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To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1403

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 79-37-102, 79-37-111, 79-37-114, 79-37-116, 79-37-401, 79-37-405, 79-37-406, 79-37-505 AND 2 79-37-506, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH COMPRISE THE 3 4 MISSISSIPPI ENTITY CONVERSION AND DOMESTICATION ACT, TO REVISE THE PROCEDURES REGULATING HOW A FOREIGN ENTITY MAY APPLY TO BECOME A 5 6 DOMESTIC ENTITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. 7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 8 SECTION 1. Section 79-37-102, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows: 9 10 79-37-102. As used in this chapter, unless the context 11 otherwise requires: 12 (1) [Reserved] 13 (2) [Reserved] "Approve" means, in the case of an entity, for its 14 (3) 15 governors and interest holders to take whatever steps are necessary under the entity's organic rules, organic law, and other 16 law to: 17 18 Propose a transaction subject to this chapter; (A) 19 Adopt and approve the terms and conditions of (B) 20 the transaction; and G1/2 H. B. No. 1403 ~ OFFICIAL ~

(C) Conduct any required proceedings or otherwise
 obtain any required votes or consents of the governors or interest
 holders.

24 (4) "Conversion" means a transaction authorized by25 Article 4 of this chapter.

26 (5) "Converted entity" means the converting entity as27 it continues in existence after a conversion.

(6) "Converting entity" means the domestic entity that
approves a plan of conversion pursuant to Section 79-37-403 or the
foreign entity that approves a conversion pursuant to the law of
its jurisdiction of formation.

(7) "Distributional interest" means the right under an
 unincorporated entity's organic law and organic rules to receive
 distributions from the entity.

35 (8) "Domestic," with respect to an entity, means
36 governed as to its internal affairs by the law of this state.

37 (9) "Domesticated entity" means the domesticating38 entity as it continues in existence after a domestication.

39 (10) "Domesticating entity" means the domestic entity 40 that approves a plan of domestication pursuant to Section 41 79-37-503 or the foreign entity that approves a domestication 42 pursuant to the law of its jurisdiction of formation.

43 (11) "Domestication" means a transaction authorized by44 Article 5 of this chapter.

45 (12) "Entity":

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Means: 46 (A) 47 (i) A business corporation; 48 (ii) A nonprofit corporation, except that 49 charitable organizations as defined under Section 79-11-501 et 50 seq. may not convert pursuant to Article 4 of this chapter; 51 (iii) A general partnership, including a 52 limited liability partnership; 53 A limited partnership, including a (iv) 54 limited liability limited partnership; 55 (v) A limited liability company; 56 (vi) [Reserved]; 57 (vii) [Reserved]; 58 (viii) [Reserved]; 59 (ix) A statutory trust, business trust, or common-law business trust; 60 61 (X) An agricultural association, including an 62 agricultural co-operative marketing association; or 63 (xi) Any other person that has: 64 (I) A legal existence separate from any 65 interest holder of that person; or 66 (II)The power to acquire an interest in 67 real property in its own name; and Does not include: 68 (B) 69 (i) An individual;

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70 (ii) A trust with a predominantly donative 71 purpose or a charitable trust; 72 An association or relationship that is (iii) 73 not an entity listed in subparagraph (A) and is not a partnership 74 under the rules stated in Section 79-13-202(c) or a similar 75 provision of the law of any other jurisdiction; 76 (iv) A decedent's estate; or 77 A government or a governmental (V) 78 subdivision, agency, or instrumentality. 79 "Filing entity" means an entity whose formation (13)80 requires the filing of a public organic record. The term does not 81 include a limited liability partnership. "Foreign," with respect to an entity, means an 82 (14)entity governed as to its internal affairs by the law of a 83 jurisdiction other than this state. 84 85 (15)"Governance interest" means a right under the 86 organic law or organic rules of an unincorporated entity, other than as a governor, agent, assignee, or proxy, to: 87 88 (A) Receive or demand access to information 89 concerning, or the books and records of, the entity; 90 (B) Vote for or consent to the election of the 91 governors of the entity; or 92 Receive notice of or vote on or consent to an (C) 93 issue involving the internal affairs of the entity. "Governor" means: 94 (16)H. B. No. 1403 ~ OFFICIAL ~

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95 (A) A director of a business corporation; 96 A director or trustee of a nonprofit (B) corporation; 97 98 (C) A general partner of a general partnership; 99 (D) A general partner of a limited partnership; 100 (E) A manager of a manager-managed limited 101 liability company; 102 (F) A member of a member-managed limited liability 103 company; 104 (G) [Reserved]; 105 (H) [Reserved]; 106 (I) [Reserved]; 107 A trustee of a statutory trust, business (J) 108 trust, or common-law business trust; or Any other person under whose authority the 109 (K) 110 powers of an entity are exercised and under whose direction the 111 activities and affairs of the entity are managed pursuant to the organic law and organic rules of the entity. 112 113 (17)"Interest" means: 114 A share in a business corporation; (A) 115 (B) A membership in a nonprofit corporation; 116 (C) A partnership interest in a general 117 partnership; 118 A partnership interest in a limited (D) 119 partnership; H. B. No. 1403 ~ OFFICIAL ~ 17/HR26/R1487 PAGE 5 (GT\KW)

120 A membership interest in a limited liability (E) 121 company; 122 (F) [Reserved]; 123 (G) [Reserved]; 124 (H) [Reserved]; 125 (I) A beneficial interest in a statutory trust, 126 business trust, or common-law business trust; 127 (J) A membership in an agricultural association, 128 including an agricultural co-operative marketing association; or 129 A governance interest or distributional (K) 130 interest in any other type of unincorporated entity. 131 (18) [Reserved] (19) "Interest holder" means: 132 133 A shareholder of a business corporation; (A) 134 (B) A member of a nonprofit corporation; 135 (C) A general partner of a general partnership; 136 A general partner of a limited partnership; (D) 137 A limited partner of a limited partnership; (E) 138 (F) A member of a limited liability company; 139 (G) [Reserved]; 140 (H) [Reserved]; 141 (I) [Reserved]; 142 A beneficiary or beneficial owner of a (J) statutory trust, business trust, or common-law business trust; 143

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144 (K) A member of an agricultural association, including an agricultural co-operative marketing association; or 145 Any other direct holder of an interest. 146 (L) (20) "Interest holder liability" means: 147 148 Personal liability for a liability of an (A) 149 entity that is imposed on a person: 150 (i) Solely by reason of the status of the 151 person as an interest holder; or 152 (ii) By the organic rules of the entity which 153 make one or more specified interest holders or categories of 154 interest holders liable in their capacity as interest holders for 155 all or specified liabilities of the entity; or 156 An obligation of an interest holder under the (B) 157 organic rules of an entity to contribute to the entity. 158 (21) "Jurisdiction", used to refer to a political 159 entity, means the United States, a state, a foreign country, or a 160 political subdivision of a foreign country. 161 (22) "Jurisdiction of formation" means the jurisdiction 162 whose law includes the organic law of an entity. 163 (23)[Reserved] 164 (24)[Reserved] 165 "Organic law" means the law of an entity's (25)166 jurisdiction of formation governing the internal affairs of the 167 entity.

168 (26) "Organic rules" means the public organic record169 and private organic rules of an entity.

170 "Person" means an individual, business (27)corporation, nonprofit corporation, partnership, limited 171 172 partnership, limited liability company, agricultural association, 173 agricultural co-operative marketing association, statutory trust, business trust, common-law business trust, estate, trust, 174 175 association, joint venture, public corporation, government or 176 governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality, or any other 177 legal or commercial entity.

178 (28) "Plan" means a plan of conversion or plan of179 domestication.

180 (29) "Plan of conversion" means a plan under Section 181 79-37-402.

182 (30) "Plan of domestication" means a plan under Section183 79-37-502.

- 184 (31) [Reserved]
- 185 (32) [Reserved]

186 (33) "Private organic rules" mean the rules, whether or 187 not in a record, that govern the internal affairs of an entity, 188 are binding on all of its interest holders, and are not part of 189 its public organic record, if any. The term includes:

190 (A) The bylaws of a business corporation;191 (B) The bylaws of a nonprofit corporation;

H. B. No. 1403 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 17/HR26/R1487 PAGE 8 (GT\KW) 192 (C) The partnership agreement of a general 193 partnership; 194 The partnership agreement of a limited (D) 195 partnership; 196 (E) The operating agreement of a limited liability 197 company; 198 [Reserved]; (F) 199 (G) [Reserved]; 200 [Reserved]; (H) 201 (I) The bylaws of an agricultural association, 202 including an agricultural co-operative marketing association; and 203 The trust instrument of a statutory trust or (J) 204 similar rules of a business trust or common-law business trust. 205 (34) "Property" means all property, whether real, 206 personal, or mixed or tangible or intangible, or any right or 207 interest therein. 208 (35) "Protected agreement" means: 209 A record evidencing indebtedness and any (A) 210 related agreement in effect on January 1, 2015; 211 An agreement that is binding on an entity on (B) 212 January 1, 2015; 213 (C) The organic rules of an entity in effect on 214 January 1, 2015; or 215 An agreement that is binding on any of the (D) governors or interest holders of an entity on January 1, 2015. 216 H. B. No. 1403 ~ OFFICIAL ~ 17/HR26/R1487

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(36) "Public organic record" means the record the filing of which by the Secretary of State is required to form an entity and any amendment to or restatement of that record. The term includes:

(A) The articles of incorporation of a businesscorporation;

(B) The articles of incorporation of a nonprofitcorporation;

(C) The certificate of limited partnership of alimited partnership;

(D) The certificate of formation of a limitedliability company;

(E) [Reserved];

230 (F) [Reserved];

(G) The articles of association of an agricultural
 association, including an agricultural co-operative marketing
 association; and

(H) The certificate of trust of a statutory trustor similar record of a business trust.

(37) "Record," used as a noun, means information that
is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored in an
electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.

(38) "Registered foreign entity" means a foreign entity that is registered to do business in this state pursuant to a record filed by the Secretary of State.

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242 (39) "Sign" means, with present intent to authenticate 243 or adopt a record:

(A) To execute or adopt a tangible symbol; or
(B) To attach to or logically associate with the
record an electronic symbol, sound, or process.

(40) "State" means a state of the United States, the
District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin
Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the
jurisdiction of the United States.

251 (41) "Statement of conversion" means a statement under 252 Section 79-37-405.

253 (42) "Statement of domestication" means a statement 254 under Section 79-37-505.

- 255 (43) [Reserved]
- 256 (44) [Reserved]
- 257 (45) [Reserved]
- 258 (46) "Transfer" includes:
- 259 (A) An assignment;
- 260 (B) A conveyance;
- 261 (C) A sale;
- 262 (D) A lease;
- 263 (E) An encumbrance, including a mortgage or
- 264 security interest;
- 265 (F) A gift; and
- 266 (G) A transfer by operation of law.

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267 (47) "Type of entity" means a generic form of entity:

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(A) Recognized at common law; or

(B) Formed under an organic law, whether or not
some entities formed under that law are subject to provisions of
that law that create different categories of the form of entity.
SECTION 2. Section 79-37-111, Mississippi Code of 1972, is

273 amended as follows:

274 79-37-111. (a) To be entitled to filing by the Secretary of 275 State, a document must satisfy the following requirements and the 276 requirements of any other provision of this chapter that adds to 277 or varies these requirements:

(1) This chapter requires or permits filing thedocument in the Office of the Secretary of State.

(2) The document contains the information required bythis chapter and may contain other information.

282 (3) The document is in a record.

(4) The document is in the English language, but the
name of an entity need not be in English if written in English
letters or Arabic or Roman numerals.

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(5) The document is signed:

287 (A) By an officer <u>or director</u> of a domestic or
 288 foreign corporation;

(B) By a person authorized by a domestic orforeign entity that is not a corporation; or

H. B. No. 1403 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 17/HR26/R1487 PAGE 12 (GT\KW) (C) If the entity is in the hands of a receiver,
trustee, or other court-appointed fiduciary, by that fiduciary.
(6) The document must state the name and capacity of

294 the person that signed it.

(7) The document must be delivered to the Office of the
Secretary of State for filing <u>in the format and in the manner</u>
determined by the Secretary of State.

(b) When a document is delivered to the Office of the Secretary of State for filing, the correct filing fee must be paid or provision for payment made in a manner permitted by the Secretary of State.

302 SECTION 3. Section 79-37-114, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 303 amended as follows:

304 79-37-114. (a) A domestic or foreign entity may correct a 305 document filed by the Secretary of State within * * * <u>one hundred</u> 306 twenty (120) days of the filing if:

307 (1) The document contains an inaccuracy;

308 (2) The document was defectively signed; or

309 (3) The electronic transmission of the document to the310 Secretary of State was defective.

311 (b) A document is corrected by filing with the Secretary of 312 State a statement of correction that:

313 (1) Describes the document to be corrected and states314 its filing date or has attached a copy of the document;

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315 (2) Specifies the inaccuracy or defect to be corrected; 316 and

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(3) Corrects the inaccuracy or defect.

318 (c) A statement of correction is effective on the effective 319 date of the document it corrects except as to persons relying on 320 the uncorrected document and adversely affected by the correction. 321 As to those persons, a statement of correction is effective when 322 filed.

323 SECTION 4. Section 79-37-116, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 324 amended as follows:

325 79-37-116. (a) If the Secretary of State refuses to file a 326 document delivered for filing, the domestic or foreign entity that 327 submitted the document for filing may appeal the refusal within 328 thirty (30) days after the return of the document to \star \star \star the 329 Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, 330 Mississippi * * *. The appeal is commenced by petitioning the 331 court to compel filing the document and by attaching to the 332 petition the document and the explanation of the Secretary of 333 State for the refusal to file.

(b) The court may summarily order the Secretary of State to
 file the document or take other action the court considers
 appropriate.

337 (c) The court's final decision may be appealed as in other 338 civil proceedings.

H. B. No. 1403 ~ OFFICIAL ~ 17/HR26/R1487 PAGE 14 (gt\kw) 339 SECTION 5. Section 79-37-401, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 340 amended as follows:

341 79-37-401. (a) By complying with this article, a domestic 342 entity may become:

343 (1) A domestic entity that is a different type of 344 entity; or

345 (2) A foreign entity that is a different type of
346 entity, if the conversion is authorized by the law of the foreign
347 entity's jurisdiction of formation <u>and the domestic entity has</u>
348 <u>complied with Article 5 of this chapter</u>.

349 (b) By complying with the provisions of this article 350 applicable to foreign entities, a foreign entity may become a 351 domestic entity that is a different type of entity if the 352 conversion is authorized by the law of the foreign entity's 353 jurisdiction of formation and the foreign entity has first 354 domesticated to this state pursuant to Article 5 of this chapter. 355 (C) If a protected agreement contains a provision that 356 applies to a merger of a domestic entity but does not refer to a 357 conversion, the provision applies to a conversion of the entity as 358 if the conversion were a merger until the provision is amended 359 after January 1, 2015.

360 SECTION 6. Section 79-37-405, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 361 amended as follows:

H. B. No. 1403 17/HR26/R1487 PAGE 15 (GT\KW) 362 79-37-405. (a) A statement of conversion must be signed on 363 behalf of the converting entity and delivered to the Secretary of 364 State for filing.

365 (b) A statement of conversion must contain:

366 (1) The name, jurisdiction of formation, and type of 367 entity of the converting entity;

368 (2) The name, jurisdiction of formation, and type of 369 entity of the converted entity;

370 (3) If the statement of conversion is not to be
371 effective upon filing, the later date and time on which it will
372 become effective, which may not be more than ninety (90) days
373 after the date of filing;

(4) If the converting entity is a domestic entity, a statement that the plan of conversion was approved in accordance with this article or, if the converting entity is a foreign entity, a statement that the conversion was approved by the foreign entity in accordance with the law of its jurisdiction of formation and filed copies of the conversion documents from its jurisdiction of formation, as an attachment;

381 (5) If the converted entity is a domestic filing382 entity, its public organic record, as an attachment;

383 (6) If the converted entity is a domestic limited 384 liability partnership, its statement of qualification, as an 385 attachment; and

H. B. No. 1403 17/HR26/R1487 PAGE 16 (GT\KW) 386 (7) If the converted entity is a foreign entity, a 387 mailing address to which the Secretary of State may send any 388 process served on the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 389 79-37-406(e).

390 (c) In addition to the requirements of subsection (b), a
 391 statement of conversion may contain any other provision not
 392 prohibited by law.

(d) If the converted entity is a domestic entity, its public organic record, if any, must satisfy the requirements of the law of this state, except that the public organic record does not need to be signed and may omit any provision that is not required to be included in a restatement of the public organic record.

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399 (* * *<u>e</u>) A statement of conversion is effective on the date 400 and time of filing or the later date and time specified in the 401 statement of conversion.

402 $(* * * \underline{f})$ If the converted entity is a domestic entity, the 403 conversion is effective when the statement of conversion is 404 effective. If the converted entity is a foreign entity, the 405 conversion is effective on the later of:

406 (1) The date and time provided by the organic law of407 the converted entity; or

408 (2) When the statement is effective.

409 SECTION 7. Section 79-37-406, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
410 amended as follows:

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79-37-406. (a) When a conversion becomes effective:

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(1) The converted entity is:

(A) Organized under and subject to the organic lawof the converted entity; and

(B) The same entity without interruption as theconverting entity;

417 (2) All property of the converting entity continues to
418 be vested in the converted entity without transfer, reversion, or
419 impairment;

420 (3) All debts, obligations, and other liabilities of
421 the converting entity continue as debts, obligations, and other
422 liabilities of the converted entity;

423 (4) Except as otherwise provided by law or the plan of
424 conversion, all the rights, privileges, immunities, powers, and
425 purposes of the converting entity remain in the converted entity;

426 (5) The name of the converted entity may be substituted
427 for the name of the converting entity in any pending action or
428 proceeding;

429 (6) If a converted entity is a filing entity, its430 public organic record is effective;

431 (7) If the converted entity is a limited liability432 partnership, its statement of qualification is effective;

433 (8) The private organic rules of the converted entity
434 which are to be in a record, if any, approved as part of the plan
435 of conversion are effective; and

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(9) The interests in the converting entity are converted, and the interest holders of the converting entity are entitled only to the rights provided to them under the plan of conversion and to any appraisal rights they have under Section 79-37-109 and the converting entity's organic law.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in the organic law or organic rules of the converting entity, the conversion does not give rise to any rights that an interest holder, governor, or third party would have upon a dissolution, liquidation, or winding up of the converting entity.

446 (C) When a conversion becomes effective, a person that did 447 not have interest holder liability with respect to the converting 448 entity and becomes subject to interest holder liability with 449 respect to a domestic entity as a result of a conversion has 450 interest holder liability only to the extent provided by the 451 organic law of the entity and only for those debts, obligations, and other liabilities that arise after the conversion becomes 452 453 effective.

(d) When a conversion becomes effective, the interest holder liability of a person that ceases to hold an interest in a domestic converting entity with respect to which the person had interest holder liability is subject to the following rules:

458 (1) The conversion does not discharge any interest459 holder liability under the organic law of a domestic converting

H. B. No. 1403 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 17/HR26/R1487 PAGE 19 (GT\KW) 460 entity to the extent the interest holder liability arose before 461 the conversion became effective.

462 (2) The person does not have interest holder liability
463 under the organic law of the domestic converting entity for any
464 debt, obligation, or other liability that arises after the
465 conversion becomes effective.

466 (3) The organic law of the domestic converting entity 467 continues to apply to the release, collection, or discharge of any 468 interest holder liability preserved under paragraph (1) as if the 469 conversion had not occurred.

(4) The person has whatever rights of contribution from any other person as are provided by other law or the organic rules of the domestic converting entity with respect to any interest holder liability preserved under paragraph (1) as if the conversion had not occurred.

(e) When a conversion becomes effective, a foreign entity that is the converted entity may be served with process in this state for the collection and enforcement of any of its debts, obligations, and other liabilities in accordance with applicable law.

(f) If the converting entity is a registered foreign entity,
its registration to do business in this state is * * * <u>amended to</u>
<u>reflect its new status when the</u> conversion becomes effective.

H. B. No. 1403 17/HR26/R1487 PAGE 20 (GT\KW) (g) A conversion does not require the entity to wind up its affairs and does not constitute or cause the dissolution of the entity.

486 SECTION 8. Section 79-37-505, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 487 amended as follows:

488 79-37-505. (a) A statement of domestication must be signed 489 by the domesticating entity and delivered to the Secretary of 490 State for filing.

491 (b) A statement of domestication must contain:

492 (1) The name, jurisdiction of formation, and type of493 entity of the domesticating entity;

494 (2) The name and jurisdiction of formation of the 495 domesticated entity;

496 (3) If the statement of domestication is not to be
497 effective upon filing, the later date and time on which it will
498 become effective, which may not be more than ninety (90) days
499 after the date of filing;

(4) If the domesticating entity is a domestic entity, a statement that the plan of domestication was approved in accordance with this article or, if the domesticating entity is a foreign entity, a statement that the domestication was approved in accordance with the law of its jurisdiction of formation;

505 (5) If the domesticated entity is a domestic filing 506 entity, its public organic record, as an attachment;

507 (6) If the domesticated entity is a domestic limited 508 liability partnership, its statement of qualification, as an 509 attachment; and

510 (7) If the domesticated entity is a foreign entity that 511 is not a registered foreign entity, a mailing address to which the 512 Secretary of State may send any process served on the Secretary of 513 State pursuant to Section 79-37-506(e).

514 <u>(8) If the domesticated entity is a foreign entity, a</u> 515 <u>copy of filed domestication documents from the new jurisdiction as</u> 516 <u>an attachment.</u>

517 (9) If the domesticated entity is a domestic entity, a 518 certificate of good standing or certificate of existence issued 519 less than one-hundred and eighty (180) days before, from its 520 jurisdiction of formation, as an attachment.

521 (c) In addition to the requirements of subsection (b), a 522 statement of domestication may contain any other provision not 523 prohibited by law.

(d) If the domesticated entity is a domestic entity, its public organic record, if any, must satisfy the requirements of the law of this state, but the public organic record does not need to be signed and may omit any provision that is not required to be included in a restatement of the public organic record.

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H. B. No. 1403 17/HR26/R1487 PAGE 22 (GT\KW) 530 (* * *<u>e</u>) A statement of domestication is effective on the 531 date and time of filing or the later date and time specified in 532 the statement of domestication.

533 (***<u>f</u>) A domestication in which the domesticated entity 534 is a domestic entity is effective when the statement of 535 domestication is effective. A domestication in which the 536 domesticated entity is a foreign entity is effective on the later 537 of:

538 (1) The date and time provided by the organic law of539 the domesticated entity; or

540 (2) When the statement is effective.

541 SECTION 9. Section 79-37-506, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 542 amended as follows:

543 79-37-506. (a) When a domestication becomes effective:

(1) The domesticated entity is:

545 (A) Organized under and subject to the organic law 546 of the domesticated entity; and

547 (B) The same entity without interruption as the 548 domesticating entity;

549 (2) All property of the domesticating entity continues550 to be vested in the domesticated entity without transfer,

551 reversion, or impairment;

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(3) All debts, obligations, and other liabilities of
the domesticating entity continue as debts, obligations, and other
liabilities of the domesticated entity;

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555 (4) Except as otherwise provided by law or the plan of 556 domestication, all of the rights, privileges, immunities, powers, 557 and purposes of the domesticating entity remain in the 558 domesticated entity;

559 (5) The name of the domesticated entity may be 560 substituted for the name of the domesticating entity in any 561 pending action or proceeding;

562 (6) If the domesticated entity is a filing entity, its563 public organic record is effective;

(7) If the domesticated entity is a limited liability partnership, its statement of qualification is effective simultaneously;

567 (8) The private organic rules of the domesticated 568 entity that are to be in a record, if any, approved as part of the 569 plan of domestication are effective; and

(9) The interests in the domesticating entity are converted to the extent and as approved in connection with the domestication, and the interest holders of the domesticating entity are entitled only to the rights provided to them under the plan of domestication and to any appraisal rights they have under Section 79-37-109 and the domesticating entity's organic law.

576 (b) Except as otherwise provided in the organic law or 577 organic rules of the domesticating entity, the domestication does 578 not give rise to any rights that an interest holder, governor, or

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579 third party would have upon a dissolution, liquidation, or 580 winding-up of the domesticating entity.

581 When a domestication becomes effective, a person that (C) 582 did not have interest holder liability with respect to the 583 domesticating entity and that becomes subject to interest holder 584 liability with respect to a domestic entity as a result of the 585 domestication has interest holder liability only to the extent 586 provided by the organic law of the entity and only for those 587 debts, obligations, and other liabilities that arise after the domestication becomes effective. 588

(d) When a domestication becomes effective, the interest holder liability of a person that ceases to hold an interest in a domestic domesticating entity with respect to which the person had interest holder liability is subject to the following rules:

(1) The domestication does not discharge any interest holder liability under the organic law of a domesticating domestic entity to the extent the interest holder liability arose before the domestication became effective.

597 (2) A person does not have interest holder liability
598 under the organic law of the domestic domesticating entity for any
599 debt, obligation, or other liability that arises after the
600 domestication becomes effective.

601 (3) The organic law of a domestic domesticating entity 602 continues to apply to the release, collection, or discharge of any

H. B. No. 1403 **••• OFFICIAL •** 17/HR26/R1487 PAGE 25 (GT\KW) 603 interest holder liability preserved under paragraph (1) as if the 604 domestication had not occurred.

(4) A person has whatever rights of contribution from
any other person as are provided by other law or the organic rules
of the domestic domesticating entity with respect to any interest
holder liability preserved under paragraph (1) as if the
domestication had not occurred.

(e) When a domestication becomes effective, a foreign entity that is the domesticated entity may be served with process in this state for the collection and enforcement of any of its debts, obligations, and other liabilities in accordance with applicable law.

(f) If a domesticating entity is a registered foreign entity, the registration to do business in this state of the domesticating entity is * * * <u>amended to reflect its new status</u> when the domestication becomes effective.

(g) A domestication does not require the entity to wind up its affairs and does not constitute or cause the dissolution of the entity.

622 **SECTION 10.** This act shall take effect and be in force from 623 and after July 1, 2017.

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