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To: Business and Financial Institutions

SENATE BILL NO. 2541

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 79-29-109, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW PARTNERSHIP OR LIMITED PARTNERSHIP TO BE NAMED ON THE CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- 5 **SECTION 1.** Section 79-29-109, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 6 amended as follows:
- 7 79-29-109. (1) The name of each limited liability company
- 8 as set forth in its certificate of formation:
- 9 (a) Must contain the words "limited liability company"
- 10 or the abbreviation "L.L.C." or "LLC";
- 11 (b) May contain the name of a member or manager;
- 12 (c) Except as authorized by subsection (3) of this
- 13 section, must be distinguishable upon the records of the Secretary
- 14 of State from (i) the name of any domestic or foreign corporation,
- 15 nonprofit corporation, limited partnership, limited liability
- 16 partnership or limited liability company that is organized or
- 17 registered under the laws of this state and which has not been
- 18 dissolved; and (ii) a name that is reserved or registered in the

- 19 Office of the Secretary of State for any of the entities named in
- 20 paragraph (1)(c)(i) of this section which reservation or
- 21 registration has not expired; and
- 22 (d) May not contain the following words: "bank,"
- 23 "banker," "bankers," "banking," "trust company," "insurance,"
- "trust," "corporation," "incorporated * * * * * or any
- 25 combination or abbreviation thereof, or any words or abbreviations
- 26 of similar import.
- 27 (2) The Secretary of State shall reject any certificate of
- 28 formation that does not comply with subsection (1) of this
- 29 section.
- 30 (3) A limited liability company may apply to the Secretary
- 31 of State for authorization to use a name that is not
- 32 distinguishable upon the records in the Office of the Secretary of
- 33 State from one or more of the names described in subsection (1)(c)
- 34 of this section. The Secretary of State shall authorize the use
- 35 of the name applied for if:
- 36 (a) The other domestic or foreign limited liability
- 37 company, limited partnership, limited liability partnership,
- 38 corporation or nonprofit corporation consents to the use in
- 39 writing and submits an undertaking in form satisfactory to the
- 40 Secretary of State to change its name to a name that is
- 41 distinguishable upon the records of the Secretary of State from
- 42 the name of the applying limited liability company; or



43	(b) The applicant delivers to the Office of the
44	Secretary of State for filing a certified copy of the final
45	judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction establishing the
46	applicant's right to use the name applied for in this state.
47	SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
48	and after July 1, 2024.