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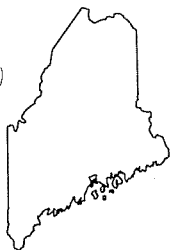
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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

**An Act to Update Certain Laws Regarding Corporations, Lobbyists and
Notaries.**



Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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3 Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §313, as amended by PL 1977, c. 108, §1, is
4 further amended to read:

6 **§313. Registration of lobbyists and employers**

8 Any person acting as a lobbyist and the person who employs
9 that lobbyist shall jointly register at the office of the
10 Secretary of State no later than 7 15 business days after the
11 commencement of activities constituting lobbying and a fee, as
12 determined by the Secretary of State, shall must be paid for such
13 joint registration.

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15 Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §319, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

16 1-A. Notice of suspension. Any person who fails to file a
17 report or pay a fee as required by this chapter may be suspended
18 from further lobbying by written notice of the Secretary of State
19 until such failure is corrected.

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21 Sec. 3. 4 MRSA §951, as amended by PL 1989, c. 600, Pt. A,
22 §1, is further amended to read:

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24 **§951. Seal; authority to administer oaths**

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26 A notary public may must keep a seal of office, whereon-is
27 engraven engraved with the notary public's name exactly as it
28 appears on the notary commission, and the words "Notary Public"
29 and "Maine" or its abbreviation "Me.," with the arms of state or
30 such other device as the notary public chooses. When a notarial
31 commission is resigned, revoked or expires, the notary or heirs
32 shall destroy the official seal or send it to the Secretary of
33 State for destruction. When authorized by the laws of this State
34 or of any other state or country to do any official act, the
35 notary public may administer any oath necessary to the completion
36 or validity thereof of the Act.

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38 Sec. 4. 4 MRSA §955-B, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 573, §3, is
39 amended to read:

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41 **§955-B. Maintenance of records**

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43 ~~The Secretary of State shall recommend that every~~ Every
44 notary public shall keep and maintain records of all notarial
45 acts performed. The notary shall safeguard and retain exclusive
46 custody of these records. The notary may not surrender the
47 records to another notary or to an employer. The records may be
48 inspected in the notary's presence by any individual whose
49 identity is personally known to the notary or is proven on the
50 basis of satisfactory evidence and who specifies the notarial act
51 to be examined.

2 **Sec. 5. 4 MRSA §959** is enacted to read:

4 **§959. Grandfather clause; seal; records**

6 The requirements to keep a seal under section 951 and
8 records under section 955-B are not in force for notaries who are
10 commissioned before November 1, 1991. If the commissions are
 renewed, the requirements of those sections take effect upon
 renewal.

12 **Sec. 6. 5 MRSA §82, 3rd ¶**, as repealed and replaced by PL
14 1981, c. 456, Pt. A, §15, is amended to read:

16 The Secretary of State shall adopt rules relating to the
18 appointment and renewal of commissions of notaries public. The
20 rules shall must include criteria and a procedure to be applied
22 by the Secretary of State in appointment and renewal. The
 Secretary of State may not refuse to appoint or renew solely
 because the applicant lives or works in a specific geographic
 area or because of political party affiliation.

24 **Sec. 7. 5 MRSA §82, last ¶**, as repealed and replaced by PL
 1981, c. 456, Pt. A, §15, is repealed.

26 **Sec. 8. 5 MRSA §82-A** is enacted to read:

28 **§82-A. Publications**

30 1. Informational publications. The Secretary of State
32 shall make available such informational publications as may be
34 necessary to ensure that notaries public are knowledgeable in the
36 performance of their duties. The Secretary of State may
 establish by rule in accordance with the Maine Administrative
 Procedure Act the procedures for the sale of these publications
 and a fee schedule to cover the cost of printing and distribution.

38 2. Fund; fees deposited. All fees collected pursuant to
40 this section must be deposited in a fund for use by the Secretary
42 of State for replacing and updating publications offered in
 accordance with this chapter and for funding new publications.

44 **Sec. 9. 10 MRSA c. 301-A, first 2 lines**, as amended, are repealed
 and the following enacted in their place:

46 CHAPTER 301-A

48 THE REGISTRATION AND PROTECTION OF MARKS

50 **Sec. 10. 10 MRSA §1521, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 572,
52 §2, is amended to read:

2 5. Registrant. "Registrant" includes the person to whom the
3 registration of a trademark mark under this chapter is issued,
4 his the registrant's legal representatives, successors or assigns.

6 Sec. 11. 10 MRSA §1521, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 572,
7 §2, is repealed.

8 Sec. 12. 10 MRSA §§1521-A, 1525-A, 1527-A, 1527-B, 1527-C and
9 1527-D are enacted to read:

10 §1521-A. Use of marks

12 For the purpose of this chapter, a mark is determined to be
13 used in this State on goods when it is placed in any manner on
14 the goods or their containers or the displays associated with the
15 goods or on the tags or labels affixed to the goods and the goods
16 are sold or otherwise distributed in the State and on services
17 when it is used or displayed in the sale or advertising of
18 services and the services are rendered in this State.

20 §1525-A. Amendment

22 The registration of a mark may be amended by adding or
23 removing one or more classes of goods and services under section
24 1527, subsection 2. The amendment must be in writing and
25 recorded with the Secretary of State and accompanied by a filing
26 fee of \$10 for each class affected, payable to the Treasurer of
27 the State. The Secretary of State may prescribe a form for this
28 purpose. The Secretary of State upon recording of an amendment
29 shall issue a new certificate for the remainder of the term of
30 the registration or of the last renewal.

32 §1527-A. Powers of the Secretary of State

34 The Secretary of State has the power and authority
35 reasonably necessary to administer this chapter efficiently and
36 to perform the duties imposed upon the secretary. These powers
37 include, without limitation:

38 1. Rulemaking. The power to make rules not inconsistent
39 with this chapter;

41 2. Forms; required. The power to prescribe forms for all
42 documents required or permitted to be filed with the Secretary of
43 State and to refuse to file documents not utilizing the
44 prescribed forms to the extent possible; and

45 3. Refuse filing of documents. The power to refuse to file
46 any document that is not clearly legible or may not be clearly
47 reproducible photographically.

48 §1527-B. Expedited service

2 The Secretary of State may provide an expedited service for
4 the processing of documents in accordance with this chapter. If
6 the service is provided, the Secretary of State shall establish
8 by rule a fee schedule and governing procedures in accordance
 with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act. All fees collected
 as provided by this section must be deposited into a fund for use
 by the Secretary of State in providing an improved filing service.

10 **§1527-C. Access to Secretary of State's database**

12 The Secretary of State may provide public access to the
14 database of the Department of the Secretary of State through a
16 dial-in modem, public terminals and electronic duplicates of the
18 database. If access to the database is provided to the public,
 the Secretary of State may promulgate rules in accordance with
 the Maine Administrative Procedure Act to establish a fee
 schedule and governing procedures.

20 **§1527-D. Publications**

22 1. Informational publications. The Secretary of State may
24 establish by rule in accordance with the Maine Administrative
26 Procedure Act a fee schedule to cover the cost of printing and
 distribution of publications and to set forth the procedures for
 the sale of these publications.

28 2. Fund; fees deposited. All fees collected pursuant to
30 this section must be deposited in a fund for use by the Secretary
32 of State for the purpose of replacing and updating publications
 offered in accordance with this chapter and for funding new
 publications.

34 Sec. 13. 11 MRSA §§9-409 to 9-412 are enacted to read:

36 **§9-409. Expedited service**

38 The Secretary of State may provide an expedited service for
40 the processing of documents in accordance with this Part. If the
42 service is provided, the Secretary of State shall establish by
44 rule a fee schedule and governing procedures in accordance with
 the Maine Administrative Procedure Act. All fees collected as
 provided by this section must be deposited into a fund for use by
 the Secretary of State in providing an improved filing service.

46 **§9-410. Access to Secretary of State's database**

48 The Secretary of State may provide public access to the
50 database of the Department of the Secretary of State through a
52 dial-in modem, public terminals and electronic duplicates of the
 database. If access to the database is provided to the public,
 the Secretary of State may promulgate rules in accordance with

2 the Maine Administrative Procedure Act to establish a fee
3 schedule and governing procedures.

4 §9-411. Publications

6 1. Informational publications. The Secretary of State may
7 establish by rule in accordance with the Maine Administrative
8 Procedure Act a fee schedule to cover the cost of printing and
9 distribution of publications and to set forth the procedures for
10 the sale of these publications.

12 2. Funds; fees deposited. All fees collected pursuant to
13 this section must be deposited in a fund for use by the Secretary
14 of State for the purpose of replacing and updating publications
15 offered in accordance with this Part and for funding new
16 publications.

18 §9-412. Federal tax liens

20 The Secretary of State may accept electronic filings of
21 federal tax liens. The Secretary of State may establish by rule
22 in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act the
23 procedures and standards for electronic filings of federal tax
24 liens.

26 Sec. 14. 13 MRSA §903, as amended by PL 1977, c. 522, §§1 and
27 2, is further amended to read:

28 §903. Recording certificate

30 They The incorporators shall prepare, sign and make oath to
32 a certificate setting forth the name, location, officers and
33 directors, trustees or managing board and purposes of the
34 corporation. The certificate shall must clearly state that the
35 corporation is not organized for profit and that no property or
36 profit of the corporation shall ~~inure~~ inures to the benefit of
37 any person, partnership or corporation except in furtherance of
38 the benevolent or ~~nonprofit-making~~ nonprofit purposes of the
39 corporation. After ~~it~~ the certificate has been examined by the
40 Secretary of State and ~~been by him~~ certified to be properly drawn
41 and signed and to be conformable to the Constitution and laws, it
42 shall must be recorded in the registry of deeds in the county
43 where said corporation is located, in a book kept for that
44 purpose. Within 60 90 days after approval of said certificate, a
45 copy thereof certified by such the register shall must be filed
46 in the Office of Secretary of State, who shall enter the date of
47 filing ~~thereon~~ on the copy and on the original certificate to be
48 kept by the corporation and shall record said copy in a book kept
49 for that purpose and the corporation may commence business. The
50 Secretary of State shall ~~receive~~ receives for filing such
certificate or amendment thereto, a fee of \$5 in advance and

2 registers of deeds shall--receive receive for recording such
certificate or amendment thereto, the fee of \$8.

4 **Sec. 15. 13 MRSA §§904 and 905** are enacted to read:

6 **§904. Access to Secretary of State's database**

8 The Secretary of State may provide public access to the
10 database of the Department of the Secretary of State through a
dial-in modem, public terminals and electronic duplicates of the
12 database. If access to the database is provided to the public,
the Secretary of State may promulgate rules in accordance with
14 the Maine Administrative Procedure Act to establish a fee
schedule and governing procedures.

16 **§905. Publications**

18 1. Informational publications. The Secretary of State may
establish by rule in accordance with the Maine Administrative
20 Procedure Act a fee schedule to cover the cost of printing and
distribution of publications and to set forth the procedures for
22 the sale of these publications.

24 2. Funds; fees deposited. All fees collected pursuant to
this section must be deposited in a fund for use by the Secretary
26 of State for the purpose of replacing and updating publications
offered in accordance with this Title and for funding new
28 publications.

30 **Sec. 16. 13-A MRSA §106, sub-§1, ¶¶E and F,** as enacted by PL
1971, c. 439, §1, are amended to read:

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34 E. The Secretary of State shall promptly make a copy of the
original, and shall ~~certify~~ attest the copy by making upon
36 it the same endorsement which is required to appear upon the
original, together with a further endorsement that the copy
38 is a true copy of the original document.

40 F. The copy, so ~~certified~~ attested, shall ~~must~~ be returned
to the person or persons delivering the documents to the
42 Secretary of State and it shall ~~must~~ be retained as a part
of the permanent records of the corporation.

44 **Sec. 17. 13-A MRSA §703, sub-§1, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1971, c.
46 439, §1, is repealed.

48 **Sec. 18. 13-A MRSA §1207, sub-§1, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1971,
c. 439, §1, is amended to read:

50 B. Enlarge, limit or otherwise change the business or
businesses which it seeks authority to engage in in this
52 State; or

2 Sec. 19. 13-A MRSA §1207, sub-§1, ¶C is enacted to read:

4 C. Change the address of its registered office or principal
6 office in its jurisdiction of incorporation.

8 Sec. 20. 13-A MRSA §1301, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 1989,
c. 501, Pt. L, §22, is further amended to read:

10 D. The name and business or residence address of each
12 ~~director and officer~~ the president, the treasurer, the clerk
14 or registered agent and directors of the corporation,
including the street or rural route number, town or city,
and state.

16 Sec. 21. 13-A MRSA §1301, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1989, c.
18 732, §5, is further amended to read:

20 3. The annual report must be executed as provided by
22 section 104, except that signing by any one of the president, a
24 vice-president, the secretary, the treasurer or an assistant
26 secretary or any other duly authorized individual, without a 2nd
28 signature, may be deemed considered valid under section 104,
30 subsection 1, paragraph B, subparagraph (2). Subject to rules
32 adopted under section 1303, subsection 4, the report must be
34 delivered to the Secretary of State or designee for filing. The
36 annual reports ~~must~~ may be delivered to the Secretary of State on
38 a staggered basis as defined by the Secretary of State by rule in
40 accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5,
42 chapter 375. The report must apply to the 12-month period
44 specified by the Secretary of State. Proof to the satisfaction
46 of the Secretary of State that, prior to the date that penalties
48 become effective for late delivery of annual reports as
established by the Secretary of State by rule, the report was
deposited in the United States mail in a sealed envelope,
properly addressed, with postage prepaid, is deemed ~~a~~ compliance
with this requirement. One copy of the report, together with the
filing fee required by this Act, must be delivered for filing to
the Secretary of State who shall file the report, if the
Secretary of State finds that it conforms to the requirements of
this Act. If the Secretary of State finds that it does not so
conform, the Secretary of State shall promptly mail or otherwise
return the same to the corporation for any necessary corrections,
in which event the penalties prescribed by this Act for failure
to file such report within the time herein provided do not apply,
if such report is corrected to conform to the requirements of
this Act and returned to the Secretary of State within 30 days
from the date on which it was so mailed or otherwise returned to
the corporation by the Secretary of State.

50 Sec. 22. 13-A MRSA §1301, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1989, c.
52 501, Pt. L, §25, is further amended to read:

2 5. The shareholders of a corporation which has been excused
3 pursuant to subsection 4 may vote to resume transacting business
4 at a meeting duly called and held for such that purpose. A
5 certificate executed and filed as provided in sections 104 and
6 106 setting forth that a shareholders' meeting was held, the date
7 and location of same, and that a majority of the shareholders
8 voted to resume transacting business ~~shall--authorize--such~~
9 authorizes that corporation to transact business; and after such
10 that certificate is filed, ~~it--shall--be~~ the corporation is
11 required to file annual reports beginning with the next reporting
12 deadline following resumption as established by subsection 3.

14 Sec. 23. 13-A MRSA §1403-A, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 501,
15 Pt. L, §31, is amended to read:

16 **§1403-A. Expedited service**

17 The Secretary of State may provide an expedited service for
18 the processing of documents in accordance with this Act. A fee
19 schedule shall must be established and rules ~~promulgated~~ adopted
20 to set forth the procedures governing this expedited service.
21 All fees collected as provided by this section must be deposited
22 into a fund for use by the Secretary of State in providing an
23 improved filing service.

24 Sec. 24. 13-A MRSA §1404, as amended by PL 1989, c. 501, Pt.
25 L, §32, is further amended to read:

26 **§1404. Remittance to Treasurer of State**

27 All fees collected as provided by this chapter shall must be
28 remitted to the Treasurer of State for the use of the State with
29 the exception of those fees collected under section 1403-A which
30 ~~shall be deposited into a fund for use by the Secretary of State~~
31 ~~in providing an improved filing service and section 1406.~~

32 Sec. 25. 13-A MRSA §§1405 and 1406 are enacted to read:

33 **§1405. Access to Secretary of State's database**

34 The Secretary of State may provide public access to the
35 database of the Department of the Secretary of State through a
36 dial-in modem, public terminals and electronic duplicates of the
37 database. If access to the database is provided to the public,
38 the Secretary of State may promulgate rules in accordance with
39 the Maine Administrative Procedure Act to establish a fee
40 schedule and governing procedures.

41 **§1406. Publications**

2 1. Informational publications. The Secretary of State may
4 establish by rule in accordance with the Maine Administrative
6 Procedure Act a fee schedule to cover the cost of printing and
8 distribution of publications and to set forth the procedures for
10 the sale of these publications.

12 2. Funds; fees deposited. All fees collected pursuant to
14 this section must be deposited in a fund for use by the Secretary of
16 State for the purpose of replacing and updating publications
18 offered in accordance with this Title and for funding new
20 publications.

22 Sec. 26. 13-B MRSA §102, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:

24 5-A. Domestic condominium corporation. "Domestic
26 condominium corporation" means a nonprofit condominium
28 corporation formed in this State under Title 33, section 1603-101.

30 Sec. 27. 13-B MRSA §106, sub-§1, ¶¶E and F, as enacted by PL
32 1977, c. 525, §13, are amended to read:

34 E. The Secretary of State shall promptly make a copy of the
36 original and shall ~~certify~~ attest the copy by making upon it
38 the same endorsement which is required to appear upon the
40 original, together with a further endorsement that the copy
42 is a true copy of the original document; and

44 F. The copy, so ~~certified~~ attested, shall ~~must~~ be returned
46 to the person or persons delivering the documents to the
48 Secretary of State and it shall ~~must~~ be retained as a part
50 of the permanent records of the corporation.

52 Sec. 28. 13-B MRSA §1207, sub-§1, ¶¶A and B, as enacted by PL
54 1977, c. 525, §13, are amended to read:

56 A. Change its corporate name, provided that such change has
58 been effected under the laws of its jurisdiction of
60 incorporation; ~~or~~

62 B. Enlarge, limit or otherwise change the kinds of
64 activities which it seeks authority to engage in in this
66 State; ~~or~~

68 Sec. 29. 13-B MRSA §1207, sub-§1, ¶C is enacted to read:

70 C. Change the address of its registered office or principal
72 office in its jurisdiction of incorporation.

74 Sec. 30. 13-B MRSA §1301, sub-§1, ¶C, as repealed and replaced
76 by PL 1977, c. 696, §161, is amended to read:

2 C. The names and business or residence addresses of the
3 officers president, the treasurer, the registered agent and
4 the secretary or clerk of the corporation, including the
street or rural route number, town, or city, and state.

6 Sec. 31. 13-B MRSA §1301-A, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1989, c.
8 875, Pt. E, §12, is amended to read:

10 6. **Vote to carry on activities.** The members entitled to
11 vote or, if none, the directors of a corporation that has been
12 excused pursuant to subsection 5, may vote to resume carrying on
13 activities at a meeting called and held for that purpose. A
14 certificate, executed and filed as provided in sections 104 and
15 106, setting forth that a members' or directors' meeting was
16 held, the date and location of the meeting and that a majority of
17 the members or directors voted to resume carrying on activities,
18 authorizes that corporation to carry on activities; and after
19 that certificate is filed, the corporation is required to file
20 annual biennial reports beginning with the next reporting
deadline following resumption as established by subsection 4.

22 Sec. 32. 13-B MRSA §1402-A is enacted to read:

24 **§1402-A. Expedited service**

26 The Secretary of State may provide an expedited service for
27 the processing of documents in accordance with this Title. If
28 the service is provided, the Secretary of State shall establish
29 by rule a fee schedule and governing procedures in accordance
30 with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act. All fees collected
31 as provided by this section must be deposited in a fund for use
32 by the Secretary of State in providing an improved filing service.

34 Sec. 33. 13-B MRSA §1403, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 525, §13,
35 is amended to read:

36 **§1403. Remittance to Treasurer of State**

38 All fees collected as provided by this chapter shall must be
39 remitted to the Treasurer of State for the use of the State with
40 the exception of those fees collected under sections 1402-A and
41 1405.

44 Sec. 34. 13-B MRSA §§1404 and 1405 are enacted to read:

46 **§1404. Access to Secretary of State's database**

48 The Secretary of State may provide public access to the
49 database of the Department of the Secretary of State through a
50 dial-in modem, public terminals and electronic duplicates of the
51 database. If access to the database is provided to the public,
52 the Secretary of State may promulgate rules in accordance with

2 the Maine Administrative Procedure Act to establish a fee
3 schedule and governing procedures.

4 **§1405. Publications**

6 1. Informational publications. The Secretary of State may
7 establish by rule in accordance with the Maine Administrative
8 Procedure Act a fee schedule to cover the cost of printing and
9 distribution of publications and to set forth the procedures for
10 the sale of these publications.

12 2. Fund; fees deposited. All fees collected pursuant to
13 this section must be deposited in a fund for use by the Secretary
14 of State for the purpose of replacing and updating publications
15 offered in accordance with this Title and for funding new
16 publications.

18 Sec. 35. 31 MRSA §§182 to 184 are enacted to read:

20 **§182. Expedited service**

22 The Secretary of State may provide an expedited service for
23 the processing of documents in accordance with this chapter. If
24 the service is provided, the Secretary of State shall establish
25 by rule a fee schedule and governing procedures in accordance
26 with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act. All fees collected
27 as provided by this section must be deposited into a fund for use
28 by the Secretary of State in providing an improved filing service.

30 **§183. Access to Secretary of State's database**

32 The Secretary of State may provide public access to the
33 database of the Department of the Secretary of State through a
34 dial-in modem, public terminals and electronic duplicates of the
35 database. If access to the database is provided to the public,
36 the Secretary of State may promulgate rules in accordance with
37 the Maine Administrative Procedure Act to establish a fee
38 schedule and governing procedures.

40 **§184. Publications**

42 1. Informational publications. The Secretary of State may
43 establish by rule in accordance with the Maine Administrative
44 Procedure Act a fee schedule to cover the cost of printing and
45 distribution of publications and to set forth the procedures for
46 the sale of these publications.

48 2. Funds; fees deposited. All fees collected pursuant to
49 this section must be deposited in a fund for use by the Secretary
50 of State for the purpose of replacing and updating publications
51 offered in accordance with this chapter and for funding new
52 publications.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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6 The bill changes the period for lobbyists to register with
the Secretary of State from 7 to 15 days. The bill also allows
the Secretary of State to suspend a lobbyist's registration if
8 the lobbyist fails to file a report or pay a fee.

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The bill also requires notaries to have a seal and to keep
records of all notarial acts. The bill grandfathered existing
12 notaries from having a seal or keeping records. The bill also
requires that a seal must be destroyed or returned to the
14 Secretary of State when the commission ends.

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The bill eliminates the requirement that the Secretary of
State must notify the register of probate and clerk of the
18 Judicial Court of newly appointed notaries. The bill gives the
Secretary of State the authority to publish and distribute
20 publications to inform notaries of their duties and allows the
Secretary of State to charge a fee for the publication.

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The bill amends the laws dealing with trademarks so that it
24 also includes the word "marks" to reflect more accurately the
purpose of the law. The bill allows a registrant to amend a
26 registration to change a mark or trademark. The bill permits the
Secretary of State to promulgate rules and set fees to improve
28 and expedite the filing process for mark registrations.

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The bill also amends the laws dealing with Uniform
Commercial Code filings, registering marks and filing corporation
32 papers so that the Secretary of State is permitted to adopt rules
and charge fees for publications to improve and expedite the
34 filing process.

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The bill also allows the Secretary of State to accept direct
electronic filings from the federal Office of the Internal
38 Revenue Service.

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The bill extends the period in which a register of deeds has
to file a certified copy of a noncapital stock corporation's
42 certificate with the Secretary of State from 60 to 90 days. The
bill allows the Secretary of State to provide public access to
44 the Department of the Secretary of State's database.

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The bill amends the laws dealing with corporations so that
the Secretary of State may send attested copies of corporate
48 documents rather than certified copies. The bill allows the
Secretary of State to provide public access to the corporation
50 database. The bill requires foreign corporations to file
amendments with the Secretary of State when they change their
52 addresses in the State where they are incorporated. The bill

2 gives the Secretary of State the discretionary authority to
stagger corporate annual filing dates.

4 The bill provides a definition for "domestic condominium
corporation."

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8 The bill amends the laws pertaining to filing of limited
partnerships to be similar to the laws pertaining to the filing
10 of corporation papers. The changes help to expedite the filings
of limited partnerships. The bill allows the Secretary of State
12 to provide public access to the Department of the Secretary of
State's database and permits the Secretary of State to promulgate
14 rules to establish fees to distribute publications providing
information on limited partnership to the public.