

**IDAHO UNIFORM BUSINESS  
ORGANIZATIONS CODE  
(IUBOC)**

**PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS  
AND  
THE IDAHO ASSUMED BUSINESS NAMES ACT**



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## PART 1. DEFINITIONS, DELIVERY, AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

30-21-101.SHORT TITLES. (a) This act may be cited as the “Idaho Uniform Business Organizations Code.”

(b) This chapter may be cited as the “Idaho Uniform Business Organizations Code -- Preliminary Provisions.”

(c) Part 4 of this chapter may be cited as the “Idaho Registered Agent of Entity Act.”

(d) Part 8 of this chapter may be cited as the “Idaho Assumed Business Names Act.”

30-21-102.DEFINITIONS. In this act, except as otherwise provided in definitions of the same terms in other articles of this act:

(1) “Act” means the Idaho uniform business organizations code.

(2) “Annual report” means the report required by section 30-21-213, Idaho Code.

(3) “Business corporation” means a domestic business corporation incorporated under or subject to chapter 29, title 30, Idaho Code, or a foreign business corporation.

(4) “Business trust” means a trust formed under the statutory law of another state that is not a foreign statutory trust and does not have a predominately donative purpose.

(5) “Commercial registered agent” means a person listed under section 30-21-405, Idaho Code.

(6) “Common-law business trust” means a common-law trust that does not have a predominately donative purpose.

(7) “Debtor in bankruptcy” means a person that is the subject of:

(A) An order for relief under 11 U.S.C. or a comparable order under a successor statute of general application; or

(B) A comparable order under federal, state or foreign law governing insolvency.

(8) “Distributional interest” means the right under an unincorporated entity’s organic law and organic rules to receive distributions from the entity.

(9) “Domestic,” with respect to an entity, means governed as to its internal affairs by the law of this state.

(10) “Effective date,” when referring to a record filed by the secretary of state, means the time and date determined in accordance with section 30-21-203, Idaho Code.

(11) “Entity”:

(A) Means:

(i) A business corporation;

(ii) A nonprofit corporation;

(iii) A general partnership, including a limited liability partnership;

(iv) A limited partnership, including a limited liability limited partnership;

(v) A limited liability company;

(vi) A general cooperative association;

(vii) A limited cooperative association;

(viii) An unincorporated nonprofit association;

(ix) A statutory trust, business trust, or common-law business trust; or

(x) Any other person that has:

(I) A legal existence separate from any interest holder of that person; or

(II) The power to acquire an interest in real property in its own name; and

(B) Does not include:

(i) An individual;

(ii) A trust with a predominately donative purpose or a charitable trust;

(iii) An association or relationship that is not listed in paragraph (A) of this subsection and is not a partnership under the rules stated in section 30-23-202(c), Idaho Code, or a similar provision of the law of another jurisdiction;

(iv) A decedent’s estate; or

(v) A government or a governmental subdivision, agency or instrumentality.

(12) “Entity filing” means a record delivered to the secretary of state for filing pursuant to this act.

(13) “Filed record” means a record filed by the secretary of state pursuant to this act.

(14) “Filing entity” means an entity whose formation requires the filing of a public organic record. The term does not include a limited liability partnership.

(15) “Foreign,” with respect to an entity, means governed as to its internal affairs by the law of a jurisdiction other

than this state.

(16) "General cooperative association" means a foreign general cooperative association.

(17) "General partnership" means a domestic general partnership formed under or subject to chapter 23 of this act or a foreign general partnership. The term includes a limited liability partnership.

(18) "Governance interest" means a right under the organic law or organic rules of an unincorporated entity, other than as a governor, agent, assignee or proxy, to:

(A) Receive or demand access to information concerning, or the books and records of, the entity;

(B) Vote for or consent to the election of the governors of the entity; or

(C) Receive notice of or vote on or consent to an issue involving the internal affairs of the entity.

(19) "Governor" means:

(A) A director of a business corporation;

(B) A director or trustee of a nonprofit corporation;

(C) A general partner of a general partnership;

(D) A general partner of a limited partnership;

(E) A manager of a manager-managed limited liability company;

(F) A member of a member-managed limited liability company;

(G) A director of a general cooperative association;

(H) A director of a limited cooperative association;

(I) A manager of an unincorporated nonprofit association;

(J) A trustee of a statutory trust, business trust or common-law business trust; or

(K) Any other person under whose authority the powers of an entity are exercised and under whose direction the activities and affairs of the entity are managed pursuant to the organic law and organic rules of the entity.

(20) "Interest" means:

(A) A share in a business corporation;

(B) A membership in a nonprofit corporation;

(C) A governance interest in a general partnership;

(D) A governance interest in a limited partnership;

(E) A governance interest in a limited liability company;

(F) A share in a general cooperative association;

(G) A member's interest in a limited cooperative association;

(H) A membership in an unincorporated nonprofit association;

(I) A beneficial interest in a statutory trust, business trust or common-law business trust; or

(J) A governance interest or distributional interest in any other type of unincorporated entity.

(21) "Interest holder" means:

(A) A shareholder of a business corporation;

(B) A member of a nonprofit corporation;

(C) A general partner of a general partnership;

(D) A general partner of a limited partnership;

(E) A limited partner of a limited partnership;

(F) A member of a limited liability company;

(G) A shareholder of a general cooperative association;

(H) A member of a limited cooperative association;

(I) A member of an unincorporated nonprofit association;

(J) A beneficiary or beneficial owner of a statutory trust, business trust or common-law business trust; or

(K) Any other direct holder of an interest.

(22) "Jurisdiction," used to refer to a political entity, means the United States, a state, a foreign country, or a political subdivision of a foreign country.

(23) "Jurisdiction of formation" means the jurisdiction whose law includes the organic law of an entity.

(24) "Limited cooperative association" means a foreign limited cooperative association.

(25) "Limited liability company" means a domestic limited liability company formed under or subject to chapter 25, title 30, Idaho Code, or a foreign limited liability company.

(26) "Limited liability limited partnership" means a domestic limited liability limited partnership formed under or subject to chapter 24, title 30, Idaho Code, or a foreign limited liability limited partnership.

- (27) "Limited liability partnership" means a domestic limited liability partnership registered under or subject to chapter 23, title 30, Idaho Code, or a foreign limited liability partnership.
- (28) "Limited partnership" means a domestic limited partnership formed under or subject to chapter 24, title 30, Idaho Code, or a foreign limited partnership. The term includes a limited liability limited partnership.
- (29) "Noncommercial registered agent" means a person that is not a commercial registered agent and is:
- (A) An individual or domestic or foreign entity that serves in this state as the registered agent of an entity; or
  - (B) An individual who holds the office or other position in an entity which is designated as the registered agent pursuant to section 30-21-404(a)(2)(B), Idaho Code.
- (30) "Nonfiling entity" means an entity whose foundation does not require the filing of a public organic record.
- (31) "Nonprofit corporation" means a domestic nonprofit corporation incorporated under or subject to chapter 30, title 30, Idaho Code, or a foreign nonprofit corporation.
- (32) "Nonregistered foreign entity" means a foreign entity that is not registered to do business in this state pursuant to a statement of registration filed by the secretary of state.
- (33) "Organic law" means the law of an entity's jurisdiction of formation governing the internal affairs of the entity.
- (34) "Organic rules" means the public organic record and private organic rules of an entity.
- (35) "Person" means an individual, business corporation, nonprofit corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, general cooperative association, limited cooperative association, unincorporated nonprofit association, statutory trust, business trust, common-law business trust, estate trust, association, joint venture, public corporation, government or governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality, or any other legal or commercial entity.
- (36) "Principal office" means the principal executive office of an entity, whether or not the office is located in this state.
- (37) "Private organic rules" means the rules, whether or not in a record, that govern the internal affairs of an entity, are binding on all its interest holders, and are not part of its public organic record, if any. The term includes:
- (A) The bylaws of a business corporation;
  - (B) The bylaws of a nonprofit corporation;
  - (C) The partnership agreement of a general partnership;
  - (D) The partnership agreement of a limited partnership;
  - (E) The operating agreement of a limited liability company;
  - (F) The bylaws of a general cooperative association;
  - (G) The bylaws of a limited cooperative association;
  - (H) The governing principles of an unincorporated nonprofit association; and
  - (I) The trust instrument of a statutory trust or similar rules of a business trust or common-law business trust.
- (38) "Proceeding" includes a civil action, arbitration, mediation, administrative proceeding, criminal prosecution and investigatory action.
- (39) "Professional entity" means an entity formed for the sole and specific purpose of rendering professional services, allied professional services, and services ancillary to the professional services and that has as its interest holders only:
- (A) Natural persons who themselves are duly licensed or otherwise legally authorized to render one (1) or more of the same professional services as the professional entity; and
  - (B) Other professional entities.
- (40) "Professional service" means any type of service to the public that can be rendered by a member of any profession within the purview of the member's profession.
- (41) "Property" means all property, whether real, personal, or mixed or tangible or intangible, or any right or interest therein.
- (42) "Public organic record" means the record, the filing of which by the secretary of state is required to form an entity, and any amendment to or restatement of that record. The term includes:
- (A) The articles of incorporation of a business corporation;
  - (B) The articles of incorporation of a nonprofit corporation;
  - (C) The certificate of limited partnership of a limited partnership;
  - (D) The certificate of organization of a limited liability company;
  - (E) The articles of incorporation of a general cooperative association;

- (F) The articles of organization of a limited cooperative association; and
- (G) The certificate of trust of a statutory trust or similar record of a business trust.
- (43) "Receipt," as used in this chapter, means actual receipt. "Receive" has a corresponding meaning.
- (44) "Record," used as a noun, means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.
- (45) "Registered agent" means an agent of an entity that is authorized to receive service of any process, notice, or demand required or permitted by law to be served on the entity. The term includes a commercial registered agent and a noncommercial registered agent.
- (46) "Registered foreign entity" means a foreign entity that is registered to do business in this state pursuant to a statement of registration filed by the secretary of state.
- (47) "Sign" means with present intent to authenticate or adopt a record:
  - (A) To execute or adopt a tangible symbol; or
  - (B) To attach to or logically associate with the record an electronic symbol, sound or process.
- (48) "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.
- (49) "Statutory trust" means a trust formed under the statutory law of a jurisdiction other than this state.
- (50) "Transfer" includes:
  - (A) An assignment;
  - (B) A conveyance;
  - (C) A sale;
  - (D) A lease;
  - (E) An encumbrance, including a mortgage or security interest;
  - (F) A gift; and
  - (G) A transfer by operation of law.
- (51) "Type of entity" means a generic form of entity:
  - (A) Recognized at common law; or
  - (B) Formed under an organic law, whether or not some entities formed under that law are subject to provisions of that law that create different categories of the form of entity.
- (52) "Unincorporated nonprofit association" means a domestic unincorporated nonprofit association formed under or subject to chapter 27, title 30, Idaho Code, or a nonprofit association formed under or subject to the law of a jurisdiction other than this state that would be an unincorporated nonprofit association if formed under or subject to the law of this state.
- (53) "Written" means inscribed on a tangible medium. "Writing" has a corresponding meaning.

30-21-103.APPLICABILITY OF PART. This part applies to an entity formed under or subject to this act.

30-21-104.DELIVERY OF RECORD. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this act, permissible means of delivery of a record includes delivery by hand, mail, conventional commercial practice, and electronic transmission.

(b) Delivery to the secretary of state is effective only when a record is received by the secretary of state.

30-21-105.RULES AND PROCEDURES. The secretary of state may:

- (1) Adopt rules to administer this act in accordance with the administrative procedure act; and
- (2) Prescribe procedures that are reasonably necessary to perform the duties required of the secretary of state under this act and are not required by the administrative procedure act to be adopted as rules.

## **PART 2. FILING REQUIREMENTS AND FEES**

30-21-201.ENTITY FILING REQUIREMENTS. (a) To be filed by the secretary of state pursuant to this act, an entity filing must be received by the secretary of state, comply with this act, and satisfy the following:

- (1) The entity filing must be required or permitted by this act.
- (2) The entity filing must be physically delivered in written form unless and to the extent the secretary of state permits electronic delivery of entity filings.
- (3) The words in the entity filing must be in English, and numbers must be in Arabic or Roman numerals, but the name of the entity need not be in English if written in English letters or Arabic or Roman numerals.

- (4) The entity filing must be signed by or on behalf of a person authorized or required under this chapter to sign the filing.
- (5) The entity filing must state the name and capacity, if any, of each individual who signed it, either on behalf of the individual or the person authorized or required to sign the filing, but need not contain a seal, attestation, acknowledgment or verification.
- (b) If law other than this chapter prohibits the disclosure by the secretary of state of information contained in an entity filing, the secretary of state shall file the entity filing if the filing otherwise complies with this chapter but may redact the information.
- (c) When an entity filing is delivered to the secretary of state for filing, any fee required under this part and any fee, tax, interest, or penalty required to be paid under this part or law other than this act must be paid in a manner permitted by the secretary of state.
- (d) The secretary of state may require that an entity filing delivered in written form be accompanied by an identical or conformed copy.

30-21-202.FORMS. (a) The secretary of state may provide forms for entity filings required or permitted to be made by this act, but, except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section, their use is not required.

(b) The secretary of state may require that a cover sheet for an entity filing and an annual report be on forms prescribed by the secretary of state.

30-21-203.EFFECTIVE DATES AND TIMES. Except as otherwise provided in this act and subject to section 30-21-205(d), Idaho Code, an entity filing is effective:

- (1) On the date and at the time of its filing by the secretary of state as provided in section 30-21-206, Idaho Code;
- (2) On the date of filing and at the time specified in the entity filing as its effective time, if later than the time under subsection (1) of this section;
- (3) If permitted by this act, at a specified delayed effective date and time, which may not be more than ninety (90) days after the date of filing; or
- (4) If a delayed effective date as permitted by this act is specified, but no time is specified, at 12:01 a.m. on the date specified, which may not be more than ninety (90) days after the date of filing.

30-21-204.WITHDRAWAL OF FILED RECORD BEFORE EFFECTIVENESS. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this act, a record delivered to the secretary of state for filing may be withdrawn before it takes effect by delivering to the secretary of state for filing a statement of withdrawal.

(b) A statement of withdrawal must:

- (1) Be signed by each person that signed the record being withdrawn, except as otherwise agreed by those persons;
- (2) Identify the record to be withdrawn; and
- (3) If signed by fewer than all the persons that signed the record being withdrawn, state that the record is withdrawn in accordance with the agreement of all the persons that signed the record.

(c) On filing by the secretary of state of a statement of withdrawal, the action or transaction evidenced by the original filed record does not take effect.

30-21-205.CORRECTING FILED RECORD. (a) A person on whose behalf a filed record was delivered to the secretary of state for filing may correct the record if:

- (1) The record at the time of filing was inaccurate;
- (2) The record was defectively signed; or
- (3) The electronic transmission of the record to the secretary of state was defective.

(b) To correct a filed record, a person on whose behalf the record was delivered to the secretary of state must deliver to the secretary of state for filing a statement of correction.

(c) A statement of correction:

- (1) May not state a delayed effective date;
- (2) Must be signed by the person correcting the filed record;
- (3) Must identify the filed record to be corrected;
- (4) Must specify the inaccuracy or defect to be corrected; and
- (5) Must correct the inaccuracy or defect.

(d) A statement of correction is effective as of the effective date of the filed record that it corrects except as to persons relying on the uncorrected filed record and adversely affected by the correction. As to those persons, the statement of correction is effective when filed.

30-21-206.DUTY OF SECRETARY OF STATE TO FILE -- REVIEW OF REFUSAL TO FILE. (a) The secretary of state shall file an entity filing delivered to the secretary of state for filing that satisfies this act. The duty of the secretary of state under this section is ministerial.

(b) When the secretary of state files an entity filing, the secretary of state shall record it as filed on the date and at the time of its delivery. After filing an entity filing, the secretary of state shall deliver to the person that submitted the filing a copy of the filing with an acknowledgment of the date and time of filing.

(c) If the secretary of state refuses to file an entity filing, the secretary of state, not later than five (5) business days after the filing is delivered, shall:

(1) Return the entity filing or notify the person that submitted the filing of the refusal; and

(2) Provide a brief explanation in a record of the reason for the refusal.

(d) If the secretary of state refuses to file an entity filing, the person that submitted the filing may petition the district court to compel its filing. The filing and the explanation of the secretary of state of the refusal to file must be attached to the petition. The court may decide the matter in a summary proceeding.

(e) The filing of or refusal to file an entity filing does not:

(1) Affect the validity or invalidity of the filing in whole or in part; or

(2) Create a presumption that the information contained in the filing is correct or incorrect.

30-21-207.EVIDENTIARY EFFECT OF COPY OF FILED RECORD. A certification from the secretary of state accompanying a copy of a filed record is conclusive evidence that the copy is an accurate representation of the original record on file with the secretary of state.

30-21-208.CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING OR REGISTRATION. (a) On request of any person, the secretary of state shall issue a certificate of good standing for a domestic filing entity or a certificate of registration for a registered foreign entity.

(b) A certificate under subsection (a) of this section must state:

(1) The domestic filing entity's name or the registered foreign entity's name used in this state;

(2) In the case of a domestic filing entity:

(A) That its public organic record has been filed and has taken effect;

(B) The date the public organic record became effective;

(C) That the records of the secretary of state do not reflect that the entity has been dissolved;

(3) In the case of a registered foreign entity, that it is registered to do business in this state.

(c) Subject to any qualification stated in the certificate, a certificate issued by the secretary of state under subsection (a) of this section may be relied upon as conclusive evidence of the facts stated in the certificate.

30-21-209.SIGNING OF ENTITY FILING. (a) Signing an entity filing is an affirmation under the penalties of perjury that the facts stated in the filing are true in all material respects.

(b) A record filed under this act may be signed by an agent. Whenever this act requires a particular individual to sign an entity filing and the individual is deceased or incompetent, the filing may be signed by a legal representative of the individual.

(c) A person that signs a record as an agent or legal representative affirms as a fact that the person is authorized to sign the record.

30-21-210.SIGNING AND FILING PURSUANT TO JUDICIAL ORDER. (a) If a person required by this act to sign or deliver a record to the secretary of state for filing under this act does not do so, any other person that is aggrieved may petition the district court to order:

(1) The person to sign the record;

(2) The person to deliver the record to the secretary of state for filing; or

(3) The secretary of state to file the record unsigned.

(b) If the petitioner under subsection (a) of this section is not the entity to which the record pertains, the

petitioner shall make the entity a party to the action.

(c) A record filed under subsection (a)(3) of this section is effective without being signed.

30-21-211.LIABILITY FOR INACCURATE INFORMATION IN FILED RECORD. If a record delivered to the secretary of state for filing under this act and filed by the secretary of state contains inaccurate information, a person that suffers a loss by reliance on the information may recover damages for the loss from a person that signed the record or caused another to sign it on the person's behalf and knew at the time the record was signed that the information was inaccurate.

30-21-212.DELIVERY BY SECRETARY OF STATE. Except as otherwise provided by section 30-21-412, Idaho Code, or by law of this state other than this chapter, the secretary of state may deliver a record to a person by delivering it:

- (1) In person to the person that submitted it for filing;
- (2) To the principal office address of the person;
- (3) To another address the person provides to the secretary of state for delivery; or
- (4) To the address of the person's registered agent.

30-21-213.ANNUAL REPORT FOR SECRETARY OF STATE. (a) A domestic filing entity, domestic limited liability partnership, or registered foreign entity shall deliver to the secretary of state for filing an annual report that states:

- (1) The name of the entity and its jurisdiction of formation;
  - (2) The information required by section 30-21-404(a), Idaho Code;
  - (3) The street and mailing addresses of the entity's principal office; and
  - (4) The name of at least one (1) governor.
- (b) Information in an annual report must be current as of the date the report is signed by the entity.
- (c) The annual report must be delivered to the secretary of state for filing each year before the end of the month during which the public organic record of a domestic filing entity became effective, the statement of qualification of a domestic limited liability partnership became effective, or a foreign filing entity registered to do business in this state. Beginning one (1) year after the public organic record of a domestic filing entity became effective, the statement of qualification of a domestic limited liability partnership became effective, or a foreign filing entity registered to do business in this state, and each year thereafter, the annual report must be received in the office of the secretary of state not later than the close of business on the final day of the applicable month. If the secretary of state finds that such report conforms to the requirements of this chapter, he shall file the same.
- (d) If an annual report does not contain the information required by this section, the secretary of state shall promptly notify the reporting entity in a record and return the report for correction.
- (e) If an annual report contains the name or address of a registered agent that differs from the information shown in the records of the secretary of state immediately before the report becomes effective, the differing information is considered a statement of change under section 30-21-407, Idaho Code.

30-21-214.FEES. (a) The secretary of state shall collect the following fees for copying and certifying the copy of any filed record:

- (1) Twenty-five cents (25¢) per page for copying; and
  - (2) Ten dollars (\$10.00) for the certification.
- (b) The secretary of state shall collect the following fees when an entity filing is delivered for filing:
- (1) Statement of merger \$30.00
  - (2) Statement of withdrawal \$30.00
  - (3) Statement of interest exchange \$30.00
  - (4) Statement of abandonment \$30.00
  - (5) Statement of conversion \$30.00
  - (6) Statement of domestication \$30.00
  - (7) Annual report No fee
  - (8) Articles of incorporation of a business corporation \$100.00
  - (9) Articles of incorporation of a nonprofit corporation \$30.00

- (10) Statement of qualification of a limited liability partnership  
\$100.00
- (11) Certificate of amendment to certificate of assumed business name  
\$10.00
- (12) Certificate of amendment to certificate of assumed business name with only an address change No fee
- (13) Certificate of assumed business name \$25.00
- (14) Certificate of cancellation of a certificate of assumed business name No fee
- (15) Certificate of limited partnership of a limited partnership  
\$100.00
- (16) Certificate of organization of a limited liability company  
\$100.00
- (17) Other public organic documents or a statement not otherwise specified herein \$30.00
- (18) Commercial registered agent listing statement \$100.00
- (19) Commercial registered agent termination statement \$20.00
- (20) Commercial registered agent statement of change \$30.00
- (21) Registered agent statement of resignation No fee
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- (23) Foreign entity registration statement \$100.00
- (24) Amendment of foreign entity registration statement \$30.00
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No fee
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\$20.00
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- (31) Combined statement of partnership authority and qualification of limited liability partnership \$100.00
- (32) Certificate of existence \$10.00
- (33) Application for use of deceptively similar name \$20.00
- (34) Application for reserved name \$20.00
- (35) Notice of transfer of reserved name \$20.00
- (36) Application for registered name \$60.00
- (37) Application for renewal of registered name \$60.00
- (38) Amendment of articles of incorporation \$30.00
- (39) Restatement of articles of incorporation with amendment of articles \$30.00
- (40) Articles of dissolution \$30.00
- (41) Articles of revocation of dissolution \$30.00
- (42) Certificate of administrative dissolution No fee
- (43) Certificate of reinstatement No fee
- (44) Certificate of judicial dissolution No fee
- (45) Statement of termination \$30.00
- (c) The withdrawal under section 30-21-204, Idaho Code, of a filed record before it is effective or the correction of a filed record under section 30-21-205, Idaho Code, does not entitle the person on whose behalf the record was filed to a refund of the filing fee.
- (d) The secretary of state shall collect a surcharge of twenty dollars (\$20.00) for providing evidence of filing an entity filing within eight (8) working hours after the entity filing is delivered for filing.
- (e) The secretary of state shall collect a surcharge of twenty dollars (\$20.00) for filing any non-typed record or any record that is not on a standard form proscribed by the secretary of state, except no surcharge will be collected for a non-typed certificate of assumed business name or a certificate of amendment to certificate of assumed business name.

### PART 3. ENTITY NAMES

30-21-301.PERMITTED NAMES. (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d) or (f) of this section, the name of a domestic filing entity or domestic limited liability partnership, and the name under which a foreign entity may register to do business in this state, must be distinguishable on the records of the secretary of state from any:

- (1) Name of an existing domestic filing entity which at the time is not administratively dissolved for more than six (6) months;
- (2) Name of a limited liability partnership whose statement of qualification is in effect;
- (3) Name under which a foreign entity registered to do business in this state under part 5 of this chapter;
- (4) Name reserved under section 30-21-303, Idaho Code; or
- (5) Name registered under section 30-21-304, Idaho Code.

(b) If an entity consents in a record to the use of its name and submits an undertaking in a form satisfactory to the secretary of state to change its name to a name that is distinguishable on the records of the secretary of state from any name in any category of names in subsection (a) of this section, the name of the consenting entity may be used by the person to which the consent was given.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d) of this section, in determining whether a name is the same as or not distinguishable on the records of the secretary of state from the name of another entity, words, phrases, or abbreviations indicating the type of entity, such as "corporation," "corp.," "incorporated," "Inc.," "professional corporation," "PC," "P.C.," "professional association," "PA," "P.A.," "Limited," "Ltd.," "limited partnership," "LP," "L.P.," "limited liability partnership," "LLP," "L.L.P.," "registered limited liability partnership," "RLLP," "R.L.L.P.," "limited liability limited partnership," "LLL," "L.L.L.P.," "registered limited liability limited partnership," "RLLL," "R.L.L.L.P.," "limited liability company," "LLC" or "L.L.C." may not be taken into account.

(d) An entity may consent in a record to the use of a name that is not distinguishable on the records of the secretary of state from its name except for the addition of a word, phrase, or abbreviation indicating the type of entity or as provided in subsection (c) of this section. In such a case, the entity need not change its name pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

(e) An entity name may not contain language falsely stating or implying government affiliation or stating or implying that the entity is organized for a purpose other than that permitted by this act.

(f) An entity may use a name that is not distinguishable from a name described in subsection (a)(1) through (5) of this section if the entity delivers to the secretary of state a certified copy of a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction establishing the right of the entity to use the name in this state.

(g) Nothing in this section shall abrogate or limit the law as to unfair competition or unfair practice in the use of trade names, nor derogate from the common law, the principles of equity, or the statutes of this state or of the United States with respect to the right to acquire and protect trade names.

(h) The use of a name in violation of this part shall not affect or vitiate the entity existence, but the courts of this state, having equity jurisdiction, may, upon the application of the state, or of any person interested or affected, enjoin such entity in violation from doing business under any name assumed in violation of this part.

30-21-302.NAME REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF ENTITIES. (a) The name of a business corporation must contain the word "corporation," "incorporated," "company," or "limited," or the abbreviation "Corp.," "Inc.," "Co.," or "Ltd.," or words or abbreviations of similar import in another language; provided however, that if the word "company" or its abbreviation is used it shall not be immediately preceded by the word "and" or by an abbreviation of or symbol representing the word "and." If the business corporation is a professional entity, the name may alternatively contain the word "chartered," "professional association," or "professional corporation," or the abbreviation "P.A.," "P.C.," or "CHTD" or words or abbreviations of similar import in another language.

(b) The name of a limited partnership may contain the name of any partner. The name of a limited partnership that is not a limited liability limited partnership must contain the phrase "limited partnership" or the abbreviation "L.P." or "LP" and may not contain the phrase "limited liability limited partnership" or "registered limited liability limited partnership" or the abbreviation "L.L.L.P.," "LLL," "R.L.L.L.P.," or "RLLL." If the limited partnership is a limited liability limited partnership, the name must contain the phrase "limited liability limited partnership" or the abbreviation "L.L.L.P.," "LLL," "R.L.L.L.P.," or "RLLL" and may not contain the abbreviation "L.P." or "LP."

If the limited partnership is a professional entity, the name may include the word “professional” before the word “limited” or the letter “P” at the beginning of any of the permitted abbreviations.

(c) The name of a limited liability partnership must contain the words “limited liability partnership” or “registered limited liability partnership” or the abbreviation “L.L.P.,” “R.L.L.P.,” “LLP,” or “RLLP.” If the limited liability partnership is a professional entity, the name may include the word “professional” before the word “limited” or the letter “P” at the beginning of any of the permitted abbreviations.

(d) The name of a limited liability company must contain the phrase “limited liability company” or “limited company” or the abbreviation “L.L.C.,” “LLC,” “L.C.,” or “LC.” “Limited” may be abbreviated as “Ltd.,” and “company” may be abbreviated as “Co.” If the limited liability company is a professional entity, the name may include the word “professional” before the word “limited” or the letter “P” at the beginning of any of the permitted abbreviations.

(e) The name of a limited cooperative association must contain the words “limited cooperative association” or “limited cooperative” or the abbreviation “L.C.A.” or “LCA.” “Limited” may be abbreviated as “Ltd.” “Cooperative” may be abbreviated as “Co-op.,” “Coop.,” “Co op.,” or “Coop.” “Association” may be abbreviated as “Assoc.,” “Assoc.,” “Assn.,” or “Assn.”

(f) The name of a statutory trust may contain the words “company,” “association,” “club,” “foundation,” “fund,” “institute,” “society,” “union,” “syndicate,” “limited,” or “trust,” or words or abbreviations of similar import, and may contain the name of a beneficial owner, a trustee, or any other person.

30-21-303.RESERVATION OF NAME. (a) A person may reserve the exclusive use of an entity name by delivering an application to the secretary of state for filing. The application must state the name and address of the applicant and the name to be reserved. If the secretary of state finds that the entity name is available, the secretary of state shall reserve the name for the applicant’s exclusive use for one hundred twenty (120) days.

(b) The owner of a reserved entity name may transfer the reservation to another person by delivering to the secretary of state a signed notice in a record of the transfer that states the name and address of the transferee.

30-21-304.REGISTRATION OF NAME. (a) A foreign filing entity or foreign limited liability partnership not registered to do business in this state under part 5 of this chapter may register its name, or an alternate name adopted pursuant to section 30-21-506, Idaho Code, if the name is distinguishable on the records of the secretary of state from the names that are not available under section 30-21-301, Idaho Code.

(b) To register its name or an alternate name adopted pursuant to section 30-21-506, Idaho Code, a foreign filing entity or foreign limited liability partnership must deliver to the secretary of state for filing an application stating the entity’s name, the jurisdiction and date of its formation, and any alternate name adopted pursuant to section 30-21-506, Idaho Code. If the secretary of state finds that the name applied for is available, the secretary of state shall register the name for the applicant’s exclusive use.

(c) The registration of a name under this section is effective for one (1) year after the date of registration.

(d) A foreign filing entity or foreign limited liability partnership whose name registration is effective may renew the registration for successive one (1) year periods by delivering, not earlier than three (3) months before the expiration of the registration, to the secretary of state for filing a renewal application that complies with this section. When filed, the renewal application renews the registration for a succeeding one (1) year period.

(e) A foreign filing entity or foreign limited liability partnership whose name registration is effective may register as a foreign filing entity or foreign limited liability partnership under the registered name or consent in a signed record to the use of that name by another entity.

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END OF PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS  
APPLICABLE TO ASSUMED BUSINESS NAMES

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## **PART 8. IDAHO ASSUMED BUSINESS NAMES ACT**

30-21-801.SHORT TITLE. This part may be cited as the “Idaho Assumed Business Names Act.”

30-21-802.PURPOSE. The purpose of this part is to ensure disclosure on the public record of the true names of persons who transact business in Idaho. Compliance with the provisions of this part does not confer any exclusive right to the use of an assumed business name in Idaho.

30-21-803.DEFINITIONS. When used in this part, the terms defined in this section shall have the following meanings:

(1) “Assumed business name” means:

(A) Any name other than the true name of any filing entity or limited liability partnership, under which name the entity holds itself out for the transaction of business in the state of Idaho; or

(B) Any name under which any individual, any group of individuals or other persons, or any entity other than a filing entity or limited liability partnership, holds itself out for the transaction of business in the state of Idaho, if that name does not include in full the true names of all individuals and other persons who have a financial interest in the business which is or may be transacted; which name shall not include words or abbreviations which falsely state or imply governmental affiliation or the existence of a filing entity or limited liability partnership.

(2) “Individual” means a natural person.

(3) “Transact business” means to engage in any commercial or other activity that is intended to or likely to produce a financial benefit, whether it is for the purpose of profit to the person who engages in the activity or for the purpose of supporting a charitable, benevolent or other nonprofit function.

(4) “True name” has the following meanings:

(A) When applied to a formally organized or registered entity, the name by which the entity is identified on its public organic record, application for authority to do business or registration statement which is on file with the appropriate governmental entity. As to a foreign formally organized or registered entity which has been required to adopt an assumed business name on its application for authority to do business or its registration statement as a condition of obtaining authority to do business in Idaho, the term “true name” shall include the assumed business name which appears on the application for authority to do business or registration statement.

(B) When applied to an individual, the name that the individual uses to bind himself or herself to legal obligations, or to obtain privileges, licenses or benefits from government. The true name will include the surname and some combination of given names or initials, and may include other identifiers such as “Jr.,” “3d” or “III.”

30-21-804.NAME USED AS ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME. (a) On or after July 1, 2014, an assumed business name:

(1) Must comply with section 30-21-301(a) and (e), Idaho Code; and

(2) May not contain any of the words or abbreviations required for an entity under section 30-21-302, Idaho Code; and

(3) May not be only the true name of an individual.

(b) The name of a filing entity or limited liability partnership does not have to be distinguishable from an assumed business name in a certificate of assumed business name filed before the entity’s public organic record, statement of qualification, or foreign entity registration statement is filed, and the assumed business name is not invalidated by the subsequent filing by the filing entity or limited liability partnership.

30-21-805.FILING OF CERTIFICATE REQUIRED. (a) Any person who proposes to or intends to transact business in Idaho under an assumed business name shall, before beginning to transact business, deliver to the secretary of state for filing a certificate of assumed business name in a form prescribed by the secretary of state.

(b) A separate certificate of assumed business name must be filed for each assumed business name a person uses.

30-21-806.CONTENTS OF CERTIFICATE. The certificate of assumed business name shall include:

(1) The assumed business name as it is used in the transaction of business;

(2) The true names and business addresses of every person who has a financial or control interest in the business

to be transacted under the assumed business name;

(3) The general type of business to be transacted under the assumed business name using categories prescribed on the form by the secretary of state;

(4) The signature of each person included on the certificate or the signature of an agent acting on behalf of all persons included on the certificate; and

(5) Other information as the secretary of state may require.

30-21-807.EFFECT OF FILING -- DURATION -- CONTINUATION. (a) A person may conduct business under an assumed business name if a certificate of assumed business name has been filed with the secretary of state and is in effect.

(b) A certificate of assumed business name is in effect upon filing until it is canceled pursuant to section 30-21-809, Idaho Code.

(c) A certificate of assumed business name does not create an entity separate from the person doing business under the assumed business name.

30-21-808.AMENDMENT OF CERTIFICATE. (a) If the identity or business address of any person who has a financial or control interest in the business transacted under the assumed business name changes, or if the certificate of assumed business name becomes materially misleading in any other way, the person who transacts that business shall, within ninety (90) days thereafter, file with the secretary of state a certificate of amendment to the certificate of assumed business name in a form prescribed by the secretary of state. The form may be in any medium permitted by the secretary of state.

(b) The certificate of amendment shall specify how the certificate of assumed business name is to be amended and shall be executed in the same manner as required for a certificate of assumed business name.

30-21-809.CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATE. (a) A person who discontinues use of an assumed business name may cancel its certificate of assumed business name by filing with the secretary of state a certificate of cancellation in a form prescribed by the secretary of state. The form may be in any medium permitted by the secretary of state.

(b) The certificate of cancellation shall be executed in the same manner as required for a certificate of assumed business name.

30-21-810.CONSEQUENCES OF NONCOMPLIANCE. (a) Any person who transacts business in Idaho under an assumed business name without having complied with the requirements of this chapter shall not be entitled to maintain any legal action in the courts of this state until the person has filed a certificate of assumed business name as required by this chapter.

(b) Any person who suffers a loss because of another person's noncompliance with the requirements of this chapter shall be entitled to recover damages in the amount of the loss and attorney's fees and costs incurred in connection with recovery of damages.

(c) Noncompliance shall be held to include false, misleading or incomplete information in a certificate of assumed business name, as well as failure to file.