

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2021 and 2022 SB3193

Introduced 1/13/2022, by Sen. Meg Loughran Cappel

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

765 ILCS 160/1-30 765 ILCS 605/19

from Ch. 30, par. 319

Amends the Common Interest Community Association Act. Provides that a reasonable fee may be charged by a common interest community association's board of managers or board of directors for the cost of retrieving and copying records, but in no case shall the fee exceed \$150. Allows a board to charge an additional rush fee of not more than \$100 if the records are needed within 72 hours after the request for the records is made. Provides that any fees charged shall be accompanied by an itemized statement detailing the basis of the fees being charged. Amends the Condominium Property Act. Removes language allowing an association to charge the requesting member the actual cost of retrieving and making requested records available for inspection and examination and the actual cost of reproducing the records. Provides instead that an association may charge a reasonable fee for the cost of retrieving and copying records available for inspection and examination, but in no case shall the fee exceed \$150. Allows an association to charge an additional rush fee of not more than \$100 if the records are needed within 72 hours after the request for the records is made. Provides that any fees charged shall be accompanied by an itemized statement detailing the basis of the fees being charged. Effective Immediately

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1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

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

- 4 Section 5. The Common Interest Community Association Act
- is amended by changing Section 1-30 as follows:
- 6 (765 ILCS 160/1-30)
- 7 Sec. 1-30. Board duties and obligations; records.
- 8 (a) The board shall meet at least 4 times annually.
- 9 (b) A common interest community association may not enter into a contract with a current board member, or with a 10 corporation, limited liability company, or partnership in 11 which a board member or a member of his or her immediate family 12 13 has 25% or more interest, unless notice of intent to enter into 14 the contract is given to members within 20 days after a decision is made to enter into the contract and the members are 15 16 afforded an opportunity by filing a petition, signed by 20% of 17 the membership, for an election to approve or disapprove the contract; such petition shall be filed within 20 days after 18 such notice and such election shall be held within 30 days 19 20 after filing the petition. For purposes of this subsection, a board member's immediate family means the board member's 21 22 spouse, parents, siblings, and children.
- 23 (c) The bylaws or operating agreement shall provide for

- 1 the maintenance, repair, and replacement of the common areas
- 2 and payments therefor, including the method of approving
- 3 payment vouchers.
- (d) (Blank).

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- 5 (e) The association may engage the services of a manager 6 or management company.
- 7 (f) The association shall have one class of membership 8 unless the declaration, bylaws, or operating agreement provide 9 otherwise; however, this subsection (f) shall not be construed 10 to limit the operation of subsection (c) of Section 1-20 of 11 this Act.
 - (g) The board shall have the power, after notice and an opportunity to be heard, to levy and collect reasonable fines from members or unit owners for violations of the declaration, bylaws, operating agreement, and rules and regulations of the common interest community association.
 - (h) Other than attorney's fees and court or arbitration costs, no fees pertaining to the collection of a member's or unit owner's financial obligation to the association, including fees charged by a manager or managing agent, shall be added to and deemed a part of a member's or unit owner's respective share of the common expenses unless: (i) the managing agent fees relate to the costs to collect common expenses for the association; (ii) the fees are set forth in a contract between the managing agent and the association; and (iii) the authority to add the management fees to a member's or

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unit owner's respective share of the common expenses is specifically stated in the declaration, bylaws, or operating agreement of the association.

(i) Board records.

- (1) The board shall maintain the following records of the association and make them available for examination and copying at convenient hours of weekdays by any member or unit owner in a common interest community subject to the authority of the board, their mortgagees, and their duly authorized agents or attorneys:
 - (i) Copies of the recorded declaration, other community instruments, other duly recorded covenants and bylaws and any amendments, articles incorporation, articles of organization, reports, and any rules and regulations adopted by the board shall be available. Prior to the organization of the board, the developer shall maintain and make available the records set forth in this paragraph (i) for examination and copying.
 - (ii) Detailed and accurate records in chronological order of the receipts and expenditures affecting the common areas, specifying and itemizing the maintenance and repair expenses of the common areas and any other expenses incurred, and copies of all contracts, leases, or other agreements entered into by the board shall be maintained.

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1	(iii) The minutes of all meetings of the board
2	which shall be maintained for not less than 7 years.
3	(iv) With a written statement of a proper purpose,
4	ballots and proxies related thereto, if any, for any
5	election held for the board and for any other matters
6	voted on by the members, which shall be maintained for
7	not less than one year.
8	(v) With a written statement of a proper purpose,
9	such other records of the board as are available for
10	inspection by members of a not-for-profit corporation
11	pursuant to Section 107.75 of the General Not For
12	Profit Corporation Act of 1986 shall be maintained.
13	(vi) With respect to units owned by a land trust, a
14	living trust, or other legal entity, the trustee,
15	officer, or manager of the entity may designate, in
16	writing, a person to cast votes on behalf of the member
17	or unit owner and a designation shall remain in effect
18	until a subsequent document is filed with the
19	association.
20	(2) Where a request for records under this subsection
21	is made in writing to the board or its agent, failure to
22	provide the requested record or to respond within 30 days
23	shall be deemed a denial by the board.

(3) A reasonable fee may be charged by the board for

the cost of retrieving and copying records properly

requested, but in no case shall the fee exceed \$150. The

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- board may charge an additional rush fee of not more than

 \$100 if the records are needed within 72 hours after the

 request for the records is made. Any fees charged shall be

 accompanied by an itemized statement detailing the basis

 of the fees being charged.
 - (4) If the board fails to provide records properly requested under paragraph (1) of this subsection (i) within the time period provided in that paragraph (1), the member may seek appropriate relief and shall be entitled to an award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs if the member prevails and the court finds that such failure is due to the acts or omissions of the board of managers or the board of directors.
 - (j) The board shall have standing and capacity to act in a representative capacity in relation to matters involving the common areas or more than one unit, on behalf of the members or unit owners as their interests may appear.
- 18 (Source: P.A. 98-232, eff. 1-1-14; 98-241, eff. 8-9-13; 98-756, eff. 7-16-14; 99-41, eff. 7-14-15.)
- Section 10. The Condominium Property Act is amended by changing Section 19 as follows:
- 22 (765 ILCS 605/19) (from Ch. 30, par. 319)
- Sec. 19. Records of the association; availability for examination.

1	(a)	The	board	of manag	gers of	every	ass	ociati	on s	shall	keep
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3	copies	of	these	records	, at	the a	assoc	iation	n's	princ	ipal
4	office:										

- (1) the association's declaration, bylaws, and plats of survey, and all amendments of these;
- (2) the rules and regulations of the association, if any;
 - (3) if the association is incorporated as a corporation, the articles of incorporation of the association and all amendments to the articles of incorporation;
 - (4) minutes of all meetings of the association and its board of managers for the immediately preceding 7 years;
 - (5) all current policies of insurance of the association;
 - (6) all contracts, leases, and other agreements then in effect to which the association is a party or under which the association or the unit owners have obligations or liabilities;
 - (7) a current listing of the names, addresses, email addresses, telephone numbers, and weighted vote of all members entitled to vote;
 - (8) ballots and proxies related to ballots for all matters voted on by the members of the association during the immediately preceding 12 months, including, but not

- limited to, the election of members of the board of managers; and
 - (9) the books and records for the association's current and 10 immediately preceding fiscal years, including, but not limited to, itemized and detailed records of all receipts, expenditures, and accounts.
 - (b) Any member of an association shall have the right to inspect, examine, and make copies of the records described in subdivisions (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), and (9) of subsection (a) of this Section, in person or by agent, at any reasonable time or times, at the association's principal office. In order to exercise this right, a member must submit a written request to the association's board of managers or its authorized agent, stating with particularity the records sought to be examined. Failure of an association's board of managers to make available all records so requested within 10 business days of receipt of the member's written request shall be deemed a denial.
 - Any member who prevails in an enforcement action to compel examination of records described in subdivisions (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), and (9) of subsection (a) of this Section shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs from the association.
- (c) (Blank).
- 25 (d) (Blank).
- 26 (d-5) As used in this Section, "commercial purpose" means

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the use of any part of a record or records described in subdivisions (7) and (8) of subsection (a) of this Section, or information derived from such records, in any form for sale, resale, or solicitation or advertisement for sales or services.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (g) of this Section, any member of an association shall have the right to inspect, examine, and make copies of the records described in subdivisions (7) and (8) of subsection (a) of this Section, in person or by agent, at any reasonable time or times but only for a purpose that relates to the association, at the association's principal office. In order to exercise this right, a member must submit a written request, to association's board of managers or its authorized agent, stating with particularity the records sought to be examined. As a condition for exercising this right, the board of managers or authorized agent of the association may require the member to certify in writing that the information contained in the records obtained by the member will not be used by the member for any commercial purpose or for any purpose that does not relate to the association. The board of managers of the association may impose a fine in accordance with item (1) of Section 18.4 upon any person who makes a false certification. Subject to the provisions of subsection (q) of this Section, failure of an association's board of managers to make available all records so requested within 10 business

days of receipt of the member's written request shall be deemed a denial; provided, however, that the board of managers of an association that has adopted a secret ballot election process as provided in Section 18 of this Act shall not be deemed to have denied a member's request for records described in subdivision (8) of subsection (a) of this Section if voting ballots, without identifying unit numbers, are made available to the requesting member within 10 business days of receipt of the member's written request.

Any member who prevails in an enforcement action to compel examination of records described in subdivision (7) or (8) of subsection (a) of this Section shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs from the association only if the court finds that the board of directors acted in bad faith in denying the member's request.

(f) The association may charge a reasonable fee for the cost of retrieving and copying records available for inspection and examination under this Section, but in no case shall the fee exceed \$150. The association may charge an additional rush fee of not more than \$100 if the records are needed within 72 hours after the request for the records is made. Any fees charged shall be accompanied by an itemized statement detailing the basis of the fees being charged. The actual cost to the association of retrieving and making requested records available for inspection and examination under this Section may be charged by the association to the

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- (g) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (e) of this Section, unless otherwise directed by court order, an association need not make the following records available for inspection, examination, or copying by its members:
 - (1) documents relating to appointment, employment, discipline, or dismissal of association employees;
 - (2) documents relating to actions pending against or on behalf of the association or its board of managers in a court or administrative tribunal;
 - (3) documents relating to actions threatened against, or likely to be asserted on behalf of, the association or its board of managers in a court or administrative tribunal;
 - (4) documents relating to common expenses or other charges owed by a member other than the requesting member; and
 - (5) documents provided to an association in connection with the lease, sale, or other transfer of a unit by a member other than the requesting member.
- (h) The provisions of this Section are applicable to all condominium instruments recorded under this Act. Any portion of a condominium instrument that contains provisions contrary

- 1 to these provisions shall be void as against public policy and
- 2 ineffective. Any condominium instrument that fails to contain
- 3 the provisions required by this Section shall be deemed to
- 4 incorporate the provisions by operation of law.
- 5 (Source: P.A. 100-292, eff. 1-1-18; 100-863, eff. 8-14-18.)
- 6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 7 becoming law.