To: Judiciary A

By: Representative Deweese

HOUSE BILL NO. 1101 (As Sent to Governor)

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 79-4-14.21 AND 79-29-823, 1 2 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO 3 SERVE DETERMINATION NOTICES AND CERTIFICATES OF ADMINISTRATIVE DISSOLUTION ON CORPORATIONS AND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES BY 5 EMAIL TO THE REGISTERED AGENT OF A CORPORATION OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AS INDICATED BY THE ENTITY; AND FOR RELATED 6 7 PURPOSES. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 9 **SECTION 1.** Section 79-4-14.21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 10 amended as follows:

11 79-4-14.21. (a) If the Secretary of State determines that

one or more grounds exist under Section 79-4-14.20 for dissolving

13 a corporation, he shall serve the corporation with written notice

14 of his determination * * * $\underline{\bullet}$. Such determination may be served

15 either by electronic mail to the email address of the registered

16 agent of the corporation or by first-class mail as indicated by

17 the corporation.

18 (b) If the corporation does not correct each ground for

19 dissolution or demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the

20 Secretary of State that each ground determined by the Secretary of

- 21 State does not exist within sixty (60) days after service of the
- 22 notice is perfected, the Secretary of State shall administratively
- 23 dissolve the corporation by signing a certificate of dissolution
- 24 that recites the ground or grounds for dissolution and its
- 25 effective date. The Secretary of State shall file the original of
- 26 the certificate and serve a copy on the corporation, * * * which
- 27 certificate may be served either by electronic mail to the email
- 28 address of the registered agent of the corporation or by
- 29 first-class mail as indicated by the corporation.
- 30 (c) A corporation that has been administratively dissolved
- 31 continues its corporate existence but may not carry on any
- 32 business except as necessary to wind up and liquidate its business
- 33 and affairs under Section 79-4-14.05 and notify claimants under
- 34 Sections 79-4-14.06 and 79-4-14.07.
- 35 (d) The administrative dissolution of a corporation does not
- 36 terminate the authority of its registered agent.
- 37 (e) The administrative dissolution of a corporation shall
- 38 not impair the validity of any contract, deed, mortgage, security
- 39 interest, lien, or act of the corporation or prevent the
- 40 corporation from defending any action, suit or proceeding in any
- 41 court of this state.
- 42 (f) A corporation that has been administratively dissolved
- 43 may not maintain any action, suit or proceeding in any court of
- 44 this state until the corporation is reinstated.

- 45 **SECTION 2.** Section 79-29-823, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 46 amended as follows:
- 47 79-29-823. (1) If the Secretary of State determines that
- 48 one or more grounds exist under Section 79-29-821 for
- 49 administratively dissolving a limited liability company, the
- 50 Secretary of State shall serve the limited liability company with
- 51 written notice of the determination under Section 79-35-13 * * *.
- 52 Such determination may be served either by electronic mail to the
- 53 email address of the registered agent of the limited liability
- 54 company or by first-class mail as indicated by the limited
- 55 liability company.
- 56 (2) If the limited liability company does not correct each
- 57 ground for dissolution or demonstrate to the reasonable
- 58 satisfaction of the Secretary of State that each ground determined
- 59 by the Secretary of State does not exist within sixty (60) days
- 60 after the service of the notice, the Secretary of State shall
- 61 administratively dissolve the limited liability company by signing
- 62 a certification of the administrative dissolution that recites the
- 63 ground or grounds for dissolution and its effective date. The
- 64 Secretary of State shall file the original of the certificate of
- 65 administrative dissolution and serve the limited liability company
- 66 with a copy of the certificate of administrative dissolution under
- 67 Section 79-35-13, * * * which certificate of administrative
- 68 dissolution may be served either by electronic mail to the email
- 69 address of the registered agent of the limited liability company

- 70 or by first-class mail as indicated by the limited liability
- 71 company.
- 72 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 73 and after July 1, 2023.