If 8 there are insufficient assets, such claims and obligations shall be paid or 9 provided for according to their priority and, among claims and obligations of equal priority, ratably to the extent of assets available therefor. Unless 10 otherwise provided in an the operating agreement, any remaining assets 11 12 shall be distributed as provided in this act. Any liquidating trustee winding up a limited liability company's affairs who has complied with this section 13 shall not be personally liable to the claimants of the dissolved limited 14 15 liability company by reasons reason of such person's actions in winding up 16 the limited liability company.

17 (c) A member who receives a distribution in violation of subsection (a) and who knew at the time of the distribution that the distribution 18 19 violated subsection (a), shall be liable to the limited liability company for the amount of the distribution. For purposes of the immediately preceding 20 21 sentence, the term "distribution" shall not include amounts constituting 22 reasonable compensation for present or past services or reasonable 23 payments made in the ordinary course of business pursuant to a bona fide 24 retirement plan or other benefits program. A member who receives a 25 distribution in violation of subsection (a) and who did not know at the time of the distribution that the distribution violated subsection (a), shall not be 26 27 liable for the amount of the distribution. Subject to subsection (d), this 28 subsection shall not affect any obligation or liability of a member under 29 an agreement or other applicable law for the amount of a distribution.

30 (d) Unless otherwise agreed, a member who receives a distribution 31 from a limited liability company to which this section applies shall have 32 no liability under this act or other applicable law for the amount of the 33 distribution after the expiration of three years from the date of the 34 distribution unless an action to recover the distribution from such member 35 is commenced prior to the expiration of the three-year period and an 36 adjudication of liability against such member is made in the action.

(e) K.S.A. 17 76,110, and amendments thereto, shall not apply to a
distribution to which this section applies.

Sec. 45. 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:

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(a) The name of the foreign limited liability company;

5 (b) the state or other jurisdiction or country where organized, the date 6 of its organization and a statement issued by an appropriate authority in 7 that jurisdiction or by a third-party agent authorized by the secretary of 8 state that the foreign limited liability company exists in good standing 9 under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization;

10 (c) the nature of the business or purposes to be conducted or 11 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;

15 (e) an irrevocable written consent of the foreign limited liability 16 company that actions may be commenced against it in the proper court of 17 any county where there is proper venue by the service of process on the 18 secretary of state as provided for in K.S.A. 60-304, and amendments 19 thereto, and stipulating and agreeing that such service shall be taken and 20 held, in all courts, to be as valid and binding as if due service had been 21 made upon the general partners a member of the foreign limited liability 22 company, if such foreign limited liability company is member-managed, or 23 upon a manager of the foreign limited liability company, if such foreign 24 *limited liability company is manager-managed;*

(f) 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

(g) 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.

Sec. 46. K.S.A. 17-76,121a is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-76,121a. (a) Activities of a foreign limited liability company which do not constitute doing business within the meaning of K.S.A. 17-76,121, and amendments thereto, include:

(1) Maintaining, defending or settling an action or proceeding;

38 (2) holding meetings *of its members or managers* or carrying on any
 39 other activity concerning its internal affairs;

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(3) maintaining bank accounts;

(4) maintaining offices or agencies for the transfer, exchange and or
 registration of the company's own securities or maintaining trustees or
 depositories with respect to those securities;

(5) selling through independent contractors;

2 (6) soliciting or obtaining orders, whether by mail or through
3 employees or agents or otherwise, if the orders require acceptance outside
4 this state before they become contracts;

5 (7) selling, by contract consummated outside the state of Kansas, and 6 agreeing, by the contract, to deliver into the state of Kansas machinery, 7 plants or equipment, the construction, erection or installation of which 8 within the state requires the supervision of technical engineers or skilled 9 employees performing services not generally available, and as part of the 10 contract of sale agreeing to furnish such services, and such services only, 11 to the vendee at the time of construction, erection or installation;

(7) (8) creating, as borrower or lender, or acquiring indebtedness,
 mortgages or security interests with or without a mortgage or other
 security interest in real or personal property;

(8) securing or (9) collecting debts or foreclosing mortgages or
 other security interests in property securing the debts, and holding,
 protecting and maintaining property so acquired;

18 (9) (10) conducting an isolated transaction that is completed within 19 30 days and is not one in the course of similar transactions of like nature; 20 and

(10) (11) transacting business in interstate commerce.

(b) The ownership in this state of income producing real property or
tangible personal property, other than property excluded under subsection
(a), constitutes doing business in this state. 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.

(c) This section does not apply in determining the contacts or
 activities that may subject whether a foreign limited liability company is
 subject to service of process, taxation or regulation under any other law of
 this state.

32 (d) The provisions of this section shall be part of and supplemental to
 33 the Kansas revised limited liability company act.

Sec. 47. K.S.A. 17-76,122 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-76,122. (a) If the secretary of state finds that an application for registration conforms to law and all requisite fees have been paid, the secretary of state shall:

(1) Certify that the application has been filed in the secretary of
state's office by endorsing upon the original application the word "filed"
and the date and hour of the filing, and the endorsement is conclusive of
the date and time of its filing in the absence of actual fraud; and

42 (2) file and index the endorsed application.

43 (b) The duplicate- A copy of the application, similarly certified, shall

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1 be returned to the person who filed the application or that person's 2 representative.

3 Sec. 48. K.S.A. 17-76,123 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-4 76,123. (a) The secretary of state shall not issue a registration to a foreign 5 limited liability company unless the name of such limited liability 6 company is such as to distinguish it upon the records of the office of the 7 secretary of state from the names of other limited liability companies, 8 corporations or limited partnerships organized under the laws of this state or reserved or registered as a foreign limited liability company, foreign 9 corporation or foreign limited partnership under the laws of this state, 10 except that a foreign limited liability company may register under a name 11 which is not such as to distinguish it upon the records of the office of the 12 secretary of state from the name of other limited liability companies, 13 14 corporations or limited partnerships organized under the laws of this state 15 or reserved or registered as a foreign limited liability company, foreign 16 corporation or foreign limited partnership under the laws of this state if:

(1) Written consent is obtained from the other *domestic or foreign*limited liability company, corporation or limited partnership and filed with
the secretary of state; or

20 (2) it indicates as a means of identification and in its advertising 21 within this state, the state in which the *foreign* limited liability company 22 was formed, and the application sets forth this condition.

(b) Each foreign limited liability company shall have and maintain inthe state of Kansas:

(1) A registered office which may but need not be its place ofbusiness in the state of Kansas; and

27 (2) a resident agent for service of process on the limited liability 28 company, which agent may be an individual resident of the state of 29 Kansas, a domestic corporation, a domestic limited partnership, a domestic 30 limited liability company, a domestic business trust, or a foreign 31 corporation, foreign limited partnership, foreign limited liability company 32 or foreign business trust authorized to do business in the state of Kansas 33 whose business office is identical with the limited liability company's 34 registered office.

35 (c) A resident agent may change the address of the registered office of 36 the foreign limited liability companies for which the resident agent is 37 resident agent to another address in the state of Kansas by: (1) Paying the 38 fee required by this act; (2) filing with the secretary of state a certificate 39 executed by the resident agent, setting forth the names of all the foreign 40 limited liability companies represented by the resident agent and the address at which the resident agent has maintained the registered office for 41 each of such foreign limited liability companies; and (3) certifying to the 42 new address to which each such registered office will be changed on a 43

1 given day and at which the resident agent will thereafter maintain the registered office for each of the foreign limited liability companies recited 2 3 in the certificate. Upon the filing of the certificate, the secretary of state 4 shall furnish to the resident agent a certified copy of such certificate. 5 Thereafter, or until further change of address, as authorized by law, the 6 registered office in the state of Kansas of each of the foreign limited 7 liability companies recited in the certificate shall be located at the new 8 address of the resident agent of the company given in the certificate. Filing 9 of the certificate shall be considered an amendment of the application of 10 each foreign limited liability company affected by the certificate, and the foreign limited liability company shall not be required to take any further 11 12 action with respect thereto, to amend its application. Any resident agent filing a certificate under this section, upon such filing, shall deliver 13 promptly a copy of such certificate to each foreign limited liability 14 15 company affected thereby. The resident agent shall furnish the secretary of 16 state one additional copy of the certificate for each limited liability 17 company affected.

18 (d) The resident agent of one or more foreign limited liability 19 companies may resign and appoint a successor resident agent by paying 20 the fee required by this act and filing a certificate with the secretary of 21 state, stating that the resident agent resigns as resident agent for the foreign 22 limited liability company identified in the certificate and giving the name 23 and address of the successor resident agent. There shall be attached to the 24 certificate a statement executed by each affected foreign limited liability 25 company ratifying and approving the change of resident agent. Upon the filing. the successor resident agent shall become the resident agent of those 26 27 foreign limited liability companies that have ratified and approved the 28 substitution and the successor resident agent's address, as stated in the 29 certificate, shall become the address of each such foreign limited liability 30 company's registered office in the state of Kansas. Filing of the certificate 31 of resignation shall be deemed to be an amendment of the application of 32 each foreign limited liability company affected by the certificate, and the 33 foreign limited liability company shall not be required to take any further 34 action with respect thereto, to amend its application. The resident agent 35 shall furnish the secretary of state one additional copy of the certificate for 36 each limited liability company affected.

(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 1 2 resignation of the resident agent was sent by certified or registered mail to 3 each foreign limited liability company for which the resident agent is 4 resigning as resident agent. The affidavit shall be sworn to by the resident 5 agent, if an individual, or the president, a vice-president or the secretary of 6 the resident agent, if a corporation. The affidavit shall state that the notice 7 was sent to the principal office of each of the foreign limited liability 8 companies within or outside the state of Kansas, if known to the resident 9 agent or, if not, to the last known address of the attorney or other 10 individual at whose request the resident agent was appointed for the foreign limited liability company. After receipt of the notice of the 11 12 resignation of its resident agent, the foreign limited liability company for 13 which the resident agent was acting shall obtain and designate a new 14 resident agent, to take the place of the resident agent resigning. If a foreign 15 limited liability company fails to obtain and designate a new resident agent 16 within 60 days after the filing by the resident agent of the certificate of 17 resignation, that foreign limited liability company shall not be permitted to do business in the state of Kansas and its registration shall be considered 18 19 canceled.

20 Sec. 49. K.S.A. 17-76,124 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-21 76,124. If any statement in the application for registration of a foreign 22 limited liability company was false in any material respect when made or 23 any arrangements or other facts described have changed, making the 24 application inaccurate in any *material* respect, the foreign limited liability 25 company shall file promptly with the secretary of state a certificate, 26 executed by an authorized person, correcting the statement, together with 27 the fee required by this act.

28 Sec. 50. K.S.A. 17-76,125 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-76,125. A foreign limited liability company may cancel its registration by 29 filing with the secretary of state a certificate of cancellation executed by 30 31 the members an authorized person, together with the fee required by this 32 act and the annual report and annual report fee for any tax period which 33 has ended. A cancellation does not terminate the authority of the secretary 34 of state to accept service of process on the foreign limited liability 35 company with respect to causes of action arising out of the doing of 36 business in the state of Kansas.

Sec. 51. K.S.A. 17-76,126 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-76,126. (a) A foreign limited liability company doing business in the state of Kansas may not maintain any action, suit or proceeding in the state of Kansas until it has registered in this state and has paid to the state all fees and penalties for the years, or parts thereof, during which it did business in the state without having registered.

43 (b) The failure of a foreign limited liability company to register in the

1 state of Kansas does not:

2 (1) Impair the validity of any contract or act of the foreign limited3 liability company;

4 (2) impair the right of any other party to the contract to maintain any 5 action, suit or proceeding on the contract; or

6 (3) prevent the foreign limited liability company from defending any 7 action, suit or proceeding in any court of the state of Kansas.

8 (c) A member *or a manager* of a foreign limited liability company is 9 not-personally liable for the *obligations of the* foreign limited liability 10 company solely by reason of the limited liability company's having done 11 business in the state of Kansas without registration.

12 Sec. 52. K.S.A. 17-76,127 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-76,127. The district court shall have jurisdiction to enjoin any foreign 13 limited liability company, or any agent of a foreign limited liability 14 company, from doing any business in the state of Kansas if the foreign 15 16 limited liability company has failed to register under-this act K.S.A. 17-17 76,120 through 17-76,129, and amendments thereto, or if such foreign limited liability company has secured a certificate from the secretary of 18 19 state under K.S.A. 17-76,122, and amendments thereto, on the basis of false or misleading representations. The attorney general, upon the 20 21 attorney general's own motion or upon the relation of proper parties, shall 22 proceed for this purpose by petition in any county in which the foreign 23 limited liability company is doing or has done business.

Sec. 53. K.S.A. 17-76,128 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-76,128. Subsection (e) (d) of K.S.A. 17-7676, and amendments thereto, shall be applicable to foreign limited liability companies as if they were domestic limited liability companies.

Sec. 54. K.S.A. 17-76,130 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-76,130. A member *or an assignee of a limited liability company interest* may bring an action in the district court in the right of a limited liability company to recover a judgment in its favor if managers or members with authority to do so have refused to bring the action or if an effort to cause those managers or members to bring the action is not likely to succeed.

Sec. 55. K.S.A. 17-76,131 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-76,131. In a derivative action, the plaintiff must be a member *or an assignee of a limited liability company interest* at the time of bringing the action and:

(a) At the time of the transaction of which the member *plaintiff*(b) complains; or

(b) the member's plaintiff's status as a member or an assignee of a *limited liability company interest* had devolved upon the member plaintiff
by operation of law or pursuant to the terms of an operating agreement
from a person who was a member or an assignee of a limited liability

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1 *company interest* at the time of the transaction.

2 Sec. 56. K.S.A. 17-76,133 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-3 76,133. If a derivative action is successful, in whole or in part, as a result 4 of a judgment, compromise or settlement of any such action, the district 5 court may award the plaintiff reasonable expenses, including reasonable 6 attorney attorney's fees, from any recovery in any such action or from a 8 limited liability company.

8 Sec. 57. K.S.A. 17-76,134 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-9 76,134. (a) The rule that statutes in derogation of the common law are to 10 be strictly construed shall have no application to this act.

11 (b) It is the policy of this act to give the maximum effect to the 12 principle of freedom of contract and to the enforceability of operating 13 agreements.

14 (c) To the extent that, at law or in equity, a member or manager or other person has duties-(, including fiduciary duties) and liabilities relating 15 16 thereto, to a limited liability company or to; another member or manager: or to another person that is a party to or is otherwise bound by an 17 operating agreement, the member's or manager's or other person's duties 18 19 may be expanded or restricted or eliminated by provisions in the operating 20 agreement, except that the operating agreement may not eliminate the 21 implied contractual covenant of good faith and fair dealing.

(1) any such (d) Unless otherwise provided in an operating agreement, a member or manager or other person acting under anoperating agreement shall not be liable to-the a limited liability company or to any such other another member or, manager or to another person who is a party to or is otherwise bound by an operating agreement for breach of fiduciary duty for the member's or manager's or other person's good faith reliance on the provisions of the operating agreement; and

29 (2) The member's or manager's or other person's duties and liabilities
 30 may be expanded or restricted by provisions in an operating agreement.

31 (e) An operating agreement may provide for the limitation or elimination of any and all liabilities for breach of contract and breach of 32 duties, including fiduciary duties, of a member, manager or other person 33 to a limited liability company or to another member or manager or to 34 another person that is a party to or is otherwise bound by an operating 35 36 agreement, except that an operating agreement may not limit or eliminate 37 liability for any act or omission that constitutes a bad faith violation of the 38 implied contractual covenant of good faith and fair dealing.

(f) Unless the context otherwise requires, as used herein, the singular
 shall include the plural and the plural may refer to only the singular.

41 (g) K.S.A. 84-9-406 and 84-9-408, and amendments thereto, do not 42 apply to any interest in a limited liability company, including all rights, 43 powers and interests arising under an operating agreement or this act. 21

This provision prevails over K.S.A. 84-9-406 and 84-9-408, and 1 2 amendments thereto.

3 (h) Action validly taken pursuant to one provision of this act shall not 4 be deemed invalid solely because it is identical or similar in substance to 5 an action that could have been taken pursuant to some other provision of this act but fails to satisfy one or more requirements prescribed by such 6 7 other provision.

8 (i) An operating agreement that provides for the application of 9 Kansas law shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the state 10 of Kansas in accordance with its terms.

Sec. 58. K.S.A. 17-76,136 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-11 76,136. (a) The secretary of state shall charge each domestic and foreign 12 13 limited liability company the following fees:

(1) A fee of \$20 for issuing or filing and indexing any of the 14 15 following documents: 16

(A) A certificate of amendment of articles of organization;

17 a restated articles of organization; (B)

18 (C) a certificate of cancellation;

19 (D) a certificate of change of location of registered office or resident 20 agent;

(E) a certificate of merger, or consolidation or conversion; and

22 any certificate, affidavit, agreement or any other paper provided (F) 23 for in this act, for which no different fee is specifically prescribed;

24 (2) a fee of \$7.50 for each certified copy plus a fee per page, if the 25 secretary of state supplies the copies, in an amount fixed by the secretary of state and approved by the director of accounts and reports for copies of 26 27 corporate documents under K.S.A. 45-204, and amendments thereto;

28 (3) a fee of \$7.50 for each certificate of good standing and certificate 29 of fact issued by the secretary of state;

(4) a fee of \$5 for a report of record search, but furnishing the 30 31 following information shall not be considered a record search and no 32 charge shall be made therefor: Name of the limited liability company and 33 the address of its registered office; name and address of the resident agent; 34 the state of the limited liability company's formation; the date of filing of 35 its articles of organization or annual report; and date of expiration; and

36 (5) for photocopies of instruments on file or prepared by the secretary 37 of state's office and which are not certified, a fee per page in an amount 38 fixed by the secretary of state and approved by the director of accounts and 39 reports for copies of corporate documents under K.S.A. 45-204, and 40 amendments thereto.

41 (b) Every limited liability company hereafter formed in this state shall pay to the secretary of state, at the time of filing its articles of organization, 42 43 an application and recording fee of \$150.

1 (c) At the time of filing its application to do business, every foreign 2 limited liability company shall pay to the secretary of state an application 3 and recording fee of \$150.

4 (*d*) The fee for filing a certificate of reinstatement shall be the same 5 as that prescribed by K.S.A. 17-7506, and amendments thereto, for filing a 6 certificate of reinstatement of a corporation's articles of incorporation.

Sec. 59. K.S.A. 17-76,137 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-76,137. All provisions of this act may be-amended altered from time to time or repealed and all rights of members and managers are subject to this reservation. Unless expressly stated to the contrary in this act, all amendments of this act shall apply to limited liability companies and members and managers whether or not existing as such at the time of the enactment of any such amendment.

14 Sec. 60. K.S.A. 17-76,139 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-76,139. (a) Every limited liability company organized under the laws of 15 16 this state shall make an annual report in writing to the secretary of state, 17 stating the prescribed information concerning the limited liability company 18 at the close of business on the last day of its tax period next preceding the 19 date of filing. If the limited liability company's tax period is other than the 20 calendar year, it shall give notice of its different tax period in writing to the 21 secretary of state prior to December 31 of the year it commences the 22 different tax period. The annual report shall be filed at the time prescribed 23 by law for filing the limited liability company's annual Kansas income tax 24 return. The annual report shall be made on a form prescribed by the 25 secretary of state. The report shall contain the following information:

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(1) The name of the limited liability company; and

(2) a list of the members owning at least 5% of the capital of the *limited liability* company, with the post office address of each.

29 (b) Every foreign limited liability company shall make an annual report in writing to the secretary of state, stating the prescribed 30 31 information concerning the limited liability company at the close of 32 business on the last day of its tax period next preceding the date of filing. 33 If the limited liability company's tax period is other than the calendar year, 34 it shall give notice in writing of its different tax period to the secretary of 35 state prior to December 31 of the year it commences the different tax 36 period. The annual report shall be filed at the time prescribed by law for 37 filing the limited liability company's annual Kansas income tax return. The 38 annual report shall be made on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. 39 The report shall contain the name of the limited liability company.

40 (c) The annual report required by this section shall be dated, signed
41 by a member of the limited liability company under penalty of perjury and
42 forwarded to the executed by one or more authorized persons, and filed
43 with the secretary of state. The execution of such annual report by a

1 person who is authorized by this act to execute such annual report, upon

filing such annual report with the secretary of state, constitutes an oath or affirmation, under penalties of perjury that, to the best of such person's knowledge and belief, the facts stated therein are true. At the time of filing
the report, the limited liability company shall pay to the secretary of state
an annual report fee in an amount equal to \$40.

7 (d) The provisions of K.S.A. 17-7509, and amendments thereto, 8 relating to penalties for failure of a corporation to file an annual report or 9 pay the required annual report fee, and the provisions of subsection (a) of 10 K.S.A. 17-7510, and amendments thereto, relating to penalties for failure of a corporation to file an annual report or pay the required annual report 11 12 fee, shall be applicable to the articles of organization of any domestic 13 limited liability company or to the authority of any foreign limited liability company which fails to file its annual report or pay the annual report fee 14 15 within 90 days of the time prescribed in this section for filing and paying 16 the same. Whenever the articles of organization of a domestic limited 17 liability company or the authority of any foreign limited liability company 18 are forfeited for failure to file an annual report or to pay the required 19 annual report fee, the domestic limited liability company or the authority 20 of a foreign limited liability company may be reinstated by filing a 21 certificate of reinstatement, in the manner and form to be prescribed by the 22 secretary of state pursuant to section 65, and amendments thereto, and 23 paying to the secretary of state all fees, including any penalties thereon, 24 due to the state. The fee for filing a certificate of reinstatement shall be the 25 same as that prescribed by K.S.A. 17-7506, and amendments thereto, for 26 filing a certificate of reinstatement of a corporation's articles of-27 incorporation.

(e) When reinstatement is effective, it relates back to and takes effect
 as of the effective date of the forfeiture and the company may resume its
 business as if the forfeiture had never occurred.

(f) (e) No limited liability company shall be required to file its first annual report under this act, or pay any annual report fee required to accompany such report, unless such limited liability company has filed its articles of organization or application for authority at least six months prior to the last day of its tax period.

36 (g) (f) All copies of applications for extension of the time for filing 37 income tax returns submitted to the secretary of state pursuant to law shall 38 be maintained by the secretary of state in a confidential file and shall not 39 be disclosed to any person except as authorized pursuant to the provisions 40 of K.S.A. 79-3234, and amendments thereto, a proper judicial order, or 41 subsection (h) (g). All copies of such applications shall be preserved for 42 one year and thereafter until the secretary of state orders that they be 43 destroyed.

(h) (g) A copy of such application shall be open to inspection by or
 disclosure to any person who was a member of such limited liability
 company during any part of the period covered by the extension.

4 Sec. 61. K.S.A. 17-76,140 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-5 76,140. From and after January 1, 2000 July 1, 2013, this act shall be 6 applicable to all limited liability companies formed in Kansas, whether 7 formed before or after such date.

8 K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 17-76,143 is hereby amended to read as Sec. 62. 9 follows: 17-76,143. (a) An operating agreement may establish or provide for the establishment of one or more designated series of members, 10 managers or limited liability company interests having separate rights, 11 12 powers or duties with respect to specified property or obligations of the limited liability company or profits and losses associated with specified 13 property or obligations, and to the extent provided in the operating 14 15 agreement, any such series may have a separate business purpose or 16 investment objective.

17 (b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this section 18 or under other applicable law, in the event that an operating agreement 19 establishes or provides for the establishment of one or more series, and if 20 the records maintained for any such series account for the assets associated 21 with such series separately from the other assets of the limited liability 22 company, or any other series thereof, and if the operating agreement so 23 provides, and if notice of the limitation on liabilities of a series as 24 referenced in this subsection is set forth in the articles of organization of 25 the limited liability company and if the limited liability company has filed a certificate of designation for each series which is to have limited liability 26 27 under this section, then the debts, liabilities, obligations and expenses 28 incurred, contracted for or otherwise existing with respect to a particular 29 series shall be enforceable against the assets of such series only, and not against the assets of the limited liability company generally or any other 30 31 series thereof, and, unless otherwise provided in the operating agreement, 32 none of the debts, liabilities, obligations and expenses incurred, contracted 33 for or otherwise existing with respect to the limited liability company 34 generally or any other series thereof shall be enforceable against the assets 35 of such series. The fact that the articles of organization contain the 36 foregoing notice of the limitation on liabilities of a series and a certificate 37 of designation for a series is on file in the office of the secretary of state 38 shall constitute notice of such limitation on liabilities of a series. A series 39 with limited liability shall be treated as a separate entity to the extent set 40 forth in the articles of organization. Each series with limited liability may, 41 in its own name, contract, hold title to assets, grant security interests, sue 42 and be sued and otherwise conduct business and exercise the powers of a 43 limited liability company under this act. The limited liability company and

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any of its series may elect to consolidate their operations as a single taxpayer to the extent permitted under applicable law, elect to work cooperatively, elect to contract jointly or elect to be treated as a single business for purposes of qualification to do business in this or any other state. Such elections shall not affect the limitation of liability set forth in

5 state. Such elections shall not affect the limitation of liability set forth in
6 this section except to the extent that the series have specifically accepted
7 joint liability by contract.
(a) Except in the case of a foreign limited liability company that here

8 (c) Except in the case of a foreign limited liability company that has 9 adopted an assumed name pursuant to K.S.A. 17-76,123, and amendments 10 thereto, the name of the series with limited liability must contain the entire name of the limited liability company and be distinguishable from the 11 12 names of the other series set forth in the articles of organization. In the 13 case of a foreign limited liability company that has adopted an assumed name pursuant to K.S.A. 17-76,123, and amendments thereto, the name of 14 15 the series with limited liability must contain the entire name under which 16 the foreign limited liability company has been admitted to transact 17 business in this state

18 (d) Upon the filing of the certificate of designation with the secretary 19 of state setting forth the name of each series with limited liability, the series' existence shall begin, and copies of the filed certificate of 20 21 designation marked with the filing date shall be conclusive evidence, 22 except as against the state, that all conditions precedent required to be 23 performed have been complied with and that the series has been or shall be 24 legally organized and formed under this act. If different from the limited 25 liability company, the certificate of designation for each series shall list the 26 names of the members if the series is member managed or the names of 27 the managers if the series is manager managed. The name of a series with 28 limited liability under subsection (b) may be changed by filing with the 29 secretary of state a certificate of designation identifying the series whose 30 name is being changed and the new name of such series. If not the same as 31 the limited liability company, the names of the members of a member 32 managed series or of the managers of a manager managed series may be changed by filing a new certificate of designation with the secretary of 33 34 state. A series with limited liability under subsection (b) may be dissolved 35 by filing with the secretary of state a certificate of designation identifying 36 the series being dissolved or by the dissolution of the limited liability 37 company as provided in subsection (m). Certificates of designation may be 38 executed by the limited liability company or any manager, person or entity 39 designated in the operating agreement for the limited liability company.

40 (e) A series of a limited liability company will be deemed to be in 41 good standing as long as the limited liability company is in good standing.

42 (f) The-registered *resident* agent and registered office for the limited 43 liability company in Kansas shall serve as the agent and office for service 1 of process in Kansas for each series.

2 (g) An operating agreement may provide for classes or groups of 3 members or managers associated with a series having such relative rights, 4 powers and duties as the operating agreement may provide, and may make 5 provision for the future creation of additional classes or groups of 6 members or managers associated with the series having such relative 7 rights, powers and duties as may from time to time be established, 8 including rights, powers and duties senior to existing classes and groups of 9 members or managers associated with the series.

(h) A series may be managed by either the member or members
associated with the series or by a manager or managers chosen by the
members of such series, as provided in the operating agreement. Unless
otherwise provided in an operating agreement, the management of a series
shall be vested in the members associated with such series.

(i) An operating agreement may grant to all or certain identified
members or managers or a specified class or group of the members or
managers associated with a series the right to vote separately or with all or
any class or group of the members or managers associated with the series,
on any matter. An operating agreement may provide that any member or
class or group of members associated with a series shall have no voting
rights.

(j) Except to the extent modified in this section, the provisions of this
 act which are generally applicable to limited liability companies, their
 managers, members and transferees shall be applicable to each particular
 series with respect to the operation of such series.

(k) Except as otherwise provided in an operating agreement, any
event under this act or in an operating agreement that causes a manager to
cease to be a manager with respect to a series shall not, in itself, cause
such manager to cease to be a manager of the limited liability company or
with respect to any other series thereof.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in an operating agreement, any event under this act or an operating agreement that causes a member to cease to be associated with a series shall not, in itself, cause such member to cease to be associated with any other series or terminate the continued membership of a member in the limited liability company or cause the termination of the series, regardless of whether such member was the last remaining member associated with such series.

(m) Except to the extent otherwise provided in the operating agreement, a series may be dissolved and its affairs wound up without causing the dissolution of the limited liability company. The dissolution of a series established in accordance with subsection (b) shall not affect the limitation on liabilities of such series provided by subsection (b). A series is terminated and its affairs shall be wound up upon the dissolution of the limited liability company under article 76 of chapter 17 of the Kansas
 Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

3 (n) If a limited liability company with the ability to establish a series 4 does not register to do business in a foreign jurisdiction for itself and 5 certain of its series, a series of a limited liability company may itself 6 register to do business as a limited liability company in the foreign 7 jurisdiction in accordance with the laws of the foreign jurisdiction.

8 (o) If a foreign limited liability company, as permitted in the 9 jurisdiction of its organization, has established a series having separate 10 rights, powers or duties and has limited the liabilities of such series so that the debts, liabilities and obligations incurred, contracted for or otherwise 11 12 existing with respect to a particular series are enforceable against the 13 assets of such series only, and not against the assets of the limited liability company generally or any other series thereof, or so that the debts, 14 liabilities, obligations and expenses incurred, contracted for or otherwise 15 existing with respect to the limited liability company generally or any 16 17 other series thereof are not enforceable against the assets of such series, then the limited liability company, on behalf of itself or any of its series, or 18 19 any of its series on their own behalf may register to do business in the state 20 in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 17-76,121, and amendments 21 thereto. The limitation of liability shall be so stated on the application for 22 admission as a foreign limited liability company and a certificate of 23 designation shall be filed for each series being registered to do business in 24 the state by the limited liability company. Unless otherwise provided in the 25 operating agreement, the debts, liabilities and obligations incurred, contracted for or otherwise existing with respect to a particular series of 26 27 such a foreign limited liability company shall be enforceable against the 28 assets of such series only, and not against the assets of the foreign limited 29 liability company generally or any other series thereof and none of the debts, liabilities, obligations and expenses incurred, contracted for or 30 31 otherwise existing with respect to such a foreign limited liability company 32 generally or any other series thereof shall be enforceable against the assets 33 of such series

34 New Sec. 63. When the articles of organization of any limited 35 liability company formed under this act shall be canceled by the filing of a 36 certificate of cancellation pursuant to K.S.A. 17-7675, and amendments 37 thereto, the district court, on application of any creditor, member or 38 manager of the limited liability company, or any other person who shows 39 good cause therefor, at any time, may either appoint one or more of the 40 managers of the limited liability company to be trustees, or appoint one or 41 more persons to be receivers, of and for the limited liability company, to 42 take charge of the limited liability company's property, and to collect the 43 debts and property due and belonging to the limited liability company,

1 with the power to prosecute and defend, in the name of the limited liability 2 company, or otherwise, all such suits as may be necessary or proper for the 3 purposes aforesaid, and to appoint an agent or agents under them, and to 4 do all other acts which might be done by the limited liability company, if 5 in being, that may be necessary for the final settlement of the unfinished 6 business of the limited liability company. The powers of the trustees or 7 receivers may be continued as long as the district court shall think 8 necessary for the purposes aforesaid.

9 New Sec. 64. Notwithstanding the occurrence of an event set forth in 10 subsections (a)(1) through (a)(4) of K.S.A. 17-76,116, and amendments thereto, the limited liability company shall not be dissolved and its affairs 11 shall not be wound up if, prior to the filing of a certificate of cancellation 12 with the secretary of state, the limited liability company is continued, 13 14 effective as of the occurrence of such event, pursuant to the affirmative vote or written consent of all remaining members of the limited liability 15 16 company or the personal representative of the last remaining member of 17 the limited liability company if there is no remaining member, and any 18 other person whose approval is required under the operating agreement to 19 revoke a dissolution pursuant to this section, except that if the dissolution 20 was caused by a vote or written consent, the dissolution shall not be 21 revoked unless each member and other person, or their respective personal 22 representatives, who voted in favor of, or consented to, the dissolution has 23 voted or consented in writing to continue the limited liability company. If 24 there is no remaining member of the limited liability company and the 25 personal representative of the last remaining member votes in favor of or consents to the continuation of the limited liability company, such personal 26 27 representative shall be required to agree in writing to the admission of the 28 personal representative of such member or its nominee or designee to the 29 limited liability company as a member, effective as of the occurrence of 30 the event that terminated the continued membership of the last remaining 31 member.

32 New Sec. 65. (a) A domestic limited liability company whose articles 33 of organization or a foreign limited liability company whose authority to 34 do business has been canceled pursuant to subsection (d) or (e) of K.S.A. 35 17-7666 or subsection (e) of 17-76,123, and amendments thereto, or whose articles of organization or authority to do business has been forfeited 36 37 pursuant to subsection (d) of K.S.A. 17-76,139, and amendments thereto, 38 may be reinstated by filing with the secretary of state a certificate of 39 reinstatement accompanied by the payment of the fee required by 40 subsection (d) of K.S.A. 17-76,136, and amendments thereto, and payment of the annual report fees due under subsection (c) of K.S.A. 17-76,139, 41 and amendments thereto, and all penalties and interest thereon due at the 42 43 time of the cancellation or forfeiture of its articles of organization or

1 authority to do business. The certificate of reinstatement shall set forth:

(1) The name of the limited liability company at the time its articles
of organization or authority to do business was canceled or forfeited and, if
such name is not available at the time of reinstatement, the name under
which the limited liability company is to be reinstated;

6 (2) the date of filing of the original articles of organization or 7 application for registration of the limited liability company;

8 (3) the address of the limited liability company's registered office in 9 the state of Kansas and the name and address of the limited liability 10 company's resident agent in the state of Kansas;

(4) a statement that the certificate of reinstatement is filed by one or
 more persons authorized to execute and file the certificate of reinstatement
 to reinstate the limited liability company; and

14 (5) any other matters the persons executing the certificate of 15 reinstatement determine to include therein.

(b) The certificate of reinstatement shall be deemed to be an amendment to the articles of organization or application for registration of the limited liability company, and the limited liability company shall not be required to take any further action to amend its articles of organization or application for registration under K.S.A. 17-7674 or 17-76,124, and amendments thereto, with respect to the matters set forth in the certificate of reinstatement.

23 (c) Upon the filing of a certificate of reinstatement, a limited liability 24 company shall be reinstated with the same force and effect as if its articles 25 of organization or authority to do business had not been canceled or forfeited pursuant to subsection (d) or (e) of K.S.A. 17-7666, and 26 27 amendments thereto, subsection (e) of K.S.A. 17-76,123, and amendments 28 thereto, or subsection (d) of K.S.A. 17-76,139, and amendments thereto. 29 Such reinstatement shall validate all contracts, acts, matters and things 30 made, done and performed by the limited liability company, its members, 31 managers, employees and agents during the time when its articles of 32 organization or authority to do business was canceled or forfeited pursuant 33 to subsection (d) or (e) of K.S.A. 17-7666, and amendments thereto, 34 subsection (e) of K.S.A. 17-76,123, and amendments thereto, or subsection 35 (d) of K.S.A. 17-76,139, and amendments thereto, with the same force and 36 effect and to all intents and purposes as if the articles of organization or 37 authority to do business had remained in full force and effect. All real and 38 personal property, and all rights and interests, which belonged to the 39 limited liability company at the time its articles of organization or 40 authority to do business was canceled or forfeited pursuant to subsection 41 (d) or (e) of K.S.A. 17-7666, and amendments thereto, subsection (e) of 42 K.S.A. 17-76,123, and amendments thereto, or subsection (d) of K.S.A. 43 17-76,139, and amendments thereto, or which were acquired by the limited

1 liability company following the cancellation or forfeiture of its articles of organization or authority to do business pursuant to subsection (d) or (e) of 2 3 K.S.A. 17-7666, and amendments thereto, subsection (e) of K.S.A. 17-4 76,123, and amendments thereto, or subsection (d) of K.S.A. 17-76,139, 5 and amendments thereto, and which were not disposed of prior to the time 6 of its reinstatement, shall be vested in the limited liability company after 7 its reinstatement as fully as they were held by the limited liability 8 company at, and after, as the case may be, the time its articles of 9 organization or authority to do business was canceled or forfeited pursuant to subsection (d) or (e) of K.S.A. 17-7666, and amendments thereto, 10 subsection (e) of K.S.A. 17-76,123, and amendments thereto, or subsection 11 12 (d) of K.S.A 17-76,139, and amendments thereto. After its reinstatement, 13 the limited liability company shall be as exclusively liable for all contracts, 14 acts, matters and things made, done or performed in its name and on its 15 behalf by its members, managers, employees and agents prior to its reinstatement as if its articles of organization or authority to do business 16 17 had at all times remained in full force and effect.

Sec. 66. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 84-9-406, as amended by section 8 of 18 19 chapter 84 of the 2012 Session Laws of Kansas, is hereby amended to read 20 as follows: 84-9-406. (a) Discharge of account debtor; effect of 21 notification. Subject to subsections (b) through (i), an account debtor on 22 an account, chattel paper, or a payment intangible may discharge the 23 account debtor's obligation by paying the assignor until, but not after, the account debtor receives a notification, authenticated by the assignor or the 24 25 assignee, that the amount due or to become due has been assigned and that payment is to be made to the assignee. After receipt of the notification, the 26 27 account debtor may discharge the account debtor's obligation by paying 28 the assignee and may not discharge the obligation by paying the assignor.

(b) When notification ineffective. Subject to subsection (h),
notification is ineffective under subsection (a):

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(1) If it does not reasonably identify the rights assigned;

(2) to the extent that an agreement between an account debtor and a
seller of a payment intangible limits the account debtor's duty to pay a
person other than the seller and the limitation is effective under law other
than this article; or

36 (3) at the option of an account debtor, if the notification notifies the
account debtor to make less than the full amount of any installment or
other periodic payment to the assignee, even if:

39 (A) Only a portion of the account, chattel paper, or payment40 intangible has been assigned to that assignee;

(B) a portion has been assigned to another assignee; or

42 (C) the account debtor knows that the assignment to that assignee is 43 limited. 1 (c) **Proof of assignment.** Subject to subsection (h), if requested by 2 the account debtor, an assignee shall seasonably furnish reasonable proof 3 that the assignment has been made. Unless the assignee complies, the 4 account debtor may discharge its obligation by paying the assignor, even if 5 the account debtor has received a notification under subsection (a).

6 (d) **Term restricting assignment generally ineffective.** Except as 7 otherwise provided in subsection (e), *subsection (g) of* K.S.A. 17-76,134, 8 *and amendments thereto,* K.S.A. 84-2a-303, *and amendments thereto,* and 9 K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 84-9-407, and amendments thereto, and subject to 10 subsection (h), a term in an agreement between an account debtor and an 11 assignor or in a promissory note is ineffective to the extent that it:

(1) Prohibits, restricts, or requires the consent of the account debtor
 or person obligated on the promissory note to the assignment or transfer
 of, or the creation, attachment, perfection, or enforcement of a security
 interest in, the account, chattel paper, payment intangible, or promissory
 note; or

(2) provides that the assignment or transfer or the creation,
attachment, perfection, or enforcement of the security interest may give
rise to a default, breach, right of recoupment, claim, defense, termination,
right of termination, or remedy under the account, chattel paper, payment
intangible, or promissory note.

(e) Inapplicability of subsection (d) to certain sales. Subsection (d)
does not apply to the sale of a payment intangible or promissory note,
other than a sale pursuant to a disposition under K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 84-9610, and amendments thereto, or an acceptance of collateral under K.S.A.
2012 Supp. 84-9-620, and amendments thereto.

27 (f) Legal restrictions on assignment generally ineffective. Except 28 as otherwise provided in subsection (g) of K.S.A. 17-76,134, and amendments thereto, K.S.A. 84-2a-303, and amendments thereto, and 29 K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 84-9-407, and amendments thereto, and subject to 30 31 subsections (h) and (i), a rule of law, statute, or regulation that prohibits, 32 restricts, or requires the consent of a government, governmental body or 33 official, or account debtor to the assignment or transfer of, or creation of a 34 security interest in, an account or chattel paper is ineffective to the extent 35 that the rule of law, statute, or regulation:

(1) Prohibits, restricts, or requires the consent of the government,
 governmental body or official, or account debtor to the assignment or
 transfer of, or the creation, attachment, perfection, or enforcement of a
 security interest in the account or chattel paper; or

40 (2) provides that the assignment or transfer or the creation,
41 attachment, perfection, or enforcement of the security interest may give
42 rise to a default, breach, right of recoupment, claim, defense, termination,
43 right of termination, or remedy under the account or chattel paper.

1 (g) **Subsection (b)(3) not waivable.** Subject to subsection (h), an 2 account debtor may not waive or vary its option under subsection (b)(3).

3 (h) **Rule for individual under other law.** This section is subject to 4 law other than this article which establishes a different rule for an account 5 debtor who is an individual and who incurred the obligation primarily for 6 personal, family, or household purposes.

7 (i) **Inapplicability to health-care-insurance receivable.** This section 8 does not apply to an assignment of a health-care-insurance receivable.

9 (j) Section prevails over specified inconsistent law. This section 10 prevails over any inconsistent provisions of any laws, rules, and 11 regulations.

12 Sec. 67. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 84-9-408, as amended by section 9 of chapter 84 of the 2012 Session Laws of Kansas, is hereby amended to read 13 as follows: 84-9-408. (a) Term restricting assignment generally 14 ineffective. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) and subsection 15 16 (g) of K.S.A. 17-76,134, and amendments thereto, a term in a promissory 17 note or in an agreement between an account debtor and a debtor which 18 relates to a health-care-insurance receivable or a general intangible, 19 including a contract, permit, license, or franchise, and which term 20 prohibits, restricts, or requires the consent of the person obligated on the 21 promissory note or the account debtor to, the assignment or transfer of, or 22 creation, attachment, or perfection of a security interest in, the promissory 23 note, health-care-insurance receivable, or general intangible, is ineffective 24 to the extent that the term:

(1) Would impair the creation, attachment, or perfection of a securityinterest; or

(2) provides that the assignment or transfer or the creation,
attachment, or perfection of the security interest may give rise to a default,
breach, right of recoupment, claim, defense, termination, right of
termination, or remedy under the promissory note, health-care-insurance
receivable, or general intangible.

(b) Applicability of subsection (a) to sales of certain rights to payment. Subsection (a) applies to a security interest in a payment intangible or promissory note only if the security interest arises out of a sale of the payment intangible or promissory note, other than a sale pursuant to a disposition under K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 84-9-610, and amendments thereto, or an acceptance of collateral under K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 84-9-620, and amendments thereto.

(c) Legal restrictions on assignment generally ineffective. Except *as otherwise provided in subsection (g) of K.S.A. 17-76,134, and amendments thereto,* a rule of law, statute, or regulation that prohibits,
restricts, or requires the consent of a government, governmental body or
official, person obligated on a promissory note, or account debtor to the

assignment or transfer of, or creation of a security interest in, a promissory
 note, health-care-insurance receivable, or general intangible, including a
 contract, permit, license, or franchise between an account debtor and a
 debtor, is ineffective to the extent that the rule of law, statute, or
 regulation:

6 (1) Would impair the creation, attachment, or perfection of a security 7 interest; or

8 (2) provides that the assignment or transfer or the creation, 9 attachment, or perfection of the security interest may give rise to a default, 10 breach, right of recoupment, claim, defense, termination, right of 11 termination, or remedy under the promissory note, health-care-insurance 12 receivable, or general intangible.

(d) Limitation on ineffectiveness under subsections (a) and (c). To 13 14 the extent that a term in a promissory note or in an agreement between an account debtor and a debtor which relates to a health-care-insurance 15 16 receivable or general intangible or a rule of law, statute, or regulation 17 described in subsection (c) would be effective under law other than this article but is ineffective under subsection (a) or (c), the creation, 18 19 attachment, or perfection of a security interest in the promissory note, 20 health-care-insurance receivable, or general intangible:

(1) Is not enforceable against the person obligated on the promissory
 note or the account debtor;

(2) does not impose a duty or obligation on the person obligated onthe promissory note or the account debtor;

(3) does not require the person obligated on the promissory note or
the account debtor to recognize the security interest, pay or render
performance to the secured party, or accept payment or performance from
the secured party;

(4) does not entitle the secured party to use or assign the debtor's
rights under the promissory note, health-care-insurance receivable, or
general intangible, including any related information or materials
furnished to the debtor in the transaction giving rise to the promissory
note, health-care-insurance receivable, or general intangible;

(5) does not entitle the secured party to use, assign, possess, or have
 access to any trade secrets or confidential information of the person
 obligated on the promissory note or the account debtor; and

(6) does not entitle the secured party to enforce the security interest in
the promissory note, health-care-insurance receivable, or general
intangible.

40 (e) Section prevails over specified inconsistent law. This section 41 prevails over any inconsistent provisions of any laws, rules, and 42 regulations of this state.

43 Sec. 68. K.S.A. 17-7662, 17-7664, 17-7666, 17-7668, 17-7670, 17-

1 7671, 17-7672, 17-7673, 17-7674, 17-7676, 17-7677, 17-7679, 17-7680, 2 17-7683, 17-7686, 17-7687, 17-7688, 17-7689, 17-7690, 17-7691, 17-3 7693, 17-7695, 17-7697, 17-7698, 17-76,100, 17-76,103, 17-76,104, 17-4 76,105, 17-76,106, 17-76,107, 17-76,110, 17-76,112, 17-76,113, 17-5 76,114, 17-76,115, 17-76,116, 17-76,117, 17-76,118, 17-76,119, 17-6 76,121, 17-76,121a, 17-76,122, 17-76,123, 17-76,124, 17-76,125, 17-7 76,126, 17-76,127, 17-76,128, 17-76,130, 17-76,131, 17-76,133, 17-76,134, 17-76,136, 17-76,137, 17-76,139 and 17-76,140; K.S.A. 2011 8 9 Supp. 84-9-406, as amended by section 8 of chapter 84 of the 2012 10 Session Laws of Kansas, and 84-9-408, as amended by section 9 of chapter 84 of the 2012 Session Laws of Kansas, and K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 11 12 17-7663, 17-7675, 17-7678, 17-7681, 17-7682 and 17-76,143 are hereby 13 repealed. 14 This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its Sec. 69.

14 Sec. 69. This act shall take effect and be in force from and 15 publication in the statute book.