101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/18/2020, by Rep. Justin Slaughter

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

805 ILCS 5/15.95 805 ILCS 215/1308 from Ch. 32, par. 15.95

Amends the Business Corporation Act of 1983 and the Uniform Limited Partnership Act (2001). Requires that the filing of annual reports and requests for certificates of good standing be made in "real time" only and without expedited services available and eliminates the \$20 fee for certificates of good standing under the Business Corporation of 1983. Amends the Uniform limited Partnership Act (2001) to require that the filing of annual reports and requests for certificates of existence be made in real time only and without expedited services available. Eliminates the \$20 fee for a certificate of existence.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning business.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Business Corporation Act of 1983 is amended
by changing Section 15.95 as follows:

6 (805 ILCS 5/15.95) (from Ch. 32, par. 15.95)

7 Sec. 15.95. Department of Business Services Special
8 Operations Fund.

9 (a) A special fund in the State treasury known as the Division of Corporations Special Operations Fund is renamed the 10 Department of Business Services Special Operations Fund. 11 12 Moneys deposited into the Fund shall, subject to appropriation, 13 be used by the Department of Business Services of the Office of 14 the Secretary of State, hereinafter "Department", to create and maintain the capability to perform expedited services in 15 16 response to special requests made by the public for same day or 24 hour service. Moneys deposited into the Fund shall be used 17 for, but not limited to, expenditures for personal services, 18 19 retirement, social security, contractual services, equipment, 20 electronic data processing, and telecommunications.

(b) On or before August 31 of each year, the balance in the
Fund in excess of \$600,000 shall be transferred to the General
Revenue Fund.

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1 (c) All fees payable to the Secretary of State under this 2 Section shall be deposited into the Fund. No other fees or 3 taxes collected under this Act shall be deposited into the 4 Fund.

5 (d) "Expedited services" means services rendered within the same day, or within 24 hours from the time, the request 6 7 therefor is submitted by the filer, law firm, service company, 8 or messenger physically in person or, at the Secretary of 9 State's discretion, by electronic means, to the Department's 10 Springfield Office and includes requests for certified copies 11 and, photocopies, and certificates of good standing or fact 12 made to the Department's Springfield Office in person or by 13 telephone, or requests for certificates of good standing or 14 fact made in person or by telephone to the Department's Chicago 15 Office. A request submitted by electronic means may not be 16 considered a request for expedited services solely because of 17 its submission by electronic means, unless expedited service is requested by the filer. 18

19 (e) Fees for expedited services shall be as follows:

20 Restatement of articles, \$200;

21 Merger, consolidation or exchange, \$200;

22 Articles of incorporation, \$100;

23 Articles of amendment, \$100;

24 Revocation of dissolution, \$100;

25 Reinstatement, \$100;

26 Application for authority, \$100;

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Cumulative report of changes in issued shares or
 paid-in capital, \$100;

Report following merger or consolidation, \$100;

Certificate of good standing or fact, \$20;

5 All other filings, copies of documents, annual reports 6 filed on or after January 1, 1984, and copies of documents 7 of dissolved or revoked corporations having a file number 8 over 5199, \$50.

9 (f) Expedited services shall not be available for a 10 statement of correction, a petition for refund or adjustment, 11 or a request involving annual reports filed before January 1, 12 1984 or involving dissolved corporations with a file number 13 below 5200.

14 (g) Filing of annual reports and requests for certificates 15 of good standing or fact shall be made in real time only 16 without expedited services available.

17 (Source: P.A. 99-620, eff. 1-1-17; 100-186, eff. 7-1-18.)

Section 10. The Uniform Limited Partnership Act (2001) is amended by changing Section 1308 as follows:

20 (805 ILCS 215/1308)

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Sec. 1308. Department of Business Services Special
 Operations Fund.

(a) A special fund in the State Treasury is created andshall be known as the Department of Business Services Special

Operations Fund. Moneys deposited into the Fund shall, subject 1 2 to appropriation, be used by the Department of Business Services of the Office of the Secretary of State, hereinafter 3 "Department", to create and maintain the capability to perform 4 5 expedited services in response to special requests made by the public for same day or 24 hour service. Moneys deposited into 6 7 the Fund shall be used for, but not limited to, expenditures 8 services, retirement, Social for personal Security, 9 contractual services, equipment, electronic data processing, 10 and telecommunications.

(b) The balance in the Fund at the end of any fiscal year shall not exceed \$600,000 and any amount in excess thereof shall be transferred to the General Revenue Fund.

14 (c) All fees payable to the Secretary of State under this 15 Section shall be deposited into the Fund. No other fees or 16 charges collected under this Act shall be deposited into the 17 Fund.

(d) "Expedited services" means services rendered within 18 19 the same day, or within 24 hours from the time the request 20 therefor is submitted by the filer, law firm, service company, or messenger physically in person or, at the Secretary of 21 22 State's discretion, by electronic means, to the Department's 23 Springfield Office or Chicago Office and includes requests for 24 certified copies and τ photocopies τ and certificates of 25 existence or abstracts of computer record made to the 26 Department's Springfield Office in person or by telephone, or

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requests for certificates of existence or abstracts of computer record made in person or by telephone to the Department's Chicago Office. A request submitted by electronic means may not be considered a request for expedited services solely because of its submission by electronic means, unless expedited service is requested by the filer.

- (e) Fees for expedited services shall be as follows:
- 8 Merger, \$200;

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9 Certificate of limited partnership, \$100;

10 Certificate of amendment, \$100;

11 Reinstatement, \$100;

12 Application for admission to transact business, \$100;

13 <u>Abstract</u> Certificate of existence or abstract of 14 computer record, \$20;

All other filings, copies of documents, annual renewal
 reports, and copies of documents of canceled limited
 partnerships, \$50.

18 <u>(f) Filing of annual renewal reports and requests for</u> 19 <u>certificates of existence shall be made in real time only</u> 20 without expedited services available.

21 (Source: P.A. 100-186, eff. 7-1-18; 100-561, eff. 7-1-18; 22 101-81, eff. 7-12-19.)