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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE BILL NO. 69

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 8 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE GENERAL CORPORATION LAW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE (Two-thirds of all members elected to each house thereof concurring therein):

1 Section 1. Amend § 151(f), Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
2 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

3 (f) If any corporation shall be authorized to issue more than 1 class of stock or more than 1 series of any class, the
4 powers, designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional, or other special rights of each class of stock or series
5 thereof and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions of such preferences and/or rights shall be set forth in full or
6 summarized on the face or back of the certificate which the corporation shall issue to represent such class or series of stock,
7 provided that, except as otherwise provided in § 202 of this title, in lieu of the foregoing requirements, there may be set
8 forth on the face or back of the certificate which the corporation shall issue to represent such class or series of stock, a
9 statement that the corporation will furnish without charge to each stockholder who so requests the powers, designations,
10 preferences and relative, participating, optional, or other special rights of each class of stock or series thereof and the
11 qualifications, limitations or restrictions of such preferences and/or rights. Within a reasonable time after the issuance or
12 transfer of uncertificated stock, ~~the corporation shall send to the registered owner thereof shall be given a written notice, in~~
13 writing or by electronic transmission, containing the information required to be set forth or stated on certificates pursuant to
14 this section or § 156, § 202(a) ~~or~~ § 218(a) or § 364 of this title or with respect to this section a statement that the
15 corporation will furnish without charge to each stockholder who so requests the powers, designations, preferences and
16 relative participating, optional or other special rights of each class of stock or series thereof and the qualifications,
17 limitations or restrictions of such preferences and/or rights. Except as otherwise expressly provided by law, the rights and
18 obligations of the holders of uncertificated stock and the rights and obligations of the holders of certificates representing
19 stock of the same class and series shall be identical.

20 Section 2. Amend § 202(a), Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
21 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

22 (a) A written restriction or restrictions on the transfer or registration of transfer of a security of a corporation, or on
23 the amount of the corporation's securities that may be owned by any person or group of persons, if permitted by this section
24 and noted conspicuously on the certificate or certificates representing the security or securities so restricted or, in the case
25 of uncertificated shares, contained in the notice or notices ~~sent~~given pursuant to § 151(f) of this title, may be enforced
26 against the holder of the restricted security or securities or any successor or transferee of the holder including an executor,
27 administrator, trustee, guardian or other fiduciary entrusted with like responsibility for the person or estate of the holder.
28 Unless noted conspicuously on the certificate or certificates representing the security or securities so restricted or, in the
29 case of uncertificated shares, contained in the notice or notices ~~sent~~given pursuant to § 151(f) of this title, a restriction, even
30 though permitted by this section, is ineffective except against a person with actual knowledge of the restriction.

31 Section 3. Amend § 203(b)(3), Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
32 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

33 (3) The corporation, by action of its stockholders, adopts an amendment to its certificate of incorporation
34 or bylaws expressly electing not to be governed by this section; provided that, in addition to any other
35 vote required by law, such amendment to the certificate of incorporation or bylaws must be
36 ~~approved~~adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the ~~shares~~outstanding stock entitled to vote. ~~An~~
37 ~~amendment adopted pursuant to this paragraph shall be effective immediately in thereon.~~ In the case of a
38 corporation that both (i) has never had a class of voting stock that falls within any of the 2 categories set
39 out in paragraph (b)(4) of this section, and (ii) has not elected by a provision in its original certificate of
40 incorporation or any amendment thereto to be governed by this section, such amendment shall become
41 effective upon (i) in the case of an amendment to the certificate of incorporation, the date and time at
42 which the certificate filed in accordance with § 103 of this title becomes effective thereunder or (ii) in the
43 case of an amendment to the bylaws, the date of the adoption of such amendment. In all other cases, an
44 amendment adopted pursuant to this paragraph shall ~~not be effective until 12 months after~~become
45 effective (i) in the case of an amendment to the certificate of incorporation, 12 months after the date and
46 time at which the certificate filed in accordance with § 103 of this title becomes effective thereunder or
47 (ii) in the case of an amendment to the bylaws, 12 months after the date of the adoption of such
48 amendment, and, in either case, the election not to be governed by this section shall not apply to any
49 business combination between such corporation and any person who became an interested stockholder of
50 such corporation on or ~~prior to such adoption~~before (A) in the case of an amendment to the certificate of
51 incorporation, the date and time at which the certificate filed in accordance with § 103 of this title

52 becomes effective thereunder or (B) in the case of an amendment to the bylaws, the date of the adoption
53 of such amendment. A bylaw amendment adopted pursuant to this paragraph shall not be further amended
54 by the board of directors;

55 Section 4. Amend the final sentence of § 203(b), Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by
56 underline and deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

57 Notwithstanding paragraphs (b)(1), (2), (3) and (4) of this section, a corporation may elect by a provision of its
58 original certificate of incorporation or any amendment thereto to be governed by this section; provided that any such
59 amendment to the certificate of incorporation shall not apply to restrict a business combination between the corporation and
60 an interested stockholder of the corporation if the interested stockholder became such ~~prior to the effective date of the~~
61 ~~amendment~~before the date and time at which the certificate filed in accordance with § 103 of this title becomes effective
62 thereunder.

63 Section 5. Amend § 219(a), Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
64 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

65 (a) ~~The officer who has charge of the stock ledger of a~~The corporation shall prepare ~~and make~~, at least 10 days
66 before every meeting of stockholders, a complete list of the stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting; provided, however,
67 if the record date for determining the stockholders entitled to vote is less than 10 days before the meeting date, the list shall
68 reflect the stockholders entitled to vote as of the tenth day before the meeting date, arranged in alphabetical order, and
69 showing the address of each stockholder and the number of shares registered in the name of each stockholder. Nothing
70 contained in this section shall require the corporation to include electronic mail addresses or other electronic contact
71 information on such list. Such list shall be open to the examination of any stockholder for any purpose germane to the
72 meeting for a period of at least 10 days prior to the meeting: (i) on a reasonably accessible electronic network, provided that
73 the information required to gain access to such list is provided with the notice of the meeting, or (ii) during ordinary
74 business hours, at the principal place of business of the corporation. In the event that the corporation determines to make
75 the list available on an electronic network, the corporation may take reasonable steps to ensure that such information is
76 available only to stockholders of the corporation. If the meeting is to be held at a place, then a list of stockholders entitled
77 to vote at the meeting shall be produced and kept at the time and place of the meeting during the whole time thereof and
78 may be examined by any stockholder who is present. If the meeting is to be held solely by means of remote
79 communication, then such list shall also be open to the examination of any stockholder during the whole time of the
80 meeting on a reasonably accessible electronic network, and the information required to access such list shall be provided
81 with the notice of the meeting.

82 Section 6. Amend § 219(c), Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
83 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

84 (c) For purposes of this chapter, “stock ledger” means one or more records administered by or on behalf of the
85 corporation in which the names of all of the corporation’s stockholders of record, the address and number of shares
86 registered in the name of each such stockholder, and all issuances and transfers of stock of the corporation are recorded in
87 accordance with § 224 of this title. The stock ledger shall be the only evidence as to who are the stockholders entitled by
88 this section to examine the list required by this section or to vote in person or by proxy at any meeting of stockholders.

89 Section 7. Amend § 224, Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and deletions
90 as shown by strike through as follows:

91 § 224. Form of records.

92 Any records ~~maintained~~administered by or on behalf of the corporation in the regular course of its business,
93 including its stock ledger, books of account, and minute books, may be kept on, or by means of, or be in the form of, any
94 information storage device, ~~or~~ method, or one or more electronic networks or databases (including one or more distributed
95 electronic networks or databases), provided that the records so kept can be converted into clearly legible paper form within
96 a reasonable time. ~~Any corporation shall so, and, with respect to the stock ledger, that the records so kept (i) can be used to~~
97 prepare the list of stockholders specified in § 219 and § 220 of this title, (ii) record the information specified in § 156, §
98 159, § 217(a) and § 218 of this title, and (iii) record transfers of stock as governed by Article 8 of subtitle I of Title 6. Any
99 corporation shall convert any records so kept into clearly legible paper form upon the request of any person entitled to
100 inspect such records pursuant to any provision of this chapter. When records are kept in such manner, a clearly legible
101 paper form ~~produced~~prepared from or by means of the information storage device ~~or method shall be,~~ method, or one or
102 more electronic networks or databases (including one or more distributed electronic networks or databases) shall be valid
103 and admissible in evidence, and accepted for all other purposes, to the same extent as an original paper record of the same
104 information would have been, provided the paper form accurately portrays the record.

105 Section 8. Amend § 228(c), Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
106 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

107 (c) ~~Every written consent shall bear the date of signature of each stockholder or member who signs the consent,~~
108 ~~and no~~ No written consent shall be effective to take the corporate action referred to therein unless, ~~within 60 days of the~~
109 ~~earliest dated consent delivered in the manner required by this section to the corporation,~~ written consents signed by a
110 sufficient number of holders or members to take action are delivered to the corporation ~~by delivery to its registered office in~~
111 ~~this State, its principal place of business or an officer or agent of the corporation having custody of the book in which~~

112 ~~proceedings of meetings of stockholders or members are recorded in the manner required by this section within 60 days of~~
113 ~~the first date on which a written consent is so delivered to the corporation. Delivery made to a corporation's registered~~
114 ~~office shall be by hand or by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested.~~ Any person executing a consent may
115 provide, whether through instruction to an agent or otherwise, that such a consent will be effective at a future time
116 (including a time determined upon the happening of an event), no later than 60 days after such instruction is given or such
117 provision is made, ~~and, for the purposes of this section,~~ if evidence of such instruction or provision is provided to the
118 corporation, ~~such later effective time shall serve as the date of signature.~~ Unless otherwise provided, any such consent shall
119 be revocable prior to its becoming effective.

120 Section 9. Amend § 228(d)(1), Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
121 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

122 (d)(1) A telegram, cablegram or other electronic transmission consenting to an action to be taken and transmitted
123 by a stockholder, member or proxyholder, or by a person or persons authorized to act for a stockholder, member or
124 proxyholder, shall be deemed to be written, and signed and dated for the purposes of this section, provided that
125 any such telegram, cablegram or other electronic transmission sets forth or is delivered with information from
126 which the corporation can determine (A) that the telegram, cablegram or other electronic transmission was
127 transmitted by the stockholder, member or proxyholder or by a person or persons authorized to act for the
128 stockholder, member or proxyholder and (B) the date on which such stockholder, member or proxyholder or
129 authorized person or persons transmitted such telegram, cablegram or electronic transmission. ~~The date on which~~
130 ~~such telegram, cablegram or electronic transmission is transmitted shall be deemed to be the date on which such~~
131 ~~consent was signed.~~ No consent given by telegram, cablegram or other electronic transmission shall be deemed to
132 have been delivered until such consent is reproduced in paper form and until such paper form shall be delivered to
133 the corporation by delivery to its registered office in this State, its principal place of business or an officer or agent
134 of the corporation having custody of the book in which proceedings of meetings of stockholders or members are
135 recorded. Delivery made to a corporation's registered office shall be made by hand or by certified or registered
136 mail, return receipt requested. Notwithstanding the foregoing limitations on delivery, consents given by telegram,
137 cablegram or other electronic transmission, may be otherwise delivered to the principal place of business of the
138 corporation or to an officer or agent of the corporation having custody of the book in which proceedings of
139 meetings of stockholders or members are recorded if, to the extent and in the manner provided by resolution of the
140 board of directors or governing body of the corporation.

141 Section 10. Amend § 228(e), Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
142 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

143 (e) Prompt notice of the taking of the corporate action without a meeting by less than unanimous written consent
144 shall be given to those stockholders or members who have not consented in writing and who, if the action had been taken at
145 a meeting, would have been entitled to notice of the meeting if the record date for notice of such meeting had been the date
146 that written consents signed by a sufficient number of holders or members to take the action were delivered to the
147 corporation as provided in ~~subsection (e) of this section~~. In the event that the action which is consented to is such as would
148 have required the filing of a certificate under any other section of this title, if such action had been voted on by stockholders
149 or by members at a meeting thereof, the certificate filed under such other section shall state, in lieu of any statement
150 required by such section concerning any vote of stockholders or members, that written consent has been given in
151 accordance with this section.

152 Section 11. Amend § 232(c), Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
153 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

154 (c) For purposes of this chapter, “electronic transmission” means any form of communication, not directly
155 involving the physical transmission of paper, including the use of, or participation in, one or more electronic networks or
156 databases (including one or more distributed electronic networks or databases), that creates a record that may be retained,
157 retrieved and reviewed by a recipient thereof, and that may be directly reproduced in paper form by such a recipient through
158 an automated process.

159 Section 12. Amend § 251(a), Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
160 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

161 (a) Any 2 or more corporations ~~existing under the laws of this State~~ may merge into a single surviving corporation,
162 which may be any 1 of the constituent corporations or may consolidate into a new resulting corporation formed by the
163 consolidation, pursuant to an agreement of merger or consolidation, as the case may be, complying and approved in
164 accordance with this section.

165 Section 13. Amend § 251(b)(6), Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
166 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

167 (6) Such other details or provisions as are deemed desirable, including, without limiting the generality of
168 the foregoing, a provision for the payment of cash in lieu of the issuance or recognition of fractional
169 shares, ~~interests or rights~~ rights or other securities of the surviving or resulting corporation or of any other

170 corporation or entity the shares, rights or other securities of which are to be received in the merger or
171 consolidation, or for any other arrangement with respect thereto, consistent with § 155 of this title.

172 Section 14. Amend § 251(c), Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
173 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

174 (c) The agreement required by subsection (b) of this section shall be submitted to the stockholders of each
175 constituent corporation at an annual or special meeting for the purpose of acting on the agreement. Due notice of the time,
176 place and purpose of the meeting shall be mailed to each holder of stock, whether voting or nonvoting, of the corporation at
177 the stockholder's address as it appears on the records of the corporation, at least 20 days prior to the date of the meeting.
178 The notice shall contain a copy of the agreement or a brief summary thereof. At the meeting, the agreement shall be
179 considered and a vote taken for its adoption or rejection. If a majority of the outstanding stock of the corporation entitled to
180 vote thereon shall be voted for the adoption of the agreement, that fact shall be certified on the agreement by the secretary
181 or assistant secretary of the corporation, provided that such certification on the agreement shall not be required if a
182 certificate of merger or consolidation is filed in lieu of filing the agreement. If the agreement shall be so adopted and
183 certified by each constituent corporation, it shall then be filed and shall become effective, in accordance with § 103 of this
184 title. In lieu of filing the agreement of merger or consolidation required by this section, the surviving or resulting
185 corporation may file a certificate of merger or consolidation, executed in accordance with § 103 of this title, which states:

- 186 (1) The name and state of incorporation of each of the constituent corporations;
- 187 (2) That an agreement of merger or consolidation has been approved, adopted, executed and
188 acknowledged by each of the constituent corporations in accordance with this section;
- 189 (3) The name of the surviving or resulting corporation;
- 190 (4) In the case of a merger, such amendments or changes in the certificate of incorporation of the
191 surviving corporation as are desired to be effected by the merger (which amendments or changes may
192 amend and restate the certificate of incorporation of the surviving corporation in its entirety), or, if no
193 such amendments or changes are desired, a statement that the certificate of incorporation of the surviving
194 corporation shall be its certificate of incorporation;
- 195 (5) In the case of a consolidation, that the certificate of incorporation of the resulting corporation shall be
196 as set forth in an attachment to the certificate;
- 197 (6) That the executed agreement of consolidation or merger is on file at an office of the surviving or
198 resulting corporation, stating the address thereof; and

199 (7) That a copy of the agreement of consolidation or merger will be furnished by the surviving or
200 resulting corporation, on request and without cost, to any stockholder of any constituent corporation.

201 Section 15. Amend § 252, Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
202 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

203 § 252. Merger or consolidation of domestic and foreign corporations; service of process upon surviving or
204 resulting corporation.

205 (a) Any 1 or more corporations of this State may merge or consolidate with 1 or more ~~other corporations of any~~
206 ~~other state or states of the United States, or of the District of Columbia if the laws of the other state or states, or of the~~
207 ~~District permit a corporation of such jurisdiction to merge or consolidate with a corporation of another jurisdiction~~foreign
208 corporations, unless the laws of the jurisdiction or jurisdictions under which such foreign corporation or corporations are
209 organized prohibit such merger or consolidation. The constituent corporations may merge into a single surviving
210 corporation, which may be any 1 of the constituent corporations, or they may consolidate into a new resulting corporation
211 formed by the consolidation, which may be a corporation of the ~~state jurisdiction of incorporation~~organization of any 1 of
212 the constituent corporations, pursuant to an agreement of merger or consolidation, as the case may be, complying and
213 approved in accordance with this section. ~~In addition, any 1 or more corporations existing under the laws of this State may~~
214 ~~merge or consolidate with 1 or more corporations organized under the laws of any jurisdiction other than 1 of the United~~
215 ~~States if the laws under which the other corporation or corporations are organized permit a corporation of such jurisdiction~~
216 ~~to merge or consolidate with a corporation of another jurisdiction.~~

217 (b) All the constituent corporations shall enter into an agreement of merger or consolidation. The agreement shall
218 state:

- 219 (1) The terms and conditions of the merger or consolidation;
- 220 (2) The mode of carrying the same into effect;
- 221 (3) In the case of a merger in which the surviving corporation is a corporation of this State, such
222 amendments or changes in the certificate of incorporation of the surviving corporation as are desired to be
223 effected by the merger (which amendments or changes may amend and restate the certificate of
224 incorporation of the surviving corporation in its entirety), or, if no such amendments or changes are
225 desired, a statement that the certificate of incorporation of the surviving corporation shall be its certificate
226 of incorporation;

227 (4) In the case of a consolidation in which the resulting corporation is a corporation of this State, that the
228 certificate of incorporation of the resulting corporation shall be as is set forth in an attachment to the
229 agreement;

230 ~~(3)~~(5) The manner, if any, of converting the shares of each of the constituent corporations into shares or
231 other securities of the corporation surviving or resulting from the merger or consolidation, or of
232 cancelling some or all of such shares, and, if any shares of any of the constituent corporations are not to
233 remain outstanding, to be converted solely into shares or other securities of the surviving or resulting
234 corporation or to be cancelled, the cash, property, rights or securities of any other corporation or entity
235 which the holders of such shares are to receive in exchange for, or upon conversion of, such shares and
236 the surrender of any certificates evidencing them, which cash, property, rights or securities of any other
237 corporation or entity may be in addition to or in lieu of the shares or other securities of the surviving or
238 resulting corporation;

239 ~~(4)~~(6) Such other details or provisions as are deemed desirable, including, without limiting the generality
240 of the foregoing, a provision for the payment of cash in lieu of the issuance or recognition of fractional
241 shares, rights or other securities of the surviving or resulting corporation or of any other corporation or
242 entity the shares, rights or other securities of which are to be received in the merger or consolidation, or
243 for some other arrangement with respect thereto, consistent with § 155 of this title; and

244 ~~(5)~~(7) Such other provisions or facts as shall be required to be set forth in ~~certificates of incorporation by~~
245 ~~the laws of the state which are stated in the agreement to be the laws that shall govern the~~an agreement of
246 merger or consolidation (including any provision for amendment of the certificate of incorporation (or
247 equivalent document) of a surviving or resulting foreign corporation and that can be stated in the case of a
248 merger or consolidation) by the laws of each jurisdiction under which any of the foreign corporations are
249 organized.

250 Any of the terms of the agreement of merger or consolidation may be made dependent upon facts ascertainable
251 outside of such agreement, provided that the manner in which such facts shall operate upon the terms of the agreement is
252 clearly and expressly set forth in the agreement of merger or consolidation. The term “facts,” as used in the preceding
253 sentence, includes, but is not limited to, the occurrence of any event, including a determination or action by any person or
254 body, including the corporation.

255 (c) The agreement shall be adopted, approved, certified, executed and acknowledged by each of the constituent
256 corporations in accordance with the laws under which it is ~~formed~~organized, and, in the case of a ~~Delaware~~ corporation of

257 this State, in the same manner as is provided in § 251 of this title. The agreement shall be filed and shall become effective
258 for all purposes of the laws of this State when and as provided in § 251 of this title with respect to the merger or
259 consolidation of corporations of this State. In lieu of filing the agreement of merger or consolidation, the surviving or
260 resulting corporation may file a certificate of merger or consolidation, executed in accordance with § 103 of this title, which
261 states:

262 (1) The name and ~~state or jurisdiction of incorporation~~ organization of each of the constituent
263 corporations;

264 (2) That an agreement of merger or consolidation has been approved, adopted, certified, executed and
265 acknowledged by each of the constituent corporations in accordance with this subsection;

266 (3) The name of the surviving or resulting corporation;

267 (4) In the case of a merger in which the surviving corporation is a corporation of this State, such
268 amendments or changes in the certificate of incorporation of the surviving corporation as are desired to be
269 effected by the merger (which amendments or changes may amend and restate the certificate of
270 incorporation of the surviving corporation in its entirety), or, if no such amendments or changes are
271 desired, a statement that the certificate of incorporation of the surviving corporation shall be its certificate
272 of incorporation;

273 (5) In the case of a consolidation in which the resulting corporation is a corporation of this State, that the
274 certificate of incorporation of the resulting corporation shall be as is set forth in an attachment to the
275 certificate;

276 (6) That the executed agreement of consolidation or merger is on file at an office of the surviving or
277 resulting corporation and the address thereof;

278 (7) That a copy of the agreement of consolidation or merger will be furnished by the surviving or
279 resulting corporation, on request and without cost, to any stockholder of any constituent corporation;

280 (8) If the corporation surviving or resulting from the merger or consolidation is ~~to be a corporation of this~~
281 State, the authorized capital stock of each constituent corporation which is not a corporation of this State;
282 and

283 (9) The agreement, if any, required by subsection (d) of this section.

284 (d) If the corporation surviving or resulting from the merger or consolidation is ~~to be governed by the laws of the~~
285 ~~District of Columbia or any state or jurisdiction other than this State~~ a foreign corporation, it shall agree that it may be
286 served with process in this State in any proceeding for enforcement of any obligation of any constituent corporation of this

287 State, as well as for enforcement of any obligation of the surviving or resulting corporation arising from the merger or
288 consolidation, including any suit or other proceeding to enforce the right of any stockholders as determined in appraisal
289 proceedings pursuant to § 262 of this title, and shall irrevocably appoint the Secretary of State as its agent to accept service
290 of process in any such suit or other proceedings and shall specify the address to which a copy of such process shall be
291 mailed by the Secretary of State. Process may be served upon the Secretary of State under this subsection by means of
292 electronic transmission but only as prescribed by the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State is authorized to issue such
293 rules and regulations with respect to such service as the Secretary of State deems necessary or appropriate. In the event of
294 such service upon the Secretary of State in accordance with this subsection, the Secretary of State shall forthwith notify
295 such surviving or resulting corporation thereof by letter, directed to such surviving or resulting corporation at its address so
296 specified, unless such surviving or resulting corporation shall have designated in writing to the Secretary of State a different
297 address for such purpose, in which case it shall be mailed to the last address so designated. Such letter shall be sent by a
298 mail or courier service that includes a record of mailing or deposit with the courier and a record of delivery evidenced by
299 the signature of the recipient. Such letter shall enclose a copy of the process and any other papers served on the Secretary of
300 State pursuant to this subsection. It shall be the duty of the plaintiff in the event of such service to serve process and any
301 other papers in duplicate, to notify the Secretary of State that service is being effected pursuant to this subsection and to pay
302 the Secretary of State the sum of \$50 for the use of the State, which sum shall be taxed as part of the costs in the
303 proceeding, if the plaintiff shall prevail therein. The Secretary of State shall maintain an alphabetical record of any such
304 service setting forth the name of the plaintiff and the defendant, the title, docket number and nature of the proceeding in
305 which process has been served, the fact that service has been effected pursuant to this subsection, the return date thereof,
306 and the day and hour service was made. The Secretary of State shall not be required to retain such information longer than 5
307 years from receipt of the service of process.

308 (e) Section 251(d) of this title shall apply to any merger or consolidation under this section; § 251(e) of this title
309 shall apply to a merger under this section in which the surviving corporation is a corporation of this State; and § 251(f) and
310 (h) of this title shall apply to any merger under this section.

311 Section 16. Amend § 253(a), Title 8 of the Delaware Code, and amend the heading of § 253, by making insertions
312 as shown by underline and deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

313 § 253. Merger of parent corporation and subsidiary ~~or subsidiaries~~ corporation or corporations.

314 (a) In any case in which: (1) at least 90% of the outstanding shares of each class of the stock of a corporation or
315 corporations (other than a corporation which has in its certificate of incorporation the provision required by § 251(g)(7)(i)
316 of this title), of which class there are outstanding shares that, absent this subsection, would be entitled to vote on such

317 merger, is owned by ~~another corporation and 1 of the corporations~~ is a corporation of this State ~~and the other or others are~~
318 ~~corporations of this State, or any other state or states, or the District of Columbia and the laws of the other state or states, or~~
319 ~~the District permit a corporation of such jurisdiction to merge with a corporation of another jurisdiction, the corporation~~
320 ~~having such stock ownership may either merge the other~~ or a foreign corporation, and (2) 1 or more of such corporations is
321 a corporation of this State, unless the laws of the jurisdiction or jurisdictions under which the foreign corporation or
322 corporations are organized prohibit such merger, the parent corporation may either merge the subsidiary corporation or
323 corporations into itself and assume all of its or their obligations, or merge itself, or itself and 1 or more of such other
324 subsidiary corporations, into 1 of the other subsidiary corporations by executing, acknowledging and filing, in accordance
325 with § 103 of this title, a certificate of such ownership and merger setting forth a copy of the resolution of its board of
326 directors to so merge and the date of the adoption; provided, however, that in case the parent corporation shall not own all
327 the outstanding stock of all the subsidiary corporations, parties to a merger as aforesaid, the resolution of the board of
328 directors of the parent corporation shall state the terms and conditions of the merger, including the securities, cash,
329 property, or rights to be issued, paid, delivered or granted by the surviving corporation upon surrender of each share of the
330 subsidiary corporation or corporations not owned by the parent corporation, or the cancellation of some or all of such
331 shares. Any of the terms of the resolution of the board of directors to so merge may be made dependent upon facts
332 ascertainable outside of such resolution, provided that the manner in which such facts shall operate upon the terms of the
333 resolution is clearly and expressly set forth in the resolution. The term "facts," as used in the preceding sentence, includes,
334 but is not limited to, the occurrence of any event, including a determination or action by any person or body, including the
335 corporation. If the parent corporation be not the surviving corporation, the resolution shall include provision for the pro rata
336 issuance of stock of the surviving corporation to the holders of the stock of the parent corporation on surrender of any
337 certificates therefor, and the certificate of ownership and merger shall state that the proposed merger has been approved by
338 a majority of the outstanding stock of the parent corporation entitled to vote thereon at a meeting duly called and held after
339 20 days' notice of the purpose of the meeting mailed to each such stockholder at the stockholder's address as it appears on
340 the records of the corporation if the parent corporation is a corporation of this State or state that the proposed merger has
341 been adopted, approved, certified, executed and acknowledged by the parent corporation in accordance with the laws under
342 which it is organized if the parent corporation is ~~not a foreign corporation of this State~~. If the surviving corporation exists
343 under the laws of the District of Columbia or any state or jurisdiction other than this State is a foreign corporation:

344 (1) Section 252(d) of this title or § 258(c) of this title, as applicable, shall also apply to a merger under
345 this section; and

346 (2) The terms and conditions of the merger shall obligate the surviving corporation to provide the
347 agreement, and take the actions, required by § 252(d) of this title or § 258(c) of this title, as applicable.

348 Section 17. Amend § 253(e), Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
349 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

350 ~~(e) A merger may be effected under this section although 1 or more of the corporations parties to the merger is a~~
351 ~~corporation organized under the laws of a jurisdiction other than 1 of the United States; provided that the laws of such~~
352 ~~jurisdiction permit a corporation of such jurisdiction to merge with a corporation of another jurisdiction.~~

353 Section 18. Amend § 253(f), Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
354 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

355 ~~(e)~~(e) This section shall apply to nonstock corporations if the parent corporation is such a corporation and is the
356 surviving corporation of the merger; provided, however, that references to the directors of the parent corporation shall be
357 deemed to be references to members of the governing body of the parent corporation, and references to the board of
358 directors of the parent corporation shall be deemed to be references to the governing body of the parent corporation.

359 Section 19. Amend § 253(g), Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
360 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

361 ~~(g)~~(f) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to authorize the merger of a corporation with a charitable nonstock
362 corporation, if the charitable status of such charitable nonstock corporation would thereby be lost or impaired.

363 Section 20. Amend § 254, Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
364 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

365 § 254. Merger or consolidation of domestic ~~corporation~~corporations and joint-stock or other
366 ~~association~~associations.

367 (a) The term “joint-stock association” as used in this section, includes any association of the kind commonly
368 known as a joint-stock association or joint-stock company and any unincorporated association, trust or enterprise having
369 members or having outstanding shares of stock or other evidences of financial or beneficial interest therein, whether formed
370 or organized by agreement or under statutory authority or otherwise and whether formed or organized under the laws of this
371 State or any other jurisdiction, but does not include a corporation, partnership or limited liability company. The term
372 “stockholder” as used in this section, includes every member of such joint-stock association or holder of a share of stock or
373 other evidence of financial or beneficial interest therein.

374 (b) Any 1 or more corporations of this State may merge or consolidate with 1 or more joint-stock associations,
375 ~~except unless the laws of the jurisdiction or jurisdictions under which such joint-stock association formed under the laws~~

376 ~~of a state which forbids~~ or associations are formed or organized prohibit such merger or consolidation. Such corporation or
377 corporations and such 1 or more joint-stock associations may merge into a single surviving corporation, or joint-stock
378 association, which may be any one of such corporations or joint-stock associations, or they may consolidate into a new
379 resulting corporation ~~or of this State or a joint-stock association of this State~~, pursuant to an agreement of merger or
380 consolidation, as the case may be, complying and approved in accordance with this section. The surviving or resulting
381 entity may be organized for profit or not organized for profit, and if the surviving or resulting entity is a corporation, it may
382 be a stock corporation of this State or a nonstock corporation of this State.

383 (c) Each such corporation and joint-stock association shall enter into a written agreement of merger or
384 consolidation. The agreement shall state:

385 (1) The terms and conditions of the merger or consolidation;

386 (2) The mode of carrying the same into effect;

387 (3) In the case of a merger in which the surviving entity is a corporation of this State, such amendments
388 or changes in the certificate of incorporation of the surviving corporation as are desired to be effected by
389 the merger (which amendments or changes may amend and restate the certificate of incorporation of the
390 surviving corporation in its entirety), or, if no such amendments or changes are desired, a statement that
391 the certificate of incorporation of the surviving corporation shall be its certificate of incorporation;

392 (4) In the case of a consolidation in which the resulting entity is a corporation of this State, that the
393 certificate of incorporation of the resulting corporation shall be as is set forth in an attachment to the
394 agreement;

395 ~~(3)~~(5) The manner, if any, of converting the shares of stock of each stock corporation, the interest of
396 members of each nonstock corporation, and the shares, membership or financial or beneficial interests in
397 each of the joint-stock associations into shares or other securities of a stock corporation or membership
398 interests of a nonstock corporation or into shares, memberships or financial or beneficial interests of the
399 joint-stock association surviving or resulting from such merger or consolidation, or of cancelling some or
400 all of such shares, memberships or financial or beneficial interests, and, if any shares of any such stock
401 corporation, any membership interests of any such nonstock corporation or any shares, memberships or
402 financial or beneficial interests in any such joint-stock association are not to remain outstanding, to be
403 converted solely into shares or other securities of the stock corporation or membership interests of the
404 nonstock corporation or into shares, memberships or financial or beneficial interests of the joint-stock
405 association surviving or resulting from such merger or consolidation or to be cancelled, the cash,

406 property, rights or securities of any other corporation or entity which the holders of shares of any such
407 stock corporation, membership interests of any such nonstock corporation, or shares, memberships or
408 financial or beneficial interests of any such joint-stock association are to receive in exchange for, or upon
409 conversion of such shares, membership interests or shares, memberships or financial or beneficial
410 interests, and the surrender of any certificates evidencing them, which cash, property, rights or securities
411 of any other corporation or entity may be in addition to or in lieu of shares or other securities of the stock
412 corporation or membership interests of the nonstock corporation or shares, memberships or financial or
413 beneficial interests of the joint-stock association surviving or resulting from such merger or
414 consolidation;~~and~~

415 ~~(4)~~(6) Such other details or provisions as are deemed desirable, including, without limiting the generality
416 of the foregoing, a provision for the payment of cash in lieu of the issuance or recognition of fractional
417 shares ~~where, rights, other securities or interests of the surviving or resulting entity is a corporation or of~~
418 fractional shares, rights, other securities or interests of any other corporation or entity the securities of
419 which are to be received in the merger or consolidation, or for some other arrangement with respect
420 thereto, consistent with § 155 of this title; and

421 (7) Such other provisions or facts as shall be required to be set forth in an agreement of merger or
422 consolidation (including any provision for amendment of the governing documents of a surviving joint-
423 stock association) or required to establish and maintain a joint-stock association by the laws under which
424 the joint-stock association is formed or organized.

425 ~~There shall also be set forth in the agreement such other matters or provisions as shall then be required to be set forth in~~
426 ~~certificates of incorporation or documents required to establish and maintain a joint-stock association by the laws of this~~
427 ~~State and that can be stated in the case of such merger or consolidation.~~ Any of the terms of the agreement of merger or
428 consolidation may be made dependent upon facts ascertainable outside of such agreement, provided that the manner in
429 which such facts shall operate upon the terms of the agreement is clearly and expressly set forth in the agreement of merger
430 or consolidation. The term "facts," as used in the preceding sentence, includes, but is not limited to, the occurrence of any
431 event, including a determination or action by any person or body, including the corporation.

432 (d) The agreement required by subsection (c) of this section shall be adopted, approved, certified, executed and
433 acknowledged by each of the stock or nonstock corporations in the same manner as is provided in § 251 or § 255 of this
434 title, respectively, and in the case of the joint-stock associations in accordance with ~~their articles of association or other~~
435 ~~instrument containing the provisions by which they are organized or regulated or in accordance with the laws of the~~

436 ~~state jurisdiction~~ under which they are formed, ~~as the case may be or organized.~~ ~~Where the surviving or resulting entity is a~~
437 ~~corporation, the~~ The agreement shall be filed and shall become effective for all purposes of the laws of this State when and
438 as provided in § 251 of this title with respect to the merger or consolidation of corporations of this State. In lieu of filing the
439 agreement of merger or consolidation, where the surviving or resulting entity is a corporation it may file a certificate of
440 merger or consolidation, executed in accordance with § 103 of this title, which states:

441 (1) ~~The name, state of domicile jurisdiction of formation or organization~~ and type of entity of each of the
442 constituent entities;

443 (2) That an agreement of merger or consolidation has been approved, adopted, certified, executed and
444 acknowledged by each of the constituent entities in accordance with this subsection;

445 (3) The name of the surviving or resulting corporation or joint-stock association;

446 (4) In the case of a merger in which the surviving entity is a corporation of this State, such amendments
447 or changes in the certificate of incorporation of the surviving corporation as are desired to be effected by
448 the merger (which amendments or changes may amend and restate the certificate of incorporation of the
449 surviving corporation in its entirety), or, if no such amendments or changes are desired, a statement that
450 the certificate of incorporation of the surviving corporation shall be its certificate of incorporation;

451 (5) In the case of a consolidation in which the resulting entity is a corporation of this State, that the
452 certificate of incorporation of the resulting corporation shall be as is set forth in an attachment to the
453 certificate;

454 (6) That the executed agreement of consolidation or merger is on file at an office of the surviving or
455 resulting corporation or joint-stock association and the address thereof; ~~and~~

456 (7) That a copy of the agreement of consolidation or merger will be furnished by the surviving or
457 resulting corporation or joint-stock association, on request and without cost, to any stockholder or
458 member of any constituent entity; ~~and~~

459 (8) The agreement, if any, required by § 252(d) of this title.

460 ~~Where the surviving or resulting entity is a joint-stock association, the agreement shall be filed and shall be~~
461 ~~effective for all purposes when filed in accordance with the laws regulating the creation of joint-stock associations.~~

462 (e) Sections 251(d), 251(e) to the extent the surviving entity is a corporation of this State, 251(f), 252(d), 259
463 through 262 and 328 of this title shall, insofar as they are applicable, apply to mergers or consolidations between
464 corporations and joint-stock associations; the word “corporation” where applicable, as used in those sections, being deemed
465 to include joint-stock associations as defined herein. Where the surviving or resulting entity is a corporation, for purposes

466 of the laws of this State, the personal liability, if any, of any stockholder of a joint-stock association existing at the time of
467 such merger or consolidation shall not thereby be extinguished, shall remain personal to such stockholder and shall not
468 become the liability of any subsequent transferee of any share of stock in such surviving or resulting corporation or of any
469 other stockholder of such surviving or resulting corporation.

470 (f) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to authorize the merger of a charitable nonstock corporation or
471 charitable joint-stock association into a stock corporation or joint-stock association if the charitable status of such nonstock
472 corporation or joint-stock association would be thereby lost or impaired, but a stock corporation or a joint-stock association
473 may be merged into a charitable nonstock corporation or charitable joint-stock association which shall continue as the
474 surviving corporation or joint-stock association.

475 Section 21. Amend § 255(a), Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
476 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

477 (a) Any 2 or more nonstock corporations of this State, whether or not organized for profit, may merge into a single
478 surviving corporation, which may be any 1 of the constituent corporations, or they may consolidate into a new resulting
479 nonstock corporation, whether or not organized for profit, formed by the consolidation, pursuant to an agreement of merger
480 or consolidation, as the case may be, complying and approved in accordance with this section.

481 Section 22. Amend § 255(b), Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
482 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

483 (b) Subject to subsection (d) of this section, the governing body of each corporation which desires to merge or
484 consolidate shall adopt a resolution approving an agreement of merger or consolidation. The agreement shall state:

485 (1) The terms and conditions of the merger or consolidation;

486 (2) The mode of carrying the same into effect;

487 ~~(3) Such other provisions or facts required or permitted by this chapter to be stated in a certificate of~~
488 ~~incorporation for nonstock corporations as can be stated in the case of a merger or consolidation, stated in~~
489 ~~such altered form as the circumstances of the case require; In the case of a merger, such amendments or~~
490 changes in the certificate of incorporation of the surviving corporation as are desired to be effected by the
491 merger (which amendments or changes may amend and restate the certificate of incorporation of the
492 surviving corporation in its entirety), or, if no such amendments or changes are desired, a statement that
493 the certificate of incorporation of the surviving corporation shall be its certificate of incorporation;

494 (4) In the case of a consolidation, that the certificate of incorporation of the resulting corporation shall be
495 as is set forth in an attachment to the agreement;

496 (4)(5) The manner, if any, of converting the memberships or membership interests of each of the
497 constituent corporations into memberships or membership interests of the corporation surviving or
498 resulting from the merger or consolidation, or of cancelling some or all of such memberships or
499 membership interests, and, if any memberships or membership interests of any of the constituent
500 corporations are not to remain outstanding, to be converted solely into memberships or membership
501 interests of the surviving or resulting corporation or to be cancelled, the cash, property, rights or securities
502 of any other corporation or entity which the holders of such memberships or membership interests are to
503 receive in exchange for, or upon conversion of, such memberships or membership interests, which cash,
504 property, rights or securities of any other corporation or entity may be in addition to or in lieu of
505 memberships or membership interests of the surviving or resulting corporation; and
506 (5)(6) Such other details or provisions as are deemed desirable, including, without limiting the generality
507 of the foregoing, a provision for the payment of cash in lieu of the issuance or recognition of fractional
508 shares, rights or other securities of any other corporation or entity the shares, rights or other securities of
509 which are to be received in the merger or consolidation, or for some other arrangement with respect
510 thereto, consistent with § 155 of this title.

511 The agreement so adopted shall be executed and acknowledged in accordance with § 103 of this title. Any of the
512 terms of the agreement of merger or consolidation may be made dependent upon facts ascertainable outside of such
513 agreement, provided that the manner in which such facts shall operate upon the terms of the agreement is clearly and
514 expressly set forth in the agreement of merger or consolidation. The term “facts,” as used in the preceding sentence,
515 includes, but is not limited to, the occurrence of any event, including a determination or action by any person or body,
516 including the corporation.

517 Section 23. Amend § 256(a), Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
518 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

519 (a) Any 1 or more nonstock corporations of this State may merge or consolidate with 1 or more ~~other nonstock~~
520 ~~corporations of any other state or states of the United States, or of the District of Columbia if the laws of such other state or~~
521 ~~states or of the District permit a corporation of such jurisdiction to merge with a corporation of another jurisdiction. foreign~~
522 nonstock corporations, unless the laws of the jurisdiction or jurisdictions under which such foreign nonstock corporation or
523 corporations are organized prohibit such merger or consolidation. The constituent corporations may merge into a single
524 surviving corporation, which may be any 1 of the constituent corporations, or they may consolidate into a new resulting
525 nonstock corporation formed by the consolidation, which may be a corporation of the ~~state jurisdiction of incorporation~~

526 organization of any 1 of the constituent corporations, pursuant to an agreement of merger or consolidation, as the case may
527 be, complying and approved in accordance with this section. ~~In addition, any 1 or more~~ The term “foreign nonstock
528 corporations corporation” means a nonstock corporation organized under the laws of any jurisdiction other than ~~1 of the~~
529 ~~United States may merge or consolidate with 1 or more nonstock corporations of this State if the surviving or resulting~~
530 ~~corporation will be a corporation of this State, and if the laws under which the other corporation or corporations are formed~~
531 ~~permit a corporation of such jurisdiction to merge with a corporation of another jurisdiction~~ this State.

532 Section 24. Amend § 256(b), Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
533 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

534 (b) All the constituent corporations shall enter into an agreement of merger or consolidation. The agreement shall
535 state:

536 (1) The terms and conditions of the merger or consolidation;

537 (2) The mode of carrying the same into effect;

538 (3) In the case of a merger in which the surviving corporation is a corporation of this State, such
539 amendments or changes in the certificate of incorporation of the surviving corporation as are desired to be
540 effected by the merger (which amendments or changes may amend and restate the certificate of
541 incorporation of the surviving corporation in its entirety), or, if no such amendments or changes are
542 desired, a statement that the certificate of incorporation of the surviving corporation shall be its certificate
543 of incorporation;

544 (4) In the case of a consolidation in which the resulting corporation is a corporation of this State, that the
545 certificate of incorporation of the resulting corporation shall be as is set forth in an attachment to the
546 agreement;

547 ~~(3)~~(5) The manner, if any, of converting the memberships or membership interests of each of the
548 constituent corporations into memberships or membership interests of the corporation surviving or
549 resulting from such the merger or consolidation, or of cancelling some or all of such memberships or
550 membership interests; and, if any memberships or membership interests of any of the constituent
551 corporations are not to remain outstanding, to be converted solely into memberships or membership
552 interests of the surviving or resulting corporation or to be cancelled, the cash, property, rights or securities
553 of any other corporation or entity which the holders of such memberships or membership interests are to
554 receive in exchange for, or upon conversion of, such memberships or membership interests, which cash,

555 property, rights or securities of any other corporation or entity may be in addition to or in lieu of
556 memberships or membership interests of the surviving or resulting corporation;
557 ~~(4)~~(6) Such other details and or provisions as shall be deemed desirable, including, without limiting the
558 generality of the foregoing, a provision for the payment of cash in lieu of the issuance or recognition of
559 fractional shares, rights or other securities of any other corporation or entity the shares, rights or other
560 securities of which are to be received in the merger or consolidation, or for some other arrangement with
561 respect thereto, consistent with § 155 of this title; and
562 ~~(5)~~(7) Such other provisions or facts as shall then be required to be stated in a certificate of
563 incorporation set forth in an agreement of merger or consolidation (including any provision for
564 amendment of the certificate of incorporation (or equivalent document) of a surviving foreign nonstock
565 corporation) by the laws of the state which are stated in the agreement to be the laws that shall govern the
566 surviving or resulting corporation and that can be stated in the case of a merger or consolidation each
567 jurisdiction under which any of the foreign nonstock corporations are organized.

568 Any of the terms of the agreement of merger or consolidation may be made dependent upon facts ascertainable
569 outside of such agreement, provided that the manner in which such facts shall operate upon the terms of the agreement is
570 clearly and expressly set forth in the agreement of merger or consolidation. The term “facts,” as used in the preceding
571 sentence, includes, but is not limited to, the occurrence of any event, including a determination or action by any person or
572 body, including the corporation.

573 Section 25. Amend § 256(c), Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
574 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

575 (c) The agreement shall be adopted, approved, certified, executed and acknowledged by each of the constituent
576 corporations in accordance with the laws under which it is ~~formed~~ organized and, in the case of a Delaware corporation, in
577 the same manner as is provided in § 255 of this title. The agreement shall be filed and shall become effective for all
578 purposes of the laws of this State when and as provided in § 255 of this title with respect to the merger of nonstock
579 corporations of this State. Insofar as they may be applicable, the provisions set forth in the last sentence of § 252(c) of this
580 title shall apply to a merger under this section, and the reference therein to “stockholder” shall be deemed to include
581 “member” hereunder.

582 Section 26. Amend § 256(d), Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
583 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

584 (d) If the corporation surviving or resulting from the merger or consolidation is ~~to be governed by the laws of any~~
585 ~~state other than this State~~ a foreign nonstock corporation, it shall agree that it may be served with process in this State in any
586 proceeding for enforcement of any obligation of any constituent corporation of this State, as well as for enforcement of any
587 obligation of the surviving or resulting corporation arising from the merger or consolidation and shall irrevocably appoint
588 the Secretary of State as its agent to accept service of process in any suit or other proceedings and shall specify the address
589 to which a copy of such process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State. Process may be served upon the Secretary of
590 State under this subsection by means of electronic transmission but only as prescribed by the Secretary of State. The
591 Secretary of State is authorized to issue such rules and regulations with respect to such service as the Secretary of State
592 deems necessary or appropriate. In the event of such service upon the Secretary of State in accordance with this subsection,
593 the Secretary of State shall forthwith notify such surviving or resulting corporation thereof by letter, directed to such
594 corporation at its address so specified, unless such surviving or resulting corporation shall have designated in writing to the
595 Secretary of State a different address for such purpose, in which case it shall be mailed to the last address so designated.
596 Such letter shall be sent by a mail or courier service that includes a record of mailing or deposit with the courier and a
597 record of delivery evidenced by the signature of the recipient. Such letter shall enclose a copy of the process and any other
598 papers served upon the Secretary of State. It shall be the duty of the plaintiff in the event of such service to serve process
599 and any other papers in duplicate, to notify the Secretary of State that service is being made pursuant to this subsection, and
600 to pay the Secretary of State the sum of \$50 for the use of the State, which sum shall be taxed as a part of the costs in the
601 proceeding if the plaintiff shall prevail therein. The Secretary of State shall maintain an alphabetical record of any such
602 service setting forth the name of the plaintiff and defendant, the title, docket number and nature of the proceeding in which
603 process has been served upon the Secretary of State, the fact that service has been effected pursuant to this subsection, the
604 return date thereof, and the day and hour when the service was made. The Secretary of State shall not be required to retain
605 such information for a period longer than 5 years from receipt of the service of process.

606 Section 27. Amend § 257(a), Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
607 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

608 (a) Any 1 or more nonstock corporations of this State, whether or not organized for profit, may merge or
609 consolidate with 1 or more stock corporations of this State, whether or not organized for profit. The constituent
610 corporations may merge into a single surviving corporation, which may be any 1 of the constituent corporations, or they
611 may consolidate into a new resulting corporation formed by the consolidation, pursuant to an agreement of merger or
612 consolidation, as the case may be, complying and approved in accordance with this section. The surviving constituent

613 corporation or the ~~new~~resulting corporation may be organized for profit or not organized for profit and may be a stock
614 corporation or a nonstock corporation.

615 Section 28. Amend § 257(b), Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
616 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

617 (b) The board of directors of each stock corporation which desires to merge or consolidate and the governing body
618 of each nonstock corporation which desires to merge or consolidate shall adopt a resolution approving an agreement of
619 merger or consolidation. The agreement shall state:

620 (1) The terms and conditions of the merger or consolidation;

621 (2) The mode of carrying the same into effect;

622 ~~(3) Such other provisions or facts required or permitted by this chapter to be stated in a certificate of~~
623 ~~incorporation as can be stated in the case of a merger or consolidation, stated in such altered form as the~~
624 ~~circumstances of the case require; In the case of a merger, such amendments or changes in the certificate~~
625 ~~of incorporation of the surviving corporation as are desired to be effected by the merger (which~~
626 ~~amendments or changes may amend and restate the certificate of incorporation of the surviving~~
627 ~~corporation in its entirety), or, if no such amendments or changes are desired, a statement that the~~
628 ~~certificate of incorporation of the surviving corporation shall be its certificate of incorporation;~~

629 (4) In the case of a consolidation, that the certificate of incorporation of the resulting corporation shall be
630 as is set forth in an attachment to the agreement;

631 ~~(4)~~(5) The manner, if any, of converting the shares of stock of a stock corporation and the memberships
632 or membership interests of a nonstock corporation into shares or other securities of a stock corporation or
633 memberships or membership interests of a nonstock corporation surviving or resulting from such merger
634 or consolidation or of cancelling some or all of such shares or memberships or membership interests, and,
635 if any shares of any such stock corporation or memberships or membership interests of any such nonstock
636 corporation are not to remain outstanding, to be converted solely into shares or other securities of the
637 stock corporation or memberships or membership interests of the nonstock corporation surviving or
638 resulting from such merger or consolidation or to be cancelled, the cash, property, rights or securities of
639 any other corporation or entity which the holders of shares of any such stock corporation or memberships
640 or membership interests of any such nonstock corporation are to receive in exchange for, or upon
641 conversion of such shares or memberships or membership interests, and the surrender of any certificates
642 evidencing them, which cash, property, rights or securities of any other corporation or entity may be in

643 addition to or in lieu of shares or other securities of any stock corporation or memberships or membership
644 interests of any nonstock corporation surviving or resulting from such merger or consolidation; and
645 ~~(5)(6)~~ Such other details or provisions as are deemed desirable, including, without limiting the generality
646 of the foregoing, a provision for the payment of cash in lieu of the issuance or recognition of fractional
647 shares, rights or other securities of the surviving or resulting corporation or of any other corporation or
648 entity the shares, rights or other securities of which are to be received in the merger or consolidation, or
649 for some other arrangement with respect thereto, consistent with § 155 of this title. In such merger or
650 consolidation the memberships or membership interests of a constituent nonstock corporation may be
651 treated in various ways so as to convert such memberships or membership interests into interests of value,
652 other than shares of stock, in the surviving or resulting stock corporation or into shares of stock in the
653 surviving or resulting stock corporation, voting or nonvoting, or into creditor interests or any other
654 interests of value equivalent to their memberships or membership interests in their nonstock corporation.
655 The voting rights of members of a constituent nonstock corporation need not be considered an element of
656 value in measuring the reasonable equivalence of the value of the interests received in the surviving or
657 resulting stock corporation by members of a constituent nonstock corporation, nor need the voting rights
658 of shares of stock in a constituent stock corporation be considered as an element of value in measuring
659 the reasonable equivalence of the value of the interests in the surviving or resulting nonstock corporations
660 received by stockholders of a constituent stock corporation, and the voting or nonvoting shares of a stock
661 corporation may be converted into any type of membership or membership interest, however designated,
662 creditor interests or participating interests, in the nonstock corporation surviving or resulting from such
663 merger or consolidation of a stock corporation and a nonstock corporation.

664 Any of the terms of the agreement of merger or consolidation may be made dependent upon facts ascertainable
665 outside of such agreement, provided that the manner in which such facts shall operate upon the terms of the agreement is
666 clearly and expressly set forth in the agreement of merger or consolidation. The term “facts,” as used in the preceding
667 sentence, includes, but is not limited to, the occurrence of any event, including a determination or action by any person or
668 body, including the corporation.

669 Section 29. Amend § 257(d), Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
670 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

671 (d) Section 251(e) of this title shall apply to a merger under this section, ~~if the surviving corporation is a~~
672 ~~corporation of this State;~~ § 251(d) of this title shall apply to any constituent stock corporation participating in a merger or

673 consolidation under this section; and § 251(f) of this title shall apply to any constituent stock corporation participating in a
674 merger under this section.

675 Section 30. Amend § 258, Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
676 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

677 § 258. Merger or consolidation of domestic and foreign stock and nonstock corporations.

678 (a) Any 1 or more corporations of this State, whether stock or nonstock corporations and whether or not organized
679 for profit, may merge or consolidate with 1 or more ~~other corporations of any other state or states of the United States or of~~
680 ~~the District of Columbia whether stock or nonstock corporations and whether or not organized for profit, if the laws under~~
681 ~~which the other corporation or corporations are formed shall permit such a corporation of such jurisdiction to merge with a~~
682 ~~corporation of another jurisdiction~~foreign corporations, unless the laws of the jurisdiction or jurisdictions under which such
683 foreign corporation or corporations are organized prohibit such merger or consolidation. The constituent corporations may
684 merge into a single surviving corporation, which may be any 1 of the constituent corporations, or they may consolidate into
685 a new resulting corporation formed by the consolidation, which may be a corporation of the ~~place~~jurisdiction of
686 ~~incorporation~~organization of any 1 of the constituent corporations, pursuant to an agreement of merger or consolidation, as
687 the case may be, complying and approved in accordance with this section. The surviving or ~~new~~resulting corporation may
688 be either a domestic or foreign stock corporation or a domestic or foreign nonstock corporation, as shall be specified in the
689 agreement of merger or consolidation required by subsection (b) of this section. For purposes of this section, the term
690 “foreign corporation” includes a nonstock corporation organized under the laws of any jurisdiction other than this State.

691 (b) The method and procedure to be followed by the constituent corporations so merging or consolidating shall be
692 as prescribed in § 257 of this title in the case of Delaware corporations. The agreement of merger or consolidation shall be
693 as provided in § 257 of this title and also set forth such other matters or provisions or facts as shall then be required to be
694 set forth in certificates an agreement of merger or consolidation (including any provision for amendment of the certificate
695 of incorporation (or equivalent document) of a surviving foreign corporation) by the laws of the state jurisdiction or
696 jurisdictions which are stated in the agreement to be the laws under which shall govern the surviving or resulting the
697 foreign corporation and that can be stated in the case of a merger or consolidation or corporations are organized. The
698 agreement, in the case of foreign corporations, shall be adopted, approved, certified, executed and acknowledged ~~by each of~~
699 ~~the constituent foreign corporations~~ in accordance with the laws under which each is ~~formed~~organized.

700 (c) The requirements of § 252(d) of this title as to the appointment of the Secretary of State to receive process and
701 the manner of serving the same in the event the surviving or ~~new~~resulting corporation is ~~to be governed by the laws of any~~
702 ~~other state~~ a foreign corporation shall also apply to mergers or consolidations effected under this section and such

703 appointment, if any, shall be included in the certificate of merger or consolidation, if any, filed pursuant to subsection (b) of
704 this section. Section 251(e) of this title shall apply to mergers effected under this section if the surviving corporation is a
705 corporation of this State; § 251(d) of this title shall apply to any constituent corporation participating in a merger or
706 consolidation under this section (provided, however, that for purposes of a constituent nonstock corporation, references to
707 the board of directors, to stockholders, and to shares shall be deemed to be references to the governing body of the
708 corporation, to members of the corporation, and to memberships or membership interests of the corporation, as applicable,
709 respectively); and § 251(f) of this title shall apply to any constituent stock corporation of this State participating in a merger
710 under this section.

711 (d) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to authorize the merger of a charitable nonstock corporation into a
712 stock corporation, if the charitable status of such nonstock corporation would thereby be lost or impaired; but a stock
713 corporation may be merged into a charitable nonstock corporation which shall continue as the surviving corporation.

714 Section 31. Amend § 263, Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
715 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

716 § 263. Merger or consolidation of domestic corporations and partnerships; service of process upon surviving or
717 resulting corporation or partnership.

718 (a) Any 1 or more corporations of this State may merge or consolidate with 1 or more partnerships (whether
719 general (including a limited liability partnership) or limited (including a limited liability limited partnership)), ~~of this State~~
720 ~~or of any other state or states of the United States, or of the District of Columbia, unless the laws of such other state or~~
721 ~~states or the District of Columbia forbid~~ unless the laws of the jurisdiction or jurisdictions under which such partnership or
722 partnerships are formed prohibit such merger or consolidation. Such corporation or corporations and such 1 or more
723 partnerships may merge with or into a surviving corporation, which may be any 1 of such corporations, or they may merge
724 with or into a surviving partnership, which may be any 1 of such partnerships, or they may consolidate into a new resulting
725 corporation, which corporation shall be a corporation of this State, or a partnership formed by the consolidation, which
726 ~~corporation shall be a corporation or partnership of this State or any other state of the United States, or the District of~~
727 ~~Columbia, which permits such merger or consolidation,~~ pursuant to an agreement of merger or consolidation, as the case
728 may be, complying and approved in accordance with this section. The term “partnership” as used in this section includes
729 any partnership (whether general (including a limited liability partnership) or limited (including a limited liability limited
730 partnership)) formed under the laws of this State or the laws of any other jurisdiction.

731 (b) Each such corporation and partnership shall enter into a written agreement of merger or consolidation. The
732 agreement shall state:

733 (1) The terms and conditions of the merger or consolidation;

734 (2) The mode of carrying the same into effect;

735 (3) In the case of a merger in which the surviving entity is a corporation of this State, such amendments

736 or changes in the certificate of incorporation of the surviving corporation as are desired to be effected by

737 the merger (which amendments or changes may amend and restate the certificate of incorporation of the

738 surviving corporation in its entirety), or, if no such amendments or changes are desired, a statement that

739 the certificate of incorporation of the surviving corporation shall be its certificate of incorporation;

740 (4) In the case of a consolidation in which the resulting entity is a corporation of this State, that the

741 certificate of incorporation of the resulting corporation shall be as is set forth in an attachment to the

742 agreement;

743 ~~(3)~~(5) The manner, if any, of converting the shares of stock of each such corporation and the partnership

744 interests of each such partnership into shares, partnership interests or other securities of the entity

745 surviving or resulting from such merger or consolidation or of cancelling some or all of such shares or

746 interests, and if any shares of any such corporation or any partnership interests of any such partnership

747 are not to remain outstanding, to be converted solely into shares, partnership interests or other securities

748 of the entity surviving or resulting from such merger or consolidation or to be cancelled, the cash,

749 property, rights or securities of any other corporation or entity which the holders of such shares or

750 partnership interests are to receive in exchange for, or upon conversion of such shares or partnership

751 interests and the surrender of any certificates evidencing them, which cash, property, rights or securities

752 of any other corporation or entity may be in addition to or in lieu of shares, partnership interests or other

753 securities of the entity surviving or resulting from such merger or consolidation; ~~and~~

754 ~~(4)~~(6) Such other details or provisions as are deemed desirable, including, without limiting the generality

755 of the foregoing, a provision for the payment of cash in lieu of the issuance or recognition of fractional

756 shares, rights, other securities or interests of the surviving or resulting corporation or partnership; or of

757 any other corporation or entity the shares, rights, other securities or interests of which are to be received

758 in the merger or consolidation, or for some other arrangement with respect thereto, consistent with § 155

759 of this title; and

760 (7) Such other provisions or facts as shall be required to be set forth in an agreement of merger or

761 consolidation (including any provision for amendment of the partnership agreement and statement of

762 partnership existence or certificate of limited partnership (or equivalent documents) of the surviving
763 partnership) by the laws of each jurisdiction under which any of the partnerships are formed.

764 Any of the terms of the agreement of merger or consolidation may be made dependent upon facts ascertainable
765 outside of such agreement, provided that the manner in which such facts shall operate upon the terms of the agreement is
766 clearly and expressly set forth in the agreement of merger or consolidation. The term "facts," as used in the preceding
767 sentence, includes, but is not limited to, the occurrence of any event, including a determination or action by any person or
768 body, including the corporation.

769 (c) The agreement required by subsection (b) of this section shall be adopted, approved, certified, executed and
770 acknowledged by each of the corporations in the same manner as is provided in § 251 or § 255 of this title and, in the case
771 of the partnerships, in accordance with their partnership agreements and in accordance with the laws of the state jurisdiction
772 under which they are formed, as the case may be. If the surviving or resulting entity is a partnership, in addition to any
773 other approvals, each stockholder of a merging corporation who will become a general partner of the surviving or resulting
774 partnership must approve the agreement of merger or consolidation. The agreement shall be filed and shall become
775 effective for all purposes of the laws of this State when and as provided in § 251 or § 255 of this title with respect to the
776 merger or consolidation of corporations of this State. In lieu of filing the agreement of merger or consolidation, the
777 surviving or resulting corporation or partnership may file a certificate of merger or consolidation, executed in accordance
778 with § 103 of this title, if the surviving or resulting entity is a corporation, or by a general partner, if the surviving or
779 resulting entity is a partnership, which states:

- 780 (1) The name, state of domicile jurisdiction of formation or organization and type of entity of each of the
781 constituent entities;
- 782 (2) That an agreement of merger or consolidation has been approved, adopted, certified, executed and
783 acknowledged by each of the constituent entities in accordance with this subsection;
- 784 (3) The name of the surviving or resulting corporation or partnership;
- 785 (4) In the case of a merger in which a corporation is the surviving entity, such amendments or changes in
786 the certificate of incorporation of the surviving corporation as are desired to be effected by the merger
787 (which amendments or changes may amend and restate the certificate of incorporation of the surviving
788 corporation in its entirety), or, if no such amendments or changes are desired, a statement that the
789 certificate of incorporation of the surviving corporation shall be its certificate of incorporation;
- 790 (5) In the case of a consolidation in which a corporation is the resulting entity, that the certificate of
791 incorporation of the resulting corporation shall be as is set forth in an attachment to the certificate;

792 (6) That the executed agreement of consolidation or merger is on file at an office of the surviving or
793 resulting corporation or partnership and the address thereof;
794 (7) That a copy of the agreement of consolidation or merger will be furnished by the surviving or
795 resulting entity, on request and without cost, to any stockholder of any constituent corporation or any
796 partner of any constituent partnership; and
797 (8) The agreement, if any, required by subsection (d) of this section.

798 (d) If the entity surviving or resulting from the merger or consolidation is ~~to be governed by a partnership formed~~
799 under the laws of the District of Columbia or any state a jurisdiction other than this State, it shall agree that it may be
800 served with process in this State in any proceeding for enforcement of any obligation of any constituent corporation or
801 partnership of this State, as well as for enforcement of any obligation of the surviving or resulting corporation or
802 partnership arising from the merger or consolidation, including any suit or other proceeding to enforce the right of any
803 stockholders as determined in appraisal proceedings pursuant to § 262 of this title, and shall irrevocably appoint the
804 Secretary of State as its agent to accept service of process in any such suit or other proceedings and shall specify the
805 address to which a copy of such process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State. Process may be served upon the
806 Secretary of State under this subsection by means of electronic transmission but only as prescribed by the Secretary of
807 State. The Secretary of State is authorized to issue such rules and regulations with respect to such service as the Secretary
808 of State deems necessary or appropriate. In the event of such service upon the Secretary of State in accordance with this
809 subsection, the Secretary of State shall forthwith notify such surviving or resulting corporation or partnership thereof by
810 letter, directed to such surviving or resulting corporation or partnership at its address so specified, unless such surviving or
811 resulting corporation or partnership shall have designated in writing to the Secretary of State a different address for such
812 purpose, in which case it shall be mailed to the last address so designated. Such letter shall be sent by a mail or courier
813 service that includes a record of mailing or deposit with the courier and a record of delivery evidenced by the signature of
814 the recipient. Such letter shall enclose a copy of the process and any other papers served on the Secretary of State pursuant
815 to this subsection. It shall be the duty of the plaintiff in the event of such service to serve process and any other papers in
816 duplicate, to notify the Secretary of State that service is being effected pursuant to this subsection and to pay the Secretary
817 of State the sum of \$50 for the use of the State, which sum shall be taxed as part of the costs in the proceeding, if the
818 plaintiff shall prevail therein. The Secretary of State shall maintain an alphabetical record of any such service setting forth
819 the name of the plaintiff and the defendant, the title, docket number and nature of the proceeding in which process has been
820 served upon the Secretary of State, the fact that service has been effected pursuant to this subsection, the return date thereof,

821 and the day and hour service was made. The Secretary of State shall not be required to retain such information longer than 5
822 years from receipt of the service of process.

823 (e) Sections 251(d)-(f), 255(c) (second sentence) and (d)-(f), 259-261 and 328 of this title shall, insofar as they are
824 applicable, apply to mergers or consolidations between corporations and partnerships.

825 (f) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to authorize the merger of a charitable nonstock corporation into a
826 partnership, if the charitable status of such nonstock corporation would thereby be lost or impaired; but a partnership may
827 be merged into a charitable nonstock corporation which shall continue as the surviving corporation.

828 Section 32. Amend § 264, Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
829 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

830 § 264. Merger or consolidation of domestic corporations and limited liability companies; service of process upon
831 surviving or resulting corporation ~~and or~~ limited liability company.

832 (a) Any 1 or more corporations of this State may merge or consolidate with 1 or more limited liability companies,
833 ~~of this State or of any other state or states of the United States, or of the District of Columbia, unless the laws of such other~~
834 ~~state or states or the District of Columbia forbid~~ unless the laws of the jurisdiction or jurisdictions under which such limited
835 liability company or limited liability companies are formed prohibit such merger or consolidation. Such corporation or
836 corporations and such 1 or more limited liability companies may merge with or into a surviving corporation, which may be
837 any 1 of such corporations, or they may merge with or into a surviving limited liability company, which may be any 1 of
838 such limited liability companies, or they may consolidate into a new resulting corporation, which corporation shall be a
839 corporation of this State, or a limited liability company ~~formed by the consolidation, which shall be a corporation or limited~~
840 ~~liability company of this State or any other state of the United States, or the District of Columbia, which permits such~~
841 ~~merger or consolidation~~, pursuant to an agreement of merger or consolidation, as the case may be, complying and approved
842 in accordance with this section. The term "limited liability company" as used in this section includes any limited liability
843 company formed under the laws of this State or the laws of any other jurisdiction.

844 (b) Each such corporation and limited liability company shall enter into a written agreement of merger or
845 consolidation. The agreement shall state:

846 (1) The terms and conditions of the merger or consolidation;

847 (2) The mode of carrying the same into effect;

848 (3) In the case of a merger in which the surviving entity is a corporation of this State, such amendments
849 or changes in the certificate of incorporation of the surviving corporation as are desired to be effected by
850 the merger (which amendments or changes may amend and restate the certificate of incorporation of the

851 surviving corporation in its entirety), or, if no such amendments or changes are desired, a statement that
852 the certificate of incorporation of the surviving corporation shall be its certificate of incorporation;
853 (4) In the case of a consolidation in which the resulting entity is a corporation of this State, that the
854 certificate of incorporation of the resulting corporation shall be as is set forth in an attachment to the
855 agreement;
856 ~~(3)~~(5) The manner, if any, of converting the shares of stock of each such corporation and the limited
857 liability company interests of each such limited liability company into shares, limited liability company
858 interests or other securities of the entity surviving or resulting from such merger or consolidation or of
859 cancelling some or all of such shares or interests, and if any shares of any such corporation or any limited
860 liability company interests of any such limited liability company are not to remain outstanding, to be
861 converted solely into shares, limited liability company interests or other securities of the entity surviving
862 or resulting from such merger or consolidation or to be cancelled, the cash, property, rights or securities
863 of any other corporation or entity which the holders of such shares or limited liability company interests
864 are to receive in exchange for, or upon conversion of such shares or limited liability company interests
865 and the surrender of any certificates evidencing them, which cash, property, rights or securities of any
866 other corporation or entity may be in addition to or in lieu of shares, limited liability company interests or
867 other securities of the entity surviving or resulting from such merger or consolidation; ~~and~~
868 ~~(4)~~(6) Such other details or provisions as are deemed desirable, including, without limiting the generality
869 of the foregoing, a provision for the payment of cash in lieu of the issuance or recognition of fractional
870 shares, rights, other securities or interests of the surviving or resulting corporation or limited liability
871 company; or of any other corporation or entity the shares, rights, other securities or interests of which are
872 to be received in the merger or consolidation, or for some other arrangement with respect thereto,
873 consistent with § 155 of this title; and
874 (7) Such other provisions or facts as shall be required to be set forth in an agreement of merger or
875 consolidation (including any provision for amendment of the limited liability company agreement and
876 certificate of formation (or equivalent documents) of the surviving limited liability company) by the laws
877 of each jurisdiction under which any of the limited liability companies are formed.

878 Any of the terms of the agreement of merger or consolidation may be made dependent upon facts ascertainable
879 outside of such agreement, provided that the manner in which such facts shall operate upon the terms of the agreement is
880 clearly and expressly set forth in the agreement of merger or consolidation. The term “facts,” as used in the preceding

881 sentence, includes, but is not limited to, the occurrence of any event, including a determination or action by any person or
882 body, including the corporation.

883 (c) The agreement required by subsection (b) of this section shall be adopted, approved, certified, executed and
884 acknowledged by each of the corporations in the same manner as is provided in § 251 or § 255 of this title and, in the case
885 of the limited liability companies, in accordance with their limited liability company agreements and in accordance with the
886 laws of the ~~state~~ jurisdiction under which they are formed, ~~as the case may be~~. The agreement shall be filed and shall
887 become effective for all purposes of the laws of this State when and as provided in § 251 or § 255 of this title with respect
888 to the merger or consolidation of corporations of this State. In lieu of filing the agreement of merger or consolidation, the
889 surviving or resulting corporation or limited liability company may file a certificate of merger or consolidation, executed in
890 accordance with § 103 of this title, if the surviving or resulting entity is a corporation, or by an authorized person, if the
891 surviving or resulting entity is a limited liability company, which states:

892 (1) The name and ~~state of domicile~~ jurisdiction of formation or organization of each of the constituent
893 entities;

894 (2) That an agreement of merger or consolidation has been approved, adopted, certified, executed and
895 acknowledged by each of the constituent entities in accordance with this subsection;

896 (3) The name of the surviving or resulting corporation or limited liability company;

897 (4) In the case of a merger in which a corporation is the surviving entity, such amendments or changes in
898 the certificate of incorporation of the surviving corporation as are desired to be effected by the merger
899 (which amendments or changes may amend and restate the certificate of incorporation of the surviving
900 corporation in its entirety), or, if no such amendments or changes are desired, a statement that the
901 certificate of incorporation of the surviving corporation shall be its certificate of incorporation;

902 (5) In the case of a consolidation in which a corporation is the resulting entity, that the certificate of
903 incorporation of the resulting corporation shall be as is set forth in an attachment to the certificate;

904 (6) That the executed agreement of consolidation or merger is on file at an office of the surviving or
905 resulting corporation or limited liability company and the address thereof;

906 (7) That a copy of the agreement of consolidation or merger will be furnished by the surviving or
907 resulting entity, on request and without cost, to any stockholder of any constituent corporation or any
908 member of any constituent limited liability company; and

909 (8) The agreement, if any, required by subsection (d) of this section.

910 (d) If the entity surviving or resulting from the merger or consolidation is ~~to be governed by a limited liability~~
911 company formed under the laws of the District of Columbia or any state a jurisdiction other than this State, it shall agree
912 that it may be served with process in this State in any proceeding for enforcement of any obligation of any constituent
913 corporation or limited liability company of this State, as well as for enforcement of any obligation of the surviving or
914 resulting corporation or limited liability company arising from the merger or consolidation, including any suit or other
915 proceeding to enforce the right of any stockholders as determined in appraisal proceedings pursuant to the provisions of §
916 262 of this title, and shall irrevocably appoint the Secretary of State as its agent to accept service of process in any such suit
917 or other proceedings and shall specify the address to which a copy of such process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State.
918 Process may be served upon the Secretary of State under this subsection by means of electronic transmission but only as
919 prescribed by the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State is authorized to issue such rules and regulations with respect to
920 such service as the Secretary of State deems necessary or appropriate. In the event of such service upon the Secretary of
921 State in accordance with this subsection, the Secretary of State shall forthwith notify such surviving or resulting corporation
922 or limited liability company thereof by letter, directed to such surviving or resulting corporation or limited liability
923 company at its address so specified, unless such surviving or resulting corporation or limited liability company shall have
924 designated in writing to the Secretary of State a different address for such purpose, in which case it shall be mailed to the
925 last address so designated. Such letter shall be sent by a mail or courier service that includes a record of mailing or deposit
926 with the courier and a record of delivery evidenced by the signature of the recipient. Such letter shall enclose a copy of the
927 process and any other papers served on the Secretary of State pursuant to this subsection. It shall be the duty of the plaintiff
928 in the event of such service to serve process and any other papers in duplicate, to notify the Secretary of State that service is
929 being effected pursuant to this subsection and to pay the Secretary of State the sum of \$50 for the use of the State, which
930 sum shall be taxed as part of the costs in the proceeding, if the plaintiff shall prevail therein. The Secretary of State shall
931 maintain an alphabetical record of any such service setting forth the name of the plaintiff and the defendant, the title, docket
932 number and nature of the proceeding in which process has been served upon the Secretary of State, the fact that service has
933 been effected pursuant to this subsection, the return date thereof, and the day and hour service was made. The Secretary of
934 State shall not be required to retain such information longer than 5 years from receipt of the service of process.

935 (e) Sections 251(d)-(f), 255(c) (second sentence) and (d)-(f), 259-261 and 328 of this title shall, insofar as they are
936 applicable, apply to mergers or consolidations between corporations and limited liability companies.

937 (f) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to authorize the merger of a charitable nonstock corporation into a
938 limited liability company, if the charitable status of such nonstock corporation would thereby be lost or impaired; but a

939 limited liability company may be merged into a charitable nonstock corporation which shall continue as the surviving
940 corporation.

941 Section 33. Amend § 267(a), Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
942 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

943 (a) In any case in which: (1) at least 90% of the outstanding shares of each class of the stock of a corporation or
944 corporations (other than a corporation which has in its certificate of incorporation the provision required by § 251(g)(7)(i)
945 of this title), of which class there are outstanding shares that, absent this subsection, would be entitled to vote on such
946 merger, is owned by an entity, and (2) 1 or more of such corporations is a corporation of this State, ~~and (3) any entity or~~
947 ~~corporation that is not an entity or corporation of this State is an entity or corporation of any other state or the District of~~
948 ~~Columbia, the laws of which do not forbid~~ unless the laws of the jurisdiction or jurisdictions under which such entity or
949 such foreign corporations are formed or organized prohibit such merger, the entity having such stock ownership may either
950 merge the corporation or corporations into itself and assume all of its or their obligations, or merge itself, or itself and 1 or
951 more of such corporations, into 1 of the other corporations by (a) authorizing such merger in accordance with such entity's
952 governing documents and the laws of the jurisdiction under which such entity is formed or organized and (b)
953 acknowledging and filing with the Secretary of State, in accordance with § 103 of this title, a certificate of such ownership
954 and merger certifying (i) that such merger was authorized in accordance with such entity's governing documents and the
955 laws of the jurisdiction under which such entity is formed or organized, such certificate executed in accordance with such
956 entity's governing documents and in accordance with the laws of the jurisdiction under which such entity is formed or
957 organized and (ii) the type of entity of each constituent entity to the merger; provided, however, that in case the entity shall
958 not own all the outstanding stock of all the corporations, parties to a merger as aforesaid, (A) the certificate of ownership
959 and merger shall state the terms and conditions of the merger, including the securities, cash, property, or rights to be issued,
960 paid, delivered or granted by the surviving constituent party upon surrender of each share of the corporation or corporations
961 not owned by the entity, or the cancellation of some or all of such shares and (B) such terms and conditions of the merger
962 may not result in a holder of stock in a corporation becoming a general partner in a surviving entity that is a partnership
963 (other than a limited liability partnership or a limited liability limited partnership). Any of the terms of the merger may be
964 made dependent upon facts ascertainable outside of the certificate of ownership and merger, provided that the manner in
965 which such facts shall operate upon the terms of the merger is clearly and expressly set forth in the certificate of ownership
966 and merger. The term "facts," as used in the preceding sentence, includes, but is not limited to, the occurrence of any event,
967 including a determination or action by any person or body, including the entity. If the surviving constituent party ~~exists is~~
968 an entity formed or organized under the laws of ~~the District of Columbia or any state or a~~ jurisdiction other than this State,

969 (1) § 252(d) of this title shall also apply to a merger under this section; if the surviving constituent party is the entity, the
970 word “corporation” where applicable, as used in § 252(d) of this title, shall be deemed to include an entity as defined
971 herein; and (2) the terms and conditions of the merger shall obligate the surviving constituent party to provide the
972 agreement, and take the actions, required by § 252(d) of this title.

973 Section 34. Amend § 267(d), Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
974 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

975 ~~(d) A merger may be effected under this section although 1 or more of the constituent parties is a corporation~~
976 ~~organized under the laws of a jurisdiction other than 1 of the United States; provided that the laws of such jurisdiction do~~
977 ~~not forbid such merger.~~

978 Section 35. Amend § 267(e), Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
979 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

980 ~~(e)~~(d) As used in this section only, the term:

981 (1) ~~“C~~onstituent party” means an entity or corporation to be merged pursuant to this section;

982 (2) ~~“E~~ntity” means a partnership (whether general (including a limited liability partnership) or limited
983 (including a limited liability limited partnership)), limited liability company, any association of the kind
984 commonly known as a joint-stock association or joint-stock company and any unincorporated association,
985 trust or enterprise having members or having outstanding shares of stock or other evidences of financial
986 or beneficial interest therein, whether formed or organized by agreement or under statutory authority or
987 otherwise and whether formed or organized under the laws of this State or the laws of any other
988 jurisdiction; and

989 (3) ~~“G~~overning documents” means a partnership agreement, limited liability company agreement,
990 articles of association or any other instrument containing the provisions by which an entity is formed or
991 organized.

992 Section 36. Amend § 364, Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
993 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

994 § 364 Stock certificates; notices regarding uncertificated stock.

995 Any stock certificate issued by a public benefit corporation shall note conspicuously that the corporation is a
996 public benefit corporation formed pursuant to this subchapter. Any notice ~~sent~~given by a public benefit corporation
997 pursuant to § 151(f) of this title shall state conspicuously that the corporation is a public benefit corporation formed
998 pursuant to this subchapter.

999 Section 37. Amend § 374, Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
1000 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

1001 § 374. Annual report.

1002 Annually ~~On~~ or before June 30 ~~in each year~~, a foreign corporation doing business in this State shall file a report
1003 with the Secretary of State. The report shall be made ~~on behalf of~~ on a form designated by the Secretary of State and shall
1004 be signed by the corporation's ~~by its~~ president, secretary, treasurer or other proper officer duly authorized so to act, or by
1005 any 2 of its directors, or if filing an initial report by any incorporator in the event its board of directors shall not have been
1006 elected. The fact that an individual's name is signed on a certification attached to a corporate report shall be prima facie
1007 evidence that such individual is authorized to certify the report on behalf of the corporation; however the official title or
1008 position of the individual signing the corporate report shall be designated. The report shall ~~be on a calendar year basis and~~
1009 ~~shall state the address (in accordance with § 131(c) of this title) of its registered office in this State; the name of its~~
1010 ~~registered agent at such address upon whom service of process against the corporation may be served; the address (which~~
1011 ~~shall include the street, number, city, state or foreign country) of the main or headquarters place of business of the~~
1012 ~~corporation without this State; the names and addresses of all the directors and officers of the corporation and when the~~
1013 ~~term of each expires; the date appointed for the next annual meeting of the stockholders for the election of directors; the~~
1014 ~~number of shares of each class of its capital stock which it is authorized to issue, if any, and the par value thereof when~~
1015 ~~applicable; and the number of shares of each class of the capital stock actually issued, if any; the amount of capital invested~~
1016 ~~in real estate and other property in this State, and the tax paid thereon; and, if exempt from taxation in this State for any~~
1017 ~~cause, the specific facts entitling the corporation to such exemption from taxation.~~ contain the following information:

- 1018 1. The location of its registered office in this State, which shall include the street, number, city and postal code;
- 1019 2. The name of the agent upon whom service of process against the corporation may be served;
- 1020 3. The location of the principal place of business of the corporation, which shall include the street, number, city, state
1021 or foreign country; and
- 1022 4. The names and addresses of all the directors as of the filing date of the report and the name and address of the
1023 officer who signs the report.

1024 If any officer or director of a foreign corporation required to file an annual report with the Secretary of State shall
1025 knowingly make any false statement in the report, such officer or director shall be guilty of perjury.

1026 Section 38. Amend § 502(a), Title 8 of the Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underline and
1027 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

1028 (a) Annually on or before March 1, every corporation now existing or hereafter incorporated under Chapter 1 of
1029 this title or which has accepted the Constitution of this State, shall make an annual franchise tax report to the Secretary of
1030 State. The report shall be made on a form designated by the Secretary of State and shall be signed by the corporation's
1031 president, secretary, treasurer or other proper officer duly authorized so to act, or by any of its directors, or if filing an
1032 initial report by any incorporator in the event its board of directors shall not have been elected. The fact that an individual's
1033 name is signed on the report shall be prima facie evidence that such individual is authorized to certify the report on behalf
1034 of the corporation; however, the official title or position of the individual signing the corporate report shall be designated.
1035 The report shall contain the following information:

- 1036 (1) The location of its registered office in this State, which shall include the street, number, city and postal
1037 codestated with the degree of particularity required by § 102(a)(2) of this title;
1038 (2) The name of the agent upon whom service of process against the corporation may be served;
1039 (3) The location (~~city, town, street and number of same, if number there be~~) of the principal place of business of
1040 the corporation, which shall include the street, number, city, state or foreign country;
1041 (4) The names and addresses of all the directors as of the filing date of the report and the name and address of the
1042 officer who signs the report; provided, that other than an initial report, all reports shall list a director or
1043 directors excepting any report filed in conjunction with a certificate of dissolution filed by an incorporator
1044 pursuant to § 274 of this title or a certificate of dissolution filed pursuant to § 275(c) of this title;
1045 (5) The number of shares and the par value per share of each class of capital stock having a par value and the
1046 number of shares of each class of stock without par value which the corporation is authorized to issue;
1047 (6) If exempt from taxation for any cause, the specific facts entitling the corporation to exemption from taxation;
1048 and
1049 (7) Such additional information, schedules and attachments as the Secretary shall require to ascertain the
1050 franchise tax due to the State.

1051 Section 39. Sections 1 through 7 and 11 through 38 shall be effective on August 1, 2017.

1052 Section 40. Sections 8 through 10 shall be effective only for actions taken by consent having a record date, for
1053 purposes of determining the stockholders or members entitled to consent, on or after August 1, 2017.

SYNOPSIS

Section 1. Sections 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 11 and 36 of this Act amend Sections 151(f), 202(a), 219(a), 219(c), 224, 232(c) and 364 of Title 8, respectively. Amendments to Sections 219, 224 and 232 and related provisions are intended to provide specific statutory authority for Delaware corporations to use networks of electronic databases (examples of which are described currently as "distributed ledgers" or a "blockchain") for the creation and maintenance of corporate records, including the corporation's stock ledger. Section 219(c), as amended, now includes a definition of "stock ledger." Section 224, as amended, requires that the stock ledger serve three functions contemplated by the Delaware General Corporation

Law: it must enable the corporation to prepare the list of stockholders specified in Sections 219 and 220; it must record the information specified in Sections 156, 159, 217(a) and 218; and, as required by Section 159, it must record transfers of stock as governed by Article 8 of subtitle I of Title 6. Sections 151, 202 and 364 are also amended to clarify that the notices given to holders of uncertificated shares pursuant to those sections may be given by electronic transmission.

Section 2. Sections 3 and 4 of this Act amend Section 203(b) of Title 8. The amendments to Section 203(b)(3) clarify that an amendment to the corporation's certificate of incorporation opting out of the restrictions on business combinations under that section becomes effective at the date and time such amendment becomes effective under Section 103 (in the case of a corporation that has never had a class of voting stock listed on a national securities exchange or held of record by more than 2,000 stockholders and that has not elected through its original certificate of incorporation or any amendment thereto to be governed by Section 203) or 12 months after the effective date of such amendment (in the case of all other corporations), rather than, in each case, the time at which the amendment is adopted by stockholders. The amendment to the last sentence of Section 203(b) adopts the same language with respect to the effectiveness of an amendment as added in Section 203(b)(3).

Section 3. Sections 8, 9 and 10 of this Act amend Sections 228(c), 228(d) and 228(e) of Title 8, respectively. Section 228 is amended to provide that a consent need not bear the date of signature of the stockholder or member signing the consent. The amendments to Section 228(c) also provide that the sixty-day period for the delivery of consents will start on the first date a consent is delivered to the corporation. The amendments eliminate surplus language that specified where consents had to be delivered.

Section 4. Sections 12 through 35 of this Act amend the provisions on mergers and consolidations in subchapter IX of chapter 1 of Title 8. Sections 254, 263 and 264 are amended to permit mergers of Delaware corporations with joint-stock or other associations, limited liability companies and partnerships formed or organized under the laws of a non-US jurisdiction. Sections 252, 253, 258 and 267 are amended to use the term "foreign corporation" (as such term is defined in Section 371(a)) to refer consistently to mergers with a corporation organized under the laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of Delaware. Sections 255 and 256 are amended to clarify how membership interests in a non-stock corporation may be treated in a merger and, as a result, redundant language to this effect in Section 257 is eliminated. All sections relating to mergers are amended to conform language to eliminate inconsistencies. The term "organized" is used with respect to corporations and refers to the method by which a corporation is formed, incorporated, created or otherwise comes into being under the laws governing its internal affairs. The term "formed" is used with respect to non-corporate entities and includes the method by which a non-corporate entity is formed, created or otherwise comes into being under the laws governing its internal affairs. Both terms are used with respect to joint stock associations given that the manner in which they are characterized may, depending upon the law at issue, include attributes of both "organized" and "formed". The clarification of the terms used to refer to corporations and non-corporate entities and the elimination of the term "existing" from Section 251 are for clarification purposes only and do not change the intent of such sections prior to the amendments. Each of the statutes on mergers and consolidations involving Delaware corporations and non-Delaware entities is amended to provide that such mergers and consolidations are permitted so long as the laws of the applicable non-Delaware jurisdictions do not prohibit the transaction. These amendments change provisions of Sections 252, 253, 256 and 258 that permitted these mergers and consolidations under Delaware law only if the applicable non-Delaware law "permitted" the transaction and change the language of Sections 254, 263, 264 and 267 from not "forbid" to not "prohibit". The amendments are intended to further facilitate mergers and consolidations of Delaware corporations with non-Delaware entities.

Section 5. Sections 37 and 38 of this Act amend Sections 374 and 502(a) of Title 8, respectively. Section 502 is amended to clarify the information required to be disclosed in annual reports filed by domestic corporations with the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware. Section 374 is amended to conform the annual reporting requirements for corporations formed in another jurisdiction and qualifying to do business in Delaware with the requirements for domestic corporations. The amendments will allow for seamless electronic integration and more efficient processing of these annual reports.

Section 6. Sections 39 and 40 of this Act relate to the effectiveness of the amendments to Title 8. Section 40 of this Act provides that Sections 8 through 10 of this Act (relating to the amendments to Section 228 of Title 8) are effective only for stockholder and member actions taken by consent having a record date, for purposes of determining the stockholders or members entitled to consent, on or after August 1, 2017. Section 39 of this Act provides that Sections 1 through 7 and Sections 11 through 38 of this Act (relating to the remaining amendments to Title 8 set forth in this Act) are effective on August 1, 2017.

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