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## DELAWARE STATE SENATE 150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### SENATE BILL NO. 89

# AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 17, TITLE 6 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE CREATION, REGULATION, OPERATION AND DISSOLUTION OF DOMESTIC LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS AND THE REGISTRATION AND REGULATION OF FOREIGN LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS.

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

- 1 Section 1. Amend § 17-101, Chapter 17, Title 6 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
- 2 insertions as shown by underline as follows and by redesignating accordingly:
- 3 § 17-101 Definitions.
- 4 As used in this chapter unless the context otherwise requires:
- 5 (3) "Document" means (i) any tangible medium on which information is inscribed, and includes handwritten, typed,
- 6 printed or similar instruments, and copies of such instruments and (ii) an electronic transmission.
- 7 (4) "Electronic transmission" means any form of communication not directly involving the physical transmission
- 8 of paper, including the use of, or participation in, 1 or more electronic networks or databases (including 1 or more
- 9 distributed electronic networks or databases), that creates a record that may be retained, retrieved and reviewed by a
- 10 recipient thereof and that may be directly reproduced in paper form by such a recipient through an automated process.
- 11 (5) (7) "General partner" means a person who is named as a general partner in the certificate of limited partnership
- 12 or similar instrument under which a limited partnership is formed if so required and who is admitted to the limited
- 13 partnership as a general partner in accordance with the partnership agreement or this chapter, and includes a general partner
- 14 of the limited partnership generally and a general partner associated with a series of the limited partnership. Unless the
- 15 context otherwise requires, references in this chapter to a general partner (including references in this chapter to a general
- 16 partner of a limited partnership) shall be deemed to be references to a general partner of the limited partnership generally
- 17 and to a general partner associated with a series with respect to such series.
- 18 (8) (10) "Limited partner" means a person who is admitted to a limited partnership as a limited partner as provided
- 19 in § 17-301 of this title, and includes a limited partner of the limited partnership generally and a limited partner associated
- 20 with a series of the limited partnership. Unless the context otherwise requires, references in this chapter to a limited partner
- 21 (including references in this chapter to a limited partner of a limited partnership) shall be deemed to be references to a

22 limited partner of the limited partnership generally and to a limited partner associated with a series with respect to such

23 <u>series</u>.

- 24 (18) "Protected series" means a designated series of limited partners, general partners, partnership interests or
- 25 assets that is established in accordance with § 17-218(b) of this title.
- 26 (19) "Registered series" means a designated series of limited partners, general partners, partnership interests or
- 27 assets that is formed in accordance with § 17-221 of this title.
- 28 (20) "Series" means a designated series of limited partners, general partners, partnership interests or assets that is
- 29 <u>a protected series or a registered series, or that is neither a protected series nor a registered series.</u>
- 30 Section 2. Amend § 17-102, Chapter 17, Title 6 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike
- 31 through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:
- 32 § 17-102 Name set forth in certificate [Effective Aug. 1, 2019]

33 (3) Must be such as to distinguish it upon the records in the office of the Secretary of State from the name on such 34 records of any corporation, partnership, limited partnership, statutory trust, limited liability company, or registered series of 35 a limited liability company or registered series of a limited partnership reserved, registered, formed or organized under the 36 laws of the State of Delaware or qualified to do business or registered as a foreign corporation, foreign limited partnership, 37 foreign statutory trust, foreign partnership or foreign limited liability company in the State of Delaware; provided, however, 38 that a limited partnership may register under any name which is not such as to distinguish it upon the records in the office 39 of the Secretary of State from the name on such records of any domestic or foreign corporation, partnership, statutory trust, 40 limited liability company, registered series of a limited liability company, registered series of a limited partnership or 41 foreign limited partnership reserved, registered, formed or organized under the laws of the State of Delaware with the 42 written consent of the other corporation, partnership, statutory trust, limited liability company, registered series of a limited 43 liability company, registered series of a limited partnership or foreign limited partnership, which written consent shall be 44 filed with the Secretary of State; provided further, that, if on July 31, 2011, a limited partnership is registered (with the 45 consent of another limited partnership) under a name which is not such as to distinguish it upon the records in the office of 46 the Secretary of State from the name on such records of such other domestic limited partnership, it shall not be necessary 47 for any such limited partnership to amend its certificate of limited partnership to comply with this subsection; (4) May contain the following words: "Company," "Association," "Club," "Foundation," "Fund," "Institute," 48 "Society," "Union," "Syndicate," "Limited," "Public Benefit" or "Trust" (or abbreviations of like import); and 49 Section 3. Amend § 17-103, Chapter 17, Title 6 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike 50

51 through and insertions as shown by underline as follows and by redesignating accordingly:

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- 52 § 17-103 Reservation of name.
- 53 (a) The exclusive right to the use of a name may be reserved by:
- 54 (2) Any person intending to form a registered series of a limited partnership under this chapter and to adopt that
- 55 <u>name in accordance with § 17-221(e);</u>
- Section 4. Amend § 17-104, Chapter 17, Title 6 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike
   through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:
- 58 § 17-104 Registered office; registered agent.
- 59 (d) The registered agent of 1 or more limited partnerships a limited partnership, including a limited partnership
- 60 whose certificate of limited partnership has been cancelled pursuant to § 17-1110 of this title, may resign without
- 61 appointing a successor registered agent by paying a fee as set forth in § 17-1107(a)(2) of this title and filing a certificate of
- 62 resignation with the Secretary of State, but such resignation shall not become effective until 30 days after the certificate is
- 63 filed. The certificate shall contain a statement that written notice of resignation was given to each affected the limited
- 64 partnership at least 30 days prior to the filing of the certificate by mailing or delivering such notice to the limited
- 65 partnership at its address last known to the registered agent and shall set forth the date of such notice. The certificate shall
- 66 include such information last provided to the registered agent pursuant to Section 17-104(g) of this title for a
- 67 communications contact for the limited partnership. Such information regarding the communications contact shall not be
- deemed public. A certificate filed pursuant to this Section 17-104(d) must be on the form prescribed by the Secretary of
- 69 <u>State.</u> After receipt of the notice of the resignation of its registered agent, the limited partnership for which such registered
- agent was acting shall obtain and designate a new registered agent, to take the place of the registered agent so resigning. If
- such limited partnership fails to obtain and designate a new registered agent as aforesaid prior to the expiration of the
- period of 30 days after the filing by the registered agent of the certificate of resignation, the certificate of limited
- 73 partnership and statement of qualification (as applicable) of such limited partnership shall be canceled. After the resignation
- of the registered agent shall have become effective as provided in this section and if no new registered agent shall have
- been obtained and designated in the time and manner aforesaid, service of legal process against each limited partnership
- 76 (and each protected series and each registered series thereof) for which the resigned registered agent had been acting shall
- thereafter be upon the Secretary of State in accordance with § 17-105 of this title.
- 78 (e) Every registered agent shall:
- 79 (3) Accept service of process and other communications directed to the limited partnerships (and any protected
- 80 series or registered series thereof) and foreign limited partnerships for which it serves as registered agent and forward same
- to the limited partnership or foreign limited partnership to which the service or communication is directed; and

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(4) Forward to the limited partnership and foreign limited partnership for which it serves as registered agent the

- 83 statement for the annual tax for such limited partnership (and each registered series thereof) or such foreign limited
- partnership, as applicable, as described in § 17-1109 of this title or an electronic notification of same in a form satisfactory
   to the Secretary of State.

86 (g) Every domestic limited partnership and every foreign limited partnership qualified to do business in the State 87 of Delaware shall provide to its registered agent and update from time to time as necessary the name, business address and 88 business telephone number of a natural person who is a partner, officer, employee, or designated agent of the domestic or 89 foreign limited partnership who is then authorized to receive communications from the registered agent. Such person shall 90 be deemed the communications contact for the domestic or foreign limited partnership. A domestic limited partnership, 91 upon receipt of a request by the communications contact delivered in writing or by electronic transmission, shall provide 92 the communications contact with the name, business address, and business telephone number of a natural person who has 93 access to the record required to be maintained pursuant to \$ 17-305(g) of this title. Every registered agent shall retain (in 94 paper or electronic form) the above information concerning the current communications contact for each domestic limited 95 partnership and each foreign limited partnership for which he, she, or it serves as registered agent. If the domestic or foreign 96 limited partnership fails to provide the registered agent with a current communications contact, the registered agent may 97 resign as the registered agent for such domestic or foreign limited partnership pursuant to this section. For purposes of this 98 subsection, the term "electronic transmission" means any form of communication not directly involving the physical 99 transmission of paper, including the use of, or participation in, 1 or more electronic networks or databases (including 1 or 100 more distributed electronic networks or databases), that creates a record that may be retained, retrieved and reviewed by a 101 recipient thereof and that may be directly reproduced in paper form by such a recipient through an automated process. 102 Section 5. Amend § 17-105, Chapter 17, Title 6 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike 103 through and insertions as shown by underline as follows: 104 § 17-105. Service of process on domestic limited partnerships and protected series or registered series thereof. 105 (a) Service of legal process upon any domestic limited partnership or any protected series or registered series 106 thereof established pursuant to § 17-218(b) of this title shall be made by delivering a copy personally to any managing or 107 general agent or general partner of the limited partnership in the State of Delaware, or the registered agent of the limited

- 109 of any such managing or general agent, general partner or registered agent (if the registered agent be an individual), or at
- 110 the registered office or other place of business of the limited partnership in the State of Delaware. If service of legal process
- is made upon the registered agent of the limited partnership in the State of Delaware on behalf of any such protected series

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partnership in the State of Delaware, or by leaving it at the dwelling house or usual place of abode in the State of Delaware

112 or registered series, such process shall include the name of the limited partnership and the name of such protected series or 113 registered series. If the registered agent be a corporation, service of process upon it as such may be made by serving, in the 114 State of Delaware, a copy thereof on the president, vice-president, secretary, assistant secretary or any director of the 115 corporate registered agent. Service by copy left at the dwelling house or usual place of abode of an officer, managing or 116 general agent, general partner or registered agent, or at the registered office or other place of business of the limited 117 partnership in the State of Delaware, to be effective, must be delivered thereat at least 6 days before the return date of the 118 process, and in the presence of an adult person, and the officer serving the process shall distinctly state the manner of 119 service in his or her the officer's return thereto. Process returnable forthwith must be delivered personally to the officer, 120 managing or general agent, general partner or registered agent.

121 (b) In case the officer whose duty it is to serve legal process cannot by due diligence serve the process in any 122 manner provided for by subsection (a) of this section, it shall be lawful to serve the process against the limited partnership 123 or any protected series or registered series thereof established pursuant to § 17-218(b) of this title upon the Secretary of 124 State, and such service shall be as effectual for all intents and purposes as if made in any of the ways provided for in 125 subsection (a) of this section. If service of legal process is made upon the Secretary of State on behalf of any such protected 126 series or registered series, such process shall include the name of the limited partnership and the name of such protected 127 series or registered series. Process may be served upon the Secretary of State under this subsection by means of electronic 128 transmission but only as prescribed by the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State is authorized to issue such rules and 129 regulations with respect to such service as the Secretary of State deems necessary or appropriate. In the event that service is 130 effected through the Secretary of State in accordance with this subsection, the Secretary of State shall forthwith notify the 131 limited partnership by letter, directed to the limited partnership at the address of a general partner as it appears on the 132 records relating to such limited partnership on file with the Secretary of State or, if no such address appears, at its last 133 registered office. Such letter shall be sent by a mail or courier service that includes a record of mailing or deposit with the 134 courier and a record of delivery evidenced by the signature of the recipient. Such letter shall enclose a copy of the process 135 and any other papers served on the Secretary of State pursuant to this subsection. It shall be the duty of the plaintiff in the 136 event of such service to serve process and any other papers in duplicate, to notify the Secretary of State that service is being 137 effected pursuant to this subsection, and to pay the Secretary of State the sum of \$50 for the use of the State of Delaware, 138 which sum shall be taxed as part of the costs in the proceeding if the plaintiff shall prevail therein. The Secretary of State 139 shall maintain an alphabetical record of any such service setting forth the name of the plaintiff and defendant, the title, 140 docket number and nature of the proceeding in which process has been served upon the Secretary, the fact that service has 141 been effected pursuant to this subsection, the return date thereof, and the day and hour when the service was made. The

- 142 Secretary of State shall not be required to retain such information for a period longer than 5 years from the <u>Secretary's</u>
- 143 receipt of the service of process.
- Section 6. Amend Chapter 17, Title 6 of the Delaware Code to add a new § 17-112 as shown by underline asfollows:
- 146 § 17-112 Judicial cancellation of certificate of limited partnership; proceedings.
- 147 (a) Upon motion by the Attorney General, the Court of Chancery shall have jurisdiction to cancel the certificate of
- 148 limited partnership of any domestic limited partnership for abuse or misuse of its limited partnership powers, privileges or
- 149 existence. The Attorney General shall proceed for this purpose in the Court of Chancery.
- 150 (b) The Court of Chancery shall have power, by appointment of trustees, receivers or otherwise, to administer and
- 151 wind up the affairs of any domestic limited partnership whose certificate of limited partnership shall be canceled by the
- 152 Court of Chancery under this section, and to make such orders and decrees with respect thereto as shall be just and
- 153 equitable respecting its affairs and assets and the rights of its partners and creditors.
- 154 Section 7. Amend Chapter 17, Title 6 of the Delaware Code to add a new § 17-113 as shown by underline as
- 155 follows:
- 156 § 17-113 Document form, signature and delivery.
- 157 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, without limiting the manner in which any act or transaction
- 158 may be documented, or the manner in which a document may be signed or delivered:
- 159 (1) Any act or transaction contemplated or governed by this chapter or the partnership agreement may be provided for in a
- 160 document, and an electronic transmission is the equivalent of a written document.
- 161 (2) Whenever this chapter or the partnership agreement requires or permits a signature, the signature may be a
- 162 <u>manual, facsimile, conformed or electronic signature.</u> "Electronic signature" means an electronic symbol or
- 163 process that is attached to, or logically associated with, a document and executed or adopted by a person with an
- 164 <u>intent to authenticate or adopt the document.</u>
- 165 (3) Unless otherwise provided in the partnership agreement or agreed between the sender and recipient, an
- 166 electronic transmission is delivered to a person for purposes of this chapter and the partnership agreement when it
- 167 <u>enters an information processing system that the person has designated for the purpose of receiving electronic</u>
- 168 transmissions of the type delivered, so long as the electronic transmission is in a form capable of being processed
- 169 by that system and such person is able to retrieve the electronic transmission. Whether a person has so designated
- 170 an information processing system is determined by the partnership agreement or from the context and surrounding
- 171 circumstances, including the parties' conduct. An electronic transmission is delivered under this section even if

- 172 no person is aware of its receipt. Receipt of an electronic acknowledgement from an information processing
- system establishes that an electronic transmission was received but, by itself, does not establish that the content
  sent corresponds to the content received.
- 175 This chapter shall not prohibit one or more persons from conducting a transaction in accordance with chapter 12A of this
- 176 <u>title so long as the part or parts of the transaction that are governed by this chapter are documented, signed and delivered in</u>
- 177 accordance with this subsection (a) or otherwise in accordance with this chapter. This subsection (a) shall apply solely for
- 178 purposes of determining whether an act or transaction has been documented, and the document has been signed and
- 179 delivered, in accordance with this chapter and the partnership agreement.
- 180 (b) Subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to: (1) a document filed with or submitted to the Secretary of State,
- 181 the Register in Chancery, or a court or other judicial or governmental body of this State, (2) a certificate of partnership
- 182 interest, and (3) an act or transaction effected pursuant to Section 17-104, 17-105, or 17-109 or subchapter IX or X of this
- 183 chapter. The foregoing shall not create any presumption about the lawful means to document a matter addressed by this
- 184 <u>subsection (b)</u>, or the lawful means to sign or deliver a document addressed by this subsection (b). A provision of the
- 185 partnership agreement shall not limit the application of subsection (a) of this section unless the provision expressly restricts
- 186 <u>one or more of the means of documenting an act or transaction, or of signing or delivering a document, permitted by</u>
- 187 <u>subsection (a).</u>
- 188 (c) In the event that any provision of this chapter is deemed to modify, limit or supersede the Electronic Signatures
- 189 in Global and National Commerce Act, 15 U.S.C. § 7001 et. seq., the provisions of this chapter shall control to the fullest
- 190 extent permitted by section 7002(a)(2) of such act.
- 191 Section 8. Amend § 17-203, Chapter 17, Title 6 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike
- 192 through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:
- 193 § 17-203 Cancellation of certificate.
- (a) A certificate of limited partnership shall be canceled upon the dissolution and the completion of winding up of the limited partnership, or as provided in § 17-104(d) or § 17-104(i)(4), § 17-112 or § 17-1110 of this title, or upon the filing of a certificate of merger or consolidation or a certificate of ownership and merger if the limited partnership is not the surviving or resulting entity in a merger or consolidation, or upon the future effective date or time of a certificate of merger or consolidation or a certificate of ownership and merger if the limited partnership is not the surviving or resulting entity in a merger of the limited partnership is not the surviving or resulting entity in a merger of the limited partnership is not the surviving or resulting entity in
- a merger or consolidation, or upon the filing of a certificate of transfer or upon the future effective date or time of a
- 200 certificate of transfer, or upon the filing of a certificate of conversion to non-Delaware entity or upon the future effective
- 201 date or time of a certificate of conversion to non-Delaware entity or upon the filing of a certificate of division if the limited

- 202 partnership is a dividing partnership that is not a surviving partnership or upon the future effective date or time of a
- 203 certificate of division if the limited partnership is a dividing partnership that is not a surviving partnership. A certificate of
- 204 cancellation shall be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State to accomplish the cancellation of a certificate of limited
- 205 partnership upon the dissolution and the completion of winding up of a limited partnership and shall set forth:
- 206 (1) The name of the limited partnership;
- 207 (2) The date of filing of its certificate of limited partnership;
- 208 (3) If the limited partnership has formed one or more registered series whose certificate of registered series has not
- 209 been canceled prior to the filing of the certificate of cancellation, the name of each such registered series;
- 210 (4) The future effective date or time (which shall be a date or time certain) of cancellation if it is not to be effective
- 211 upon the filing of the certificate; and
- 212 (4) (5) Any other information the person filing the certificate of cancellation determines.
- 213 (c) The Secretary of State shall not issue a certificate of good standing with respect to a limited partnership (or any
- 214 registered series thereof) if its certificate of limited partnership is canceled.
- 215 Section 9. Amend § 17-204, Chapter 17, Title 6 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike
- through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:
- 217 § 17-204 Execution.
- (a) Each certificate required by this subchapter to be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State shall be executedin the following manner:
- 220 (5) A certificate of revival must be signed by at least 1 general partner; and
- (6) A certificate of termination of a certificate with a future effective date or time or a certificate of amendment of

a certificate with a future effective date or time being filed in accordance with § 17-206(c) of this title shall be signed in the

- same manner as the certificate with a future effective date or time being amended or terminated is required to be signed
- under this chapter-;
- 225 (7) A certificate of division must be signed by at least 1 general partner of the dividing partnership;
- 226 (8) A certificate of registered series and a certificate of conversion of registered series to protected series must be
- 227 signed by all general partners associated with the registered series;
- 228 (9) A certificate of amendment of certificate of registered series or a certificate of correction of certificate of
- 229 registered series must be signed by at least 1 general partner associated with such series and by each other general partner
- 230 designated in such certificate of amendment or such certificate of correction as a new general partner associated with such

- 231 series, but if such certificate of amendment or such certificate of correction reflects the withdrawal of a general partner as a
- 232 general partner <u>associated with such series</u>, it need not be signed by that former general partner;
- 233 (10) A certificate of conversion of protected series to registered series must be signed by all general partners
- 234 associated with the protected series;
- 235 (11) A certificate of merger or consolidation of registered series must be signed by all general partners associated
- 236 with the surviving or resulting registered series;
- 237 (12) A certificate of cancellation of certificate of registered series must be signed by all general partners associated
- 238 with such series or, if such general partners are not winding up the registered series' affairs, then by all liquidating trustees
- 239 of such registered series; provided, however, that if the limited partners of such registered series are winding up such series'
- 240 affairs, the certificate of cancellation of certificate of registered series shall be signed by limited partners of such registered
- 241 series who own more than 50 percent of the then current percentage or other interest in the profits of such registered series
- 242 owned by all of the limited partners of such series; and
- 243 (13) A certificate of revival of registered series must be signed by at least 1 general partner associated with such
- 244 registered series.
- Section 10. Amend § 17-206, Chapter 17, Title 6 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike
  through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:
- 247 § 17-206 Filing.
- 248 (a) The signed copy of the certificate of limited partnership and of any certificates of amendment, correction,
- 249 amendment of a certificate with a future effective date or time, termination of a certificate with a future effective date or
- 250 time or cancellation (or of any judicial decree of amendment or cancellation), and of any certificate of merger or
- 251 consolidation, any certificate of ownership and merger, any restated certificate, any corrected certificate, any certificate of
- 252 conversion to limited partnership, any certificate of conversion to a non-Delaware entity, any certificate of transfer, any
- 253 certificate of transfer and domestic continuance, any certificate of limited partnership domestication, and any certificate of
- 254 revival any certificate authorized to be filed under this chapter shall be delivered to the Secretary of State. A person who
- executes a certificate as an agent or fiduciary need not exhibit evidence of that person's authority as a prerequisite to filing.
- 256 Any signature on any certificate authorized to be filed with the Secretary of State under any provision of this chapter may
- be a facsimile, a conformed signature or an electronically transmitted signature. Upon delivery of any certificate, the
- 258 Secretary of State shall record the date and time of its delivery. Unless the Secretary of State finds that any certificate does
- 259 not conform to law, upon receipt of all filing fees required by law the Secretary of State shall:

260 (1) Certify that the any certificate of limited partnership, the certificate of amendment, the certificate of 261 correction, the certificate of amendment of a certificate with a future effective date or time, the certificate of termination of 262 a certificate with a future effective date or time, the certificate of cancellation (or of any judicial decree of amendment or 263 cancellation), the certificate of merger or consolidation, the certificate of ownership and merger, restated certificate, the 264 corrected certificate. the certificate of conversion to limited partnership, the certificate of conversion to a non-Delaware 265 entity, the certificate of transfer, the certificate of transfer and domestic continuance, the certificate of limited partnership 266 domestication or certificate of revival authorized to be filed under this chapter has been filed in the Secretary of State's 267 office by endorsing upon the signed certificate the word "Filed," and the date and time of the filing. This endorsement is 268 conclusive of the date and time of its filing in the absence of actual fraud. Except as provided in paragraph (a)(5) or (a)(6)269 of this section, such date and time of filing of a certificate shall be the date and time of delivery of the certificate;

270 (5) Upon request made upon or prior to delivery, the Secretary of State may, to the extent deemed practicable, 271 establish as the date and time of filing of a certificate a date and time after its delivery. If the Secretary of State refuses to 272 file any certificate due to an error, omission or other imperfection, the Secretary of State may hold such certificate in 273 suspension, and in such event, upon delivery of a replacement certificate in proper form for filing and tender of the required 274 fees within 5 business days after notice of such suspension is given to the filer, the Secretary of State shall establish as the 275 date and time of filing of such certificate the date and time that would have been the date and time of filing of the rejected 276 certificate had it been accepted for filing. The Secretary of State shall not issue a certificate of good standing with respect to 277 any limited partnership or registered series with a certificate held in suspension pursuant to this subsection. The Secretary 278 of State may establish as the date and time of filing of a certificate the date and time at which information from such 279 certificate is entered pursuant to paragraph (a)(4) of this section if such certificate is delivered on the same date and within 280 4 hours after such information is entered.

281 (6) If:

b. Upon the actual delivery of a certificate and tender of the required fees, the Secretary of State in his or her the Secretary of State's own discretion provides a written waiver of the requirement for such an affidavit stating that it appears to the Secretary of State that an earlier effort to deliver such certificate and tender such fees was made in good faith and specifying the date and time of such effort; and

286 c. The Secretary of State determines that an extraordinary condition existed at such date and time, that such earlier 287 effort was unsuccessful as a result of the existence of such extraordinary condition, and that such actual delivery and tender 288 were made within a reasonable period (not to exceed 2 business days) after the cessation of such extraordinary condition,

then the Secretary of State may establish such date and time as the date and time of filing of such certificate. No fee shall be

290 paid to the Secretary of State for receiving an affidavit of extraordinary condition. For purposes of this subsection, an 291 extraordinary condition means: any emergency resulting from an attack on, invasion or occupation by foreign military 292 forces of, or disaster, catastrophe, war or other armed conflict, revolution or insurrection, or rioting or civil commotion in, 293 the United States or a locality in which the Secretary of State conducts its business or in which the good faith effort to 294 deliver the certificate and tender the required fees is made, or the immediate threat of any of the foregoing; or any 295 malfunction or outage of the electrical or telephone service to the Secretary of State's office, or weather or other condition 296 in or about a locality in which the Secretary of State conducts its business, as a result of which the Secretary of State's 297 office is not open for the purpose of the filing of certificates under this chapter or such filing cannot be effected without 298 extraordinary effort. The Secretary of State may require such proof as it deems necessary to make the determination 299 required under this paragraph (a)(6)c. of this section, and any such determination shall be conclusive in the absence of 300 actual fraud. If the Secretary of State establishes the date and time of filing of a certificate pursuant to this subsection, the 301 date and time of delivery of the affidavit of extraordinary condition or the date and time of the Secretary of State's written 302 waiver of such affidavit shall be endorsed on such affidavit or waiver and such affidavit or waiver, so endorsed, shall be 303 attached to the filed certificate to which it relates. Such filed certificate shall be effective as of the date and time established 304 as the date and time of filing by the Secretary of State pursuant to this subsection, except as to those persons who are 305 substantially and adversely affected by such establishment and, as to those persons, the certificate shall be effective from 306 the date and time endorsed on the affidavit of extraordinary condition or written waiver attached thereto.

307 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, any certificate filed under this chapter shall be effective at 308 the time of its filing with the Secretary of State or at any later date or time (not later than a time on the one hundred and 309 eightieth day after the date of its filing if such date of filing is on or after January 1, 2012) specified in the certificate. Upon 310 the filing of a certificate of amendment (or judicial decree of amendment), certificate of correction, corrected certificate or 311 restated certificate in the Office of the Secretary of State, or upon the future effective date or time of a certificate of 312 amendment (or judicial decree thereof) or restated certificate, as provided for therein, the certificate of limited partnership 313 or certificate of registered series, as applicable, shall be amended, corrected or restated as set forth therein. Upon the filing 314 of a certificate of cancellation (or a judicial decree thereof), or a certificate of merger or consolidation or a certificate of 315 ownership and merger or a certificate of division which acts as a certificate of cancellation, or a certificate of transfer, or a 316 certificate of conversion to a non-Delaware entity, or a certificate of conversion of registered series to protected series, or 317 upon the future effective date or time of a certificate of cancellation (or a judicial decree thereof), or of a certificate of 318 merger or consolidation or a certificate of ownership and merger or a certificate of division which acts as a certificate of 319 cancellation, or a certificate of transfer, or a certificate of conversion to a non-Delaware entity, or a certificate of conversion

320 of registered series to protected series, as provided for therein, or as specified in § 17-104(d), § 17-104(i)(4), § 17-112 or § 321 17-1110(a) of this title, the certificate of limited partnership or certificate of registered series, as applicable, is canceled. 322 Upon the filing of a certificate of limited partnership domestication, or upon the future effective date or time of a certificate 323 of limited partnership domestication, the entity filing the certificate of limited partnership domestication is domesticated as 324 a limited partnership with the effect provided in § 17-215 of this title. Upon the filing of a certificate of conversion to 325 limited partnership, or upon the future effective date or time of a certificate of conversion to limited partnership, the entity 326 filing the certificate of conversion to limited partnership is converted to a limited partnership with the effect provided in § 327 17-217 of this title. Upon the filing of a certificate of conversion of protected series to registered series, or upon the future 328 effective date or time of a certificate of conversion of protected series to registered series, the protected series with respect 329 to which such filing is made is converted to a registered series with the effect provided in § 17-222. Upon the filing of a 330 certificate of conversion of registered series to protected series, or upon the future effective date or time of a certificate of 331 conversion of registered series to protected series, the registered series filing such certificate is converted to a protected 332 series with the effect provided in § 17-223. Upon the filing of a certificate of revival, the a limited partnership or a 333 registered series shall be revived with the effect provided in § 17-1111 or § 17-1112 of this title. Upon the filing of a 334 certificate of transfer and domestic continuance, or upon the future effective date or time of a certificate of transfer and 335 domestic continuance, as provided for therein, the limited partnership filing the certificate of transfer and domestic 336 continuance shall continue to exist as a limited partnership of the State of Delaware with the effect provided in § 17-216 of 337 this title. 338 (d) A fee as set forth in \$ 17-1107(a)(3) of this title shall be paid at the time of the filing of a certificate of limited 339 partnership, a certificate of registered series, a certificate of amendment, a certificate of correction, a certificate of 340 amendment of a certificate with a future effective date or time, a certificate of termination of a certificate with a future 341 effective date or time, a certificate of cancellation, a certificate of merger or consolidation, a certificate of ownership and 342 merger, a restated certificate, a corrected certificate, a certificate of conversion to limited partnership, a certificate of 343 conversion to a non-Delaware entity, a certificate of conversion of protected series to registered series, a certificate of 344 conversion of registered series to protected series, a certificate of transfer, a certificate of transfer and domestic 345 continuance, a certificate of limited partnership domestication, a certificate of division, or a certificate of revival. 346 Section 11. Amend § 17-207, Chapter 17, Title 6 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike 347 through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

348 § 17-207 Liability for false statement.

- 349 (a) If any certificate of limited partnership or certificate of amendment, correction, revival or cancellation or
- 350 certificate of conversion to limited partnership, or certificate of conversion to a non-Delaware entity, certificate of transfer,
- 351 certificate of transfer and domestic continuance, or certificate of limited partnership domestication authorized to be filed
- 352 <u>under this chapter</u> contains a materially false statement, one who suffers loss by reasonable reliance on the statement may
- 353 recover damages for the loss from:
- 354 (2) Any general partner <u>that filed the certificate</u>, who thereafter knows that any arrangement or other fact
- described in the certificate is false in any material respect or has changed, making the statement false in any material
- 356 respect, if that general partner had sufficient time to amend, correct or cancel the certificate, or to file a petition for its
- amendment, correction or cancellation, before the statement was reasonably relied upon.
- 358 Section 12. Amend § 17-208, Chapter 17, Title 6 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike 359 through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:
- 360 § 17-208 Notice.
- 361 The fact that a certificate of limited partnership is on file in the Office of the Secretary of State is notice that the
- 362 partnership is a limited partnership and is notice of all other facts set forth therein which are required to be set forth in a
- certificate of limited partnership by § 17-201(a)(1)-(3) or § 17-1202 of this title and by § 17-202(f) of this title and which
- are permitted to be set forth in a certificate of limited partnership by § 17-218(b) or 17-221(b) of this title. The fact that a
- 365 certificate of registered series is on file in the office of the Secretary of State is notice that the registered series named in
- 366 such certificate of registered series has been formed pursuant to § 17-221 of this title and is notice of all other facts set forth
- 367 therein which are required to be set forth in a certificate of registered series by § 17-221(d) of this title.
- 368 Section 13. Amend § 17-210, Chapter 17, Title 6 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike
- through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:
- 370 § 17-210 Restated certificate.
- 371 (a) Restated certificate of limited partnership.
- 372 (a) (1) A limited partnership may, whenever desired, integrate into a single instrument all of the provisions of its
   373 certificate of limited partnership which are then in effect and operative as a result of there having theretofore been filed
- 374 with the Secretary of State 1 or more certificates or other instruments pursuant to any of the sections referred to in this
- 375 subchapter and it may at the same time also further amend its certificate of limited partnership by adopting a restated
- 376 certificate of limited partnership.
- 377 (b) (2) If the <u>a</u> restated certificate of limited partnership merely restates and integrates but does not further amend 378 the initial certificate of limited partnership, as theretofore amended or supplemented by any instrument that was executed

379 and filed pursuant to any of the sections in this subchapter, it shall be specifically designated in its heading as a "Restated" 380 Certificate of Limited Partnership" together with such other words as the partnership may deem appropriate and shall be 381 executed by a general partner and filed as provided in § 17-206 of this title in the Office of the Secretary of State. If the a 382 restated certificate restates and integrates and also further amends in any respect the certificate of limited partnership, as theretofore amended or supplemented, it shall be specifically designated in its heading as an "Amended and Restated 383 384 Certificate of Limited Partnership" together with such other words as the partnership may deem appropriate and shall be 385 executed by at least 1 general partner and by each other general partner designated in the restated certificate of limited 386 partnership as a new general partner, but if the restated certificate reflects the withdrawal of a general partner as a general 387 partner, such restated certificate of limited partnership need not be signed by that former general partner, and filed as 388 provided in § 17-206 of this title in the Office of the Secretary of State.

389 (e) (3) A restated certificate of limited partnership shall state, either in its heading or in an introductory 390 paragraph, the limited partnership's present name, and, if it has been changed, the name under which it was originally filed, 391 and the date of filing of its original certificate of limited partnership with the Secretary of State, and the future effective 392 date or time (which shall be a date or time certain) of the restated certificate if it is not to be effective upon the filing of the 393 restated certificate. A restated certificate shall also state that it was duly executed and is being filed in accordance with this 394 section. If the a restated certificate only restates and integrates and does not further amend the a limited partnership's 395 certificate of limited partnership as theretofore amended or supplemented and there is no discrepancy between those 396 provisions and the restated certificate, it shall state that fact as well.

397 (d) (4) Upon the filing of the <u>a</u> restated certificate of limited partnership with the Secretary of State, or upon the 398 future effective date or time of a restated certificate of limited partnership as provided for therein, the initial certificate of 399 limited partnership, as theretofore amended or supplemented, shall be superseded; thenceforth, the restated certificate of 400 limited partnership, including any further amendment or changes made thereby, shall be the certificate of limited 401 partnership of the limited partnership, but the original effective date of formation shall remain unchanged.

402 (e) (5) Any amendment or change effected in connection with the restatement and integration of the certificate of

403 limited partnership shall be subject to any other provision of this chapter, not inconsistent with this section, which would

- 404 apply if a separate certificate of amendment were filed to effect such amendment or change.
- 405 (b) Restated certificate of registered series.

406 (1) A registered series of a limited partnership may, whenever desired, integrate into a single instrument all of the

- 407 provisions of its certificate of registered series which are then in effect and operative as a result of there having theretofore
- 408 been filed with the Secretary of State 1 or more certificates or other instruments pursuant to any of the sections referred to

409 in this subchapter, and it may at the same time also further amend its certificate of registered series by adopting a restated
 410 certificate of registered series.

411 (2) If a restated certificate of registered series merely restates and integrates but does not further amend the initial

- 412 certificate of registered series, as theretofore amended or supplemented by any instrument that was executed and filed
- 413 pursuant to any of the sections in this subchapter, it shall be specifically designated in its heading as a "Restated Certificate
- 414 of Registered Series" together with such other words as the registered series may deem appropriate and shall be executed by
- 415 <u>a general partner of such registered series and filed as provided in § 17-206 of this title in the office of the Secretary of</u>
- 416 State. If a restated certificate restates and integrates and also further amends in any respect the certificate of registered
- 417 series as theretofore amended or supplemented, it shall be specifically designated in its heading as an "Amended and
- 418 Restated Certificate of Registered Series" together with such other words as the registered series may deem appropriate and

419 shall be executed by at least 1 general partner of such registered series and by each other general partner designated in the

420 amended and restated certificate of registered series as a new general partner of such registered series, but if the restated

421 certificate of registered series reflects the withdrawal of a general partner as a general partner of such registered series, such

- 422 restated certificate of registered series need not be signed by that former general partner, and filed as provided in § 17-206
- 423 of this title in the office of the Secretary of State.
- 424 (3) A restated certificate of registered series shall state, either in its heading or in an introductory paragraph, the
- 425 name of the limited partnership, the present name of the registered series, and, if the name of the registered series has been
- 426 <u>changed, the name under which it was originally filed, and the date of filing of its original certificate of registered series</u>
- 427 with the Secretary of State, and the future effective date or time (which shall be a date or time certain) of the restated
- 428 certificate of registered series if it is not to be effective upon the filing of the restated certificate of registered series. A

429 restated certificate shall also state that it was duly executed and is being filed in accordance with this section. If a restated

430 certificate only restates and integrates and does not further amend a certificate of registered series, as theretofore amended

- 431 or supplemented and there is no discrepancy between those provisions and the restated certificate, it shall state that fact as
- 432 <u>well.</u>

### 433 (4) Upon the filing of a restated certificate of registered series with the Secretary of State, or upon the future

- 434 effective date or time of a restated certificate of registered series as provided for therein, the initial certificate of registered
- 435 series, as theretofore amended or supplemented, shall be superseded; thenceforth, the restated certificate of registered
- 436 series, including any further amendment or changes made thereby, shall be the certificate of registered series of such
- 437 registered series, but the original effective date of formation of the registered series, as applicable, shall remain unchanged.

- 438 (5) Any amendment or change effected in connection with the restatement and integration of a certificate of
- 439 registered series shall be subject to any other provision of this chapter, not inconsistent with this section, which would
- 440 apply if a separate certificate of amendment were filed to effect such amendment or change.
- 441 Section 14. Amend § 17-211, Chapter 17, Title 6 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike
- 442 through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:
- 443 § 17-211 Merger and consolidation.
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(a) As used in this section and in §§ 17-220, 17-222, 17-223 and 17-224 of this title, "other business entity"

445 means a corporation, a statutory trust, a business trust, an association, a real estate investment trust, a common-law trust, a

446 limited liability company, or any other incorporated or unincorporated business or entity, including a partnership (whether

447 general (including a limited liability partnership) or limited (including a foreign limited liability limited partnership), but

448 excluding a domestic limited partnership). As used in this section and in §§ 17-212 and 17-301 of this title, "plan of

449 merger" means a writing approved by a domestic limited partnership, in the form of resolutions or otherwise, that states the

- 450 terms and conditions of a merger under subsection (l) of this section.
- 451 Section 15. Amend § 17-212, Chapter 17, Title 6 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike
  452 through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:
- 453 § 17-212 Contractual appraisal rights.

A partnership agreement or an agreement of merger or consolidation or a plan of merger <u>or a plan of division may</u> provide that contractual appraisal rights with respect to a partnership interest or another interest in a limited partnership shall be available for any class or group or series of partners or partnership interests in connection with any amendment of a

457 partnership agreement, any merger or consolidation in which the limited partnership <u>or a registered series of the limited</u>

458 <u>partnership</u> is a constituent party to the merger or consolidation, <u>any division of the limited partnership</u>, any conversion of

the limited partnership to another business form, any conversion of a protected series of the limited partnership to a

460 registered series of such limited partnership, any conversion of a registered series of the limited partnership to a protected

- 461 series of such limited partnership, any transfer to or domestication or continuance in any jurisdiction by the limited
- 462 partnership, or the sale of all or substantially all of the limited partnership's assets. The Court of Chancery shall have
- 463 jurisdiction to hear and determine any matter relating to any such appraisal rights.
- 464 Section 16. Amend § 17-218, Chapter 17, Title 6 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike
- 465 through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:
- 466 § 17-218 Series of limited partners, general partners, partnership interests or assets.

(a) A partnership agreement may establish or provide for the establishment of 1 or more designated series of
limited partners, general partners, partnership interests or assets. Any such series may have separate rights, powers or duties
with respect to specified property or obligations of the limited partnership or profits and losses associated with specified
property or obligations, and any such series may have a separate business purpose or investment objective. No provision of
subsection (b) of this section or § 17-221 of this title shall be construed to limit the application of the principle of freedom
of contract to a series that is not a protected series or a registered series. Other than pursuant to §§ 17-222, 17-223 and 17224 a series may not merge, convert or consolidate pursuant to any section of this title or any other statute of this State.

474 (b) A series established in accordance with the following sentence is a protected series. Notwithstanding anything 475 to the contrary set forth in this chapter or under other applicable law, in the event that a partnership agreement establishes 476 or provides for the establishment of 1 or more series or states that the liabilities of a general partner are limited to the 477 liabilities of a designated series, and if to the extent the records maintained for any such series account for the assets 478 associated with such series separately from the other assets of the limited partnership, or any other series thereof, and if the 479 partnership agreement so provides, and if notice of the limitation on liabilities of a series or a general partner as referenced 480 in this subsection is set forth in the certificate of limited partnership, then the debts, liabilities, obligations and expenses 481 incurred, contracted for or otherwise existing with respect to a particular such series or general partner shall be enforceable 482 only against the assets of such series or a the general partners associated with such series and not against the assets of the 483 limited partnership generally, any other series thereof, or any general partner not associated with such series, and, unless 484 otherwise provided in the partnership agreement, none of the debts, liabilities, obligations and expenses incurred, contracted 485 for or otherwise existing with respect to the limited partnership generally or any other series thereof shall be enforceable 486 against the assets of such series or a the general partners associated with such series who are not also general partners of the 487 limited partnership generally or general partners associated with the other series, as the case may be. Neither the preceding 488 sentence nor any provision pursuant thereto in a partnership agreement or certificate of limited partnership shall (i) restrict a 489 protected series or limited partnership on behalf of a protected series or a general partner associated with a protected series 490 from agreeing in the partnership agreement or otherwise that any or all of the debts, liabilities, obligations and expenses 491 incurred, contracted for or otherwise existing with respect to the limited partnership generally or any other series thereof 492 shall be enforceable against the assets of such series or a such general partner associated with such series, or (ii) restrict a 493 limited partnership or a general partner of the limited partnership from agreeing in the partnership agreement or otherwise 494 that any or all of the debts, liabilities, obligations and expenses incurred, contracted for or otherwise existing with respect to 495 a protected series shall be enforceable against the assets of the limited partnership generally or the assets of the general 496 partner, or (iii) restrict a general partner of the limited partnership from agreeing in the partnership agreement or otherwise

497 that any or all of the debts, liabilities, obligations and expenses incurred, contracted for or otherwise existing with respect to 498 a protected series shall be enforceable against the assets of such general partner. A partnership agreement does not need to 499 use the term protected when referencing series or refer to this §17-218. Assets associated with a protected series may be 500 held directly or indirectly, including in the name of such series, in the name of the limited partnership, through a nominee 501 or otherwise. Records maintained for a protected series that reasonably identify its assets, including by specific listing. 502 category, type, quantity, computational or allocational formula or procedure (including a percentage or share of any asset or 503 assets) or by any other method where the identity of such assets is objectively determinable, will be deemed to account for 504 the assets associated with such series separately from the other assets of the limited partnership, or any other series thereof. 505 Notice in a certificate of limited partnership of the limitation on liabilities of a protected series as referenced in this 506 subsection shall be sufficient for all purposes of this subsection whether or not the limited partnership has established any 507 protected series when such notice is included in the certificate of limited partnership, and there shall be no requirement that 508 (i) any specific protected series of the limited partnership be referenced in such notice, or (ii) such notice use the term 509 protected when referencing series or include a reference to this §17-218. The fact that a certificate of limited partnership 510 that contains notice of the limitation on liabilities of a protected series is on file in the office of the Secretary of State shall 511 constitute notice of such limitation on liabilities of a protected series. As used in this chapter, a reference to assets of a 512 protected series includes assets associated with a such series and a reference to assets associated with a protected series 513 includes assets of a series, such series, a reference to limited partners or general partners of a protected series includes 514 limited partners or general partners associated with such series, and a reference to limited partners or general partners 515 associated with a protected series includes limited partners or general partners of such series. The following shall apply to a 516 protected series: 517 A limited partnership governed by a partnership agreement that establishes or provides for the (1)518 establishment of one or more series shall have at least one general partner of the partnership generally and at least one 519 general partner associated with each of its protected series. If a partnership agreement does not designate a general partner 520 of a particular protected series, then each general partner of the limited partnership generally shall be deemed to be a 521 general partner associated with such series. If a partnership agreement does not designate a general partner of the limited 522 partnership generally, then each general partner of the limited partnership not associated with a protected series or a 523 registered series shall be deemed to be a general partner of the limited partnership generally, but if there is no such general 524 partner, then each general partner of the limited partnership shall be deemed to be a general partner of the limited 525 partnership generally. General partners of the limited partnership generally and general partners associated with a protected 526 series are general partners of the limited partnership under this chapter. Limited partners of the limited partnership

527 generally and limited partners associated with a protected series are limited partners of the limited partnership under this

528 chapter. The same person may be a general partner of the limited partnership generally and be associated with any or all

529 protected series thereof. The same person may be a limited partner of the limited partnership generally and be associated

530 with any or all protected series thereof.

(c) (2) A series established in accordance with subsection (b) of this section protected series may carry on any
lawful business, purpose or activity, whether or not for profit, with the exception of the business of banking as defined in §
126 of Title 8. Unless otherwise provided in a partnership agreement, a series established in accordance with subsection (b)
of this section protected series shall have the power and capacity to, in its own name, contract, hold title to assets (including
real, personal and intangible property), grant liens and security interests, and sue and be sued.

536 (d) Notice in a certificate of limited partnership of the limitation on liabilities of a series as referenced in

537 subsection (b) of this section shall be sufficient for all purposes of subsection (b) of this section whether or not the limited

538 partnership has established any series when such notice is included in the certificate of limited partnership, and there shall

539 be no requirement that any specific series of the limited partnership be referenced in such notice. The fact that a certificate

540 of limited partnership that contains the notice of the limitation on liabilities of a series or a general partner as referenced in

541 subsection (b) of this section is on file in the office of the Secretary of State shall constitute notice of such limitation on

542 liabilities.

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(3) A limited partner of a protected series is not liable for the obligations of such series unless such limited

544 partner is also a general partner of such series or, in addition to the exercise of the rights and powers of a limited partner of

such series, such limited partner participates in the control of the business of such series. If a limited partner of a protected

546 series participates in the control of the business of such series, such limited partner is liable only to persons who transact

547 business with such series reasonably believing, based upon such limited partner's conduct, that such limited partner is a

548 general partner of such series. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, under a partnership agreement or under another

549 agreement, a limited partner of a protected series may agree to be obligated personally for any or all of the debts,

550 <u>obligations and liabilities of one or more protected series.</u>

(e) (4) A limited partner may possess or exercise any of the rights and powers or act or attempt to act in 1 or more of the capacities as permitted under § 17-303 of this title, with respect to the limited partnership and any series, without participating in the control of the business of the limited partnership or with respect to any series thereof within the meaning of § 17-303(a) of this title. A partnership agreement may provide for classes or groups of general partners or

555 limited partners associated with a <u>protected</u> series having such relative rights, powers and duties as the partnership

agreement may provide, and may make provision for the future creation in the manner provided in the partnership

557 agreement of additional classes or groups of general partners or limited partners associated with the such series having such 558 relative rights, powers and duties as may from time to time be established, including rights, powers and duties senior to 559 existing classes and groups of general partners or limited partners associated with the such series. A partnership agreement 560 may provide for the taking of an action, including the amendment of the partnership agreement, without the vote or 561 approval of any general partner or limited partner or class or group of general partners or limited partners, including an 562 action to create under the provisions of the partnership agreement a class or group of the a protected series of partnership 563 interests that was not previously outstanding. A partnership agreement may provide that any limited partner or class or 564 group of limited partners associated with a protected series shall have no voting rights.

565 (f) (5) A partnership agreement may grant to all or certain identified general partners or limited partners or a 566 specified class or group of the general partners or limited partners associated with a <u>protected</u> series the right to vote 567 separately or with all or any class or group of the general partners or limited partners associated with the <u>such</u> series, on any 568 matter. Voting by general partners or limited partners associated with a <u>protected</u> series may be on a per capita, number, 569 financial interest, class, group or any other basis.

570 (g) (6) Section 17-603 of this title shall apply to a limited partner with respect to any protected series with which 571 the limited partner is associated. Except as otherwise provided in a partnership agreement, any event under this subsection 572 or in a partnership agreement that causes a limited partner of a protected series to cease to be associated with a such series 573 shall not, in itself, cause such limited partner to cease to be associated with any other series or to be a limited partner of the 574 limited partnership generally or cause the termination of the protected series, regardless of whether such limited partner was 575 the last remaining limited partner associated with such series. A limited partner of a protected series shall cease to be a 576 limited partner with respect to a such series and to have the power to exercise any rights or powers of a limited partner with 577 respect to such series upon the happening of either of the following events:

578 (1) <u>a.</u> The limited partner withdraws with respect to the such series in accordance with § 17-603 of this title; or
579 (2) <u>b.</u> Except as otherwise provided in the partnership agreement, the limited partner assigns all of his or her
580 partnership interest with respect to the such series.

(h) (7) Section 17-602 of this title shall apply to a general partner with respect to any protected series with which the general partner is associated. A general partner of a protected series shall cease to be a general partner with respect to a such series and to have the power to exercise any rights or powers of a general partner with respect to such series upon an event of withdrawal of the general partner with respect to such series. Except as otherwise provided in a partnership agreement, either of the following events or any event in a partnership agreement that causes a general partner of a 586 <u>protected series</u> to cease to be associated with a <u>such</u> series shall not, in itself, cause such general partner to cease to be 587 associated with any other series or to be a general partner of the limited partnership <u>generally</u>:

588 (1) a. The general partner withdraws with respect to the such series in accordance with § 17-602 of this title; or 589 (2) b. The general partner assigns all of the general partner's partnership interest with respect to the such series. (i) (8) Notwithstanding § 17-606 of this title, but subject to subsections (i) and (l) (b)(9) and (b)(11) of this 590 591 section, and unless otherwise provided in a partnership agreement, at the time a partner of a protected series associated with 592 a series that has been established in accordance with subsection (b) of this section becomes entitled to receive a distribution 593 with respect to such series, the partner has the status of, and is entitled to all remedies available to, a creditor of the such 594 series, with respect to the distribution. A partnership agreement may provide for the establishment of a record date with 595 respect to allocations and distributions with respect to a protected series.

596 (i) (9) Notwithstanding § 17-607(a) of this title, a limited partnership may make a distribution with respect to a 597 series that has been established in accordance with subsection (b) of this section protected series. A limited partnership shall 598 not make a distribution with respect to a series that has been established in accordance with subsection (b) of this section 599 protected series to a partner to the extent that at the time of the distribution, after giving effect to the distribution, all 600 liabilities of such series, other than liabilities to partners on account of their partnership interests with respect to such series 601 and liabilities for which the recourse of creditors is limited to specified property of such series, exceed the fair value of the 602 assets associated with such series, except that the fair value of property of the such series that is subject to a liability for 603 which the recourse of creditors is limited shall be included in the assets associated with such series only to the extent that 604 the fair value of that property exceeds that liability. For purposes of the immediately preceding sentence, the term 605 "distribution" shall not include amounts constituting reasonable compensation for present or past services or reasonable 606 payments made in the ordinary course of business pursuant to a bona fide retirement plan or other benefits program. A 607 limited partner of a protected series who receives a distribution in violation of this subsection, and who knew at the time of 608 the distribution that the distribution violated this subsection, shall be liable to a such series for the amount of the 609 distribution. A limited partner of a protected series who receives a distribution in violation of this subsection, and who did 610 not know at the time of the distribution that the distribution violated this subsection, shall not be liable for the amount of the 611 distribution. Subject to § 17-607(c) of this title, which shall apply to any distribution made with respect to a protected series 612 under this subsection, this subsection shall not affect any obligation or liability of a limited partner under an agreement or 613 other applicable law for the amount of a distribution.

(k) (10) Subject to § 17-801 of this title, except to the extent otherwise provided in the partnership agreement, a

615 protected series may be terminated and its affairs wound up without causing the dissolution of the limited partnership. The

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616 termination of a series established in accordance with subsection (b) of this section protected series shall not affect the

617 limitation on liabilities of such series provided by this subsection (b) of this section. A protected series is terminated and its

618 affairs shall be wound up upon the dissolution of the limited partnership under § 17-801 of this title or otherwise upon the

619 first to occur of the following:

620 (1) a. At the time specified in the partnership agreement;

621 (2) b. Upon the happening of events specified in the partnership agreement;

622 (3) c. Unless otherwise provided in the partnership agreement, upon the vote or consent of (i) all general partners 623 associated with such series and (ii) limited partners associated with such series who own more than 2/3 of the then-current 624 percentage or other interest in the profits of the limited partnership associated with such series owned by all of the limited 625 partners associated with such series;

626 (4) d. An event of withdrawal of a general partner associated with the such series unless at the time there is at least 627 1 other general partner associated with the such series and the partnership agreement permits the business of the such series 628 to be carried on by the remaining general partner associated with such series and that partner does so, but the such series is 629 not terminated and is not required to be wound up by reason of any event of withdrawal if (i) within 90 days or such other 630 period as is provided for in the partnership agreement after the withdrawal either (A) if provided for in the partnership 631 agreement, the then-current percentage or other interest in the profits of the such series specified in the partnership 632 agreement owned by the remaining partners associated with the such series agree or vote to continue the business of the 633 such series and to appoint, effective as of the date of withdrawal, 1 or more additional general partners for the such series if 634 necessary or desired, or (B) if no such right to agree or vote to continue the business of the such series of the limited 635 partnership and to appoint 1 or more additional general partners for such series is provided for in the partnership agreement, 636 then more than 50 percent of the then-current percentage or other interest in the profits of the such series owned by the 637 remaining partners associated with the such series agree or vote to continue the business of the such series and to appoint, 638 effective as of the date of withdrawal, 1 or more additional general partners for the such series if necessary or desired, or 639 (ii) the business of the such series is continued pursuant to a right to continue stated in the partnership agreement and the 640 appointment, effective as of the date of withdrawal, of 1 or more additional general partners to be associated with the such 641 series if necessary or desired; or 642 (5) e. The termination of such series under subsection (m) (b)(12) of this section.

643 Unless otherwise provided in a partnership agreement, a limited partnership whose original certificate of limited 644 partnership was filed with the Secretary of State and effective on or prior to July 31, 2015, shall continue to be governed by clause (ii) of paragraph (k)(3) of this section and clause (i)(B) of paragraph (k)(4) of this section as in effect on July 31,
2015 (except that "in writing" shall be deleted from such clause (i)(B) of paragraph (k)(4) of this section).

647 (1) Notwithstanding § 17-803(a) of this title, unless otherwise provided in the partnership agreement, a 648 general partner associated with a protected series who has not wrongfully terminated the such series or, if none, the limited 649 partners associated with the such series or a person approved by the limited partners associated with the such series, in 650 either case, by limited partners who own more than 50 percent of the then current percentage or other interest in the profits 651 of the such series owned by all of the limited partners associated with the such series, may wind up the affairs of the such 652 series; but, if the series has been established in accordance with subsection (b) of this section, the Court of Chancery, upon 653 cause shown, may wind up the affairs of the a protected series upon application of any partner associated with the such 654 series, the partner's personal representative or assignee, and in connection therewith, may appoint a liquidating trustee. The 655 persons winding up the affairs of a protected series may, in the name of the limited partnership and for and on behalf of the 656 limited partnership and such series, take all actions with respect to the such series as are permitted under § 17-803(b) of this 657 title. The persons winding up the affairs of a protected series shall provide for the claims and obligations of the such series 658 and distribute the assets of the such series as provided in § 17-804 of this title, which section shall apply to the winding up 659 and distribution of assets of a protected series. Actions taken in accordance with this subsection shall not affect the liability 660 of limited partners and shall not impose liability on a liquidating trustee. Unless otherwise provided in a partnership 661 agreement, a limited partnership whose original certificate of limited partnership was filed with the Secretary of State and 662 effective on or prior to July 31, 2015, shall continue to be governed by the first sentence of this subsection as in effect on 663 July 31, 2015.

(m) (12) On application by or for a partner associated with a series established in accordance with subsection (b)
 of this section protected series, the Court of Chancery may decree termination of such series whenever it is not reasonably
 practicable to carry on the business of the such series in conformity with a partnership agreement.

667 (13) For all purposes of the laws of the State of Delaware, a protected series is an association, regardless of the
 668 number of partners of such series.

669 (n) (c) If a foreign limited partnership that is registering to do business in the State of Delaware in accordance 670 with § 17-902 of this title is governed by a partnership agreement that establishes or provides for the establishment of 671 designated series of limited partners, general partners, partnership interests or assets having separate rights, powers or 672 duties with respect to specified property or obligations of the foreign limited partnership or profits and losses associated 673 with specified property or obligations, that fact shall be so stated on the application for registration as a foreign limited 674 partnership. In addition, the foreign limited partnership shall state on such application whether the debts, liabilities and

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675	obligations incurred, contracted for or otherwise existing with respect to a particular series, if any, or general partner
676	associated with such series shall be enforceable only against the assets of such series or any the general partners associated
677	with such series and not against the assets of the foreign limited partnership generally, any other series thereof, or any the
678	general partners not associated with such series, and, whether any of the debts, liabilities, obligations and expenses
679	incurred, contracted for or otherwise existing with respect to the foreign limited partnership generally or any other series
680	thereof shall be enforceable against the assets of such series or a the general partners associated with such series who are
681	not also general partners of the foreign limited partnership generally or general partners associated with the other series, as
682	the case may be.
683	Section 17. Amend Chapter 17, Title 6 of the Delaware Code to add a new § 17-220 as shown by underline as
684	follows:
685	§ 17-220. Division of a limited partnership.
686	(a) As used in this section and §§ 17-203, 17-301 and 17-1203:
687	(1) "Dividing partnership" means the domestic limited partnership that is effecting a division in the manner
688	provided in this section.
689	(2) "Division" means the division of a dividing partnership into two or more domestic limited partnerships in
690	accordance with this section.
691	(3) "Division partnership" means a surviving partnership, if any, and each resulting partnership.
692	(4) "Division contact" means, in connection with any division, a natural person who is a Delaware resident,
693	any division partnership in such division or any other domestic limited partnership or other business entity as defined in §
694	17-211 of this title formed or organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, which division contact shall maintain a
695	copy of the plan of division for a period of six (6) years from the effective date of the division and shall comply with
696	subsection (g)(3) of this section.
697	(5) "Organizational documents" means the certificate of limited partnership and partnership agreement of a
698	domestic limited partnership.
699	(6) "Resulting partnership" means a domestic limited partnership formed as a consequence of a division.
700	(7) "Surviving partnership" means a dividing partnership that survives the division.
701	(b) Pursuant to a plan of division, any domestic limited partnership may, in the manner provided in this
702	section, be divided into two or more domestic limited partnerships. The division of a domestic limited partnership in
703	accordance with this section and, if applicable, the resulting cessation of the existence of the dividing partnership pursuant
704	to a certificate of division shall not be deemed to affect the personal liability of any person (including any general partner of
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705 the dividing partnership) incurred prior to such division with respect to matters arising prior to such division, nor shall it be

706 deemed to affect the validity or enforceability of any obligations or liabilities of the dividing partnership incurred prior to

507 such division; provided, that the obligations and liabilities of the dividing partnership shall be allocated to and vested in,

and valid and enforceable obligations of, such division partnership or partnerships to which such obligations and liabilities

- 709 have been allocated pursuant to the plan of division, as provided in subsection (1) of this section. Each resulting partnership
- 710 in a division shall be formed in compliance with the requirements of this chapter and subsection (i) of this section.
- 711 (c) If the partnership agreement of the dividing partnership specifies the manner of adopting a plan of

712 division, the plan of division shall be adopted as specified in the partnership agreement. If the partnership agreement of the

713 dividing partnership does not specify the manner of adopting a plan of division and does not prohibit a division of the

714 limited partnership, the plan of division shall be adopted in the same manner as is specified in the partnership agreement for

authorizing a merger or consolidation that involves the limited partnership as a constituent party to the merger or

716 consolidation. If the partnership agreement of the dividing partnership does not specify the manner of adopting a plan of

717 division or authorizing a merger or consolidation that involves the limited partnership as a constituent party and does not

718 prohibit a division of the limited partnership, the adoption of a plan of division shall be authorized by the approval (i) by all

general partners of the dividing partnership, and (ii) limited partners who own more than 50 percent of the then current

720 percentage or other interest in the profits of the dividing partnership owned by all of the limited partners of the dividing

721 partnership. In any event, the adoption of a plan of division also shall require the approval of any person who, at the

722 effective date or time of the division, shall be a general partner of any division partnership. Notwithstanding prior

723 approval, a plan of division may be terminated or amended pursuant to a provision for such termination or amendment

724 <u>contained in the plan of division.</u>

725 (d) Unless otherwise provided in a plan of division, the division of a domestic limited partnership pursuant to

this section shall not require such limited partnership to wind up its affairs under § 17-803 of this title or pay its liabilities

727 and distribute its assets under § 17-804 of this title, and the division shall not constitute a dissolution of such limited

728 partnership.

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729 (e) In connection with a division under this section, rights or securities of, or interests in, the dividing

partnership may be exchanged for or converted into cash, property, rights or securities of, or interests in, the surviving

731 partnership or any resulting partnership or, in addition to or in lieu thereof, may be exchanged for or converted into cash,

- 732 property, rights or securities of, or interests in, a domestic limited partnership or any other business entity which is not a
- 733 division partnership or may be canceled or remain outstanding (if the dividing partnership is a surviving partnership).

(f) A plan of division adopted in accordance with subsection (c) of this section:

735	(1) May effect any amendment to the partnership agreement of the dividing partnership if it is a surviving
736	partnership in the division; or
737	(2) May effect the adoption of a new partnership agreement for the dividing partnership if it is a surviving
738	partnership in the division; and
739	(3) Shall effect the adoption of a partnership agreement for each resulting partnership.
740	Any amendment to a partnership agreement or adoption of a new partnership agreement for the dividing
741	partnership, if it is a surviving partnership in the division, or adoption of a partnership agreement for each resulting
742	partnership made pursuant to the foregoing sentence shall be effective at the effective time or date of the division. Any
743	amendment to a partnership agreement or adoption of a new partnership agreement for the dividing partnership, if it is a
744	surviving partnership in the division, shall be effective notwithstanding any provision in the partnership agreement of the
745	dividing partnership relating to amendment or adoption of a new partnership agreement, other than a provision that by its
746	terms applies to an amendment to the partnership agreement or the adoption of a new partnership agreement, in either case,
747	in connection with a division, merger or consolidation.
748	(g) If a domestic limited partnership is dividing under this section, the dividing partnership shall adopt a plan
749	of division which shall set forth:
750	(1) The terms and conditions of the division, including:
751	a. Any conversion or exchange of the partnership interests of the dividing partnership into or for partnership
752	interests or other securities or obligations of any division partnership or cash, property or rights or securities or
753	obligations of or interests in any other business entity or domestic limited partnership which is not a division
754	partnership, or that the partnership interests of the dividing partnership shall remain outstanding or be canceled, or
755	any combination of the foregoing; and
756	b. The allocation of assets, property, rights, series, debts, liabilities and duties of the dividing partnership
757	among the division partnerships;
758	(2) The name of each resulting partnership and, if the dividing partnership will survive the division, the name
759	of the surviving partnership;
760	(3) The name and business address of a division contact which shall have custody of a copy of the plan of
761	division. The division contact, or any successor division contact, shall serve for a period of six (6) years following the
762	effective date of the division. During such six (6) year period the division contact shall provide, without cost, to any
763	creditor of the dividing partnership, within thirty (30) days following the division contact's receipt of a written request from

- 764 any creditor of the dividing partnership, the name and business address of the division partnership to which the claim of
- 765 such creditor was allocated pursuant to the plan of division; and
- 766 (4) Any other matters that the dividing partnership determines to include therein.
- 767 (h) If a domestic limited partnership divides under this section, the dividing partnership shall file a certificate
- 768 of division executed by at least one general partner of the dividing partnership on behalf of such dividing partnership in the
- 769 office of the Secretary of State in accordance with § 17-204 of this title, and a certificate of limited partnership that
- complies with § 17-201 of this title for each resulting partnership executed by all general partners of such resulting
- partnership in accordance with § 17-204 of this title. The certificate of division shall state:
- 772 (1) The name of the dividing partnership and, if it has been changed, the name under which its certificate of
- 773 limited partnership was originally filed and whether the dividing partnership is a surviving partnership;
- 774 (2) The date of filing of the dividing partnership's original certificate of limited partnership with the
- 775 <u>Secretary of State;</u>
- 776 (3) The name of each division partnership;
- 777 (4) The name and business address of the division contact required by subsection (g)(3) of this section;
- 778 (5) The future effective date or time (which shall be a date or time certain) of the division if it is not to be
- 779 <u>effective upon the filing of the certificate of division;</u>
- 780 (6) That the division has been approved in accordance with this section;
- 781 (7) That the plan of division is on file at a place of business of such division partnership as is specified
- 782 therein, and shall state the address thereof; and
- 783 (8) That a copy of the plan of division will be furnished by such division partnership as is specified therein,
- 784 <u>on request and without cost, to any partner of the dividing partnership.</u>
- 785 (i) The certificate of division and each certificate of limited partnership for each resulting partnership
- 786 required by subsection (h) of this section shall be filed simultaneously in the office of the Secretary of State and, if such
- 787 certificates are not to become effective upon their filing as permitted by § 17-206(b) of this title, then each such certificate
- shall provide for the same effective date or time in accordance with § 17-206(b) of this title. Concurrently with the
- 789 effective date or time of a division, the partnership agreement of each resulting partnership shall become effective.
- 790 (j) A certificate of division shall act as a certificate of cancellation for a dividing partnership which is not a
- 791 surviving partnership.
- 792 (k) A partnership agreement may provide that a domestic limited partnership shall not have the power to
- 793 <u>divide as set forth in this section.</u>

- 794 Upon the division of a domestic limited partnership becoming effective: (1) 795 (1)The dividing partnership shall be divided into the distinct and independent resulting partnerships named 796 in the plan of division, and, if the dividing partnership is not a surviving partnership, the existence of the dividing 797 partnership shall cease. 798 For all purposes of the laws of the State of Delaware, all of the rights, privileges and powers, and all the (2)799 property, real, personal and mixed, of the dividing partnership and all debts due on whatever account to it, as well as all 800 other things and other causes of action belonging to it, shall without further action be allocated to and vested in the 801 applicable division partnership in such a manner and basis and with such effect as is specified in the plan of division, and 802 the title to any real property or interest therein allocated to and vested in any division partnership shall not revert or be in 803 any way impaired by reason of the division. 804 (3) Each division partnership shall, from and after effectiveness of the certificate of division, be liable as a 805 separate and distinct domestic limited partnership for such debts, liabilities and duties of the dividing partnership as are 806 allocated to such division partnership pursuant to the plan of division in the manner and on the basis provided in subsection 807 (g)(1)b. of this section. 808 (4) Each of the debts, liabilities and duties of the dividing partnership shall without further action be 809 allocated to and be the debts, liabilities and duties of such division partnership as is specified in the plan of division as 810 having such debts, liabilities and duties allocated to it, in such a manner and basis and with such effect as is specified in the 811 plan of division, and no other division partnership shall be liable therefor, so long as the plan of division does not constitute 812 a fraudulent transfer under applicable law, and all liens upon any property of the dividing partnership shall be preserved 813 unimpaired, and all debts, liabilities and duties of the dividing partnership shall remain attached to the division partnership 814 to which such debts, liabilities and duties have been allocated in the plan of division, and may be enforced against such 815 division partnership to the same extent as if said debts, liabilities and duties had originally been incurred or contracted by it 816 in its capacity as a domestic limited partnership.
  - 817 (5) In the event that any allocation of assets, debts, liabilities and duties to division partnerships in
  - 818 accordance with a plan of division is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to constitute a fraudulent transfer,
  - 819 each division partnership shall be jointly and severally liable on account of such fraudulent transfer notwithstanding the
  - 820 allocations made in the plan of division; provided, however, the validity and effectiveness of the division are not otherwise
  - 821 affected thereby.
  - 822 (6) Debts and liabilities of the dividing partnership that are not allocated by the plan of division shall be the
  - 823 joint and several debts and liabilities of all of the division partnerships.

- 824 (7) It shall not be necessary for a plan of division to list each individual asset, property, right, series, debt,
- 825 liability or duty of the dividing partnership to be allocated to a division partnership so long as the assets, property, rights,
- 826 series, debts, liabilities or duties so allocated are reasonably identified by any method where the identity of such assets,
- 827 property, rights, series, debts, liabilities or duties is objectively determinable.
- 828 (8) The rights, privileges, powers and interests in property of the dividing partnership that have been
- 829 allocated to a division partnership, as well as the debts, liabilities and duties of the dividing partnership that have been
- 830 allocated to such division partnership pursuant to a plan of division, shall remain vested in each such division partnership
- and shall not be deemed, as a result of the division, to have been assigned or transferred to such division partnership for any
- 832 purpose of the laws of the State of Delaware.
- 833 (9) Any action or proceeding pending against a dividing partnership may be continued against the surviving
- 834 partnership as if the division did not occur, but subject to subsection (1)(4) of this section, and against any resulting
- 835 partnership to which the asset, property, right, series, debt, liability or duty associated with such action or proceeding was
- 836 allocated pursuant to the plan of division by adding or substituting such resulting partnership as a party in the action or
- 837 proceeding. Any action or proceeding pending against a general partner of a dividing partnership may be continued against
- 838 such general partner as if the division did not occur and against the general partner of any resulting partnership to which the
- 839 asset, property, right, series, debt, liability or duty associated with such action or proceeding was allocated pursuant to the
- 840 plan of division by adding or substituting such general partner as a party in the action or proceeding.
- 841 (m) In applying the provisions of this chapter on distributions, a direct or indirect allocation of property or
- 842 <u>liabilities in a division is not deemed a distribution for purposes of this chapter.</u>
- 843 (n) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to limit the means of accomplishing a division by
- any other means provided for in a partnership agreement or other agreement or as otherwise permitted by this chapter or as
- 845 otherwise permitted by law.
- 846 (o) All limited partnerships formed on or after August 1, 2019 shall be governed by this section. All limited
- 847 partnerships formed prior to August 1, 2019 shall be governed by this section; provided, that if the dividing partnership is a
- 848 party to any written contract, indenture or other agreement entered into prior to August 1, 2019 that, by its terms, restricts,
- 849 conditions or prohibits the consummation of a merger or consolidation by the dividing partnership with or into another
- 850 party, or the transfer of assets by the dividing partnership to another party, then such restriction, condition or prohibition
- shall be deemed to apply to a division as if it were a merger, consolidation or transfer of assets, as applicable.
- 852 Section 18. Amend Chapter 17, Title 6 of the Delaware Code to add a new § 17-221 as shown by underline as
- 853 follows:

- 854 § 17-221. Registered series of limited partners, general partners, partnership interests or assets.
- 855 (a) If a partnership agreement provides for the establishment or formation of 1 or more series, then a registered
- 856 series may be formed by complying with this § 17-221. A partnership agreement does not need to use the term registered
- 857 when referencing series or refer to this § 17-221, and a reference in a partnership agreement for a registered series,
- 858 including a registered series resulting from the conversion of a protected series to a registered series, may continue to refer
- 859 to § 17-218 of this title, which reference shall be deemed a reference to this § 17-221 with respect to such registered series.
- 860 <u>A registered series is formed by the filing of a certificate of registered series in the office of the Secretary of State.</u>
- 861 (b) Notice of the limitation on liabilities of a registered series as referenced in § 17-221(c) shall be set forth in the
- 862 certificate of limited partnership of the limited partnership. Notice in a certificate of limited partnership of the limitation on
- 863 liabilities of a registered series as referenced in § 17-221(c) shall be sufficient for all purposes of this subsection whether or
- 864 not the limited partnership has formed any registered series when such notice is included in the certificate of limited
- 865 partnership, and there shall be no requirement that (i) any specific registered series of the limited partnership be referenced
- 866 in such notice, (ii) such notice use the term registered when referencing series or include a reference to this § 17-221, or
- 867 (iii) the certificate of limited partnership be amended if it includes a reference to § 17-218 of this title. Any reference to §
- 868 17-218 of this title in a certificate of limited partnership of a limited partnership that has one or more registered series shall
- 869 be deemed a reference to this § 17-221 with respect to such registered series. The fact that a certificate of limited
- 870 partnership that contains the foregoing notice of the limitation on liabilities of a series is on file in the office of the
- 871 <u>Secretary of State shall constitute notice of such limitation on liabilities of a registered series.</u>
- 872 (c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this chapter or under other applicable law, to the extent
- 873 the records maintained for a registered series account for the assets associated with such series separately from the other
- 874 assets of the limited partnership, or any other series thereof, then the debts, liabilities, obligations and expenses incurred,
- 875 contracted for or otherwise existing with respect to such series shall be enforceable against the assets of such series or the
- 876 general partners associated with such series only, and not against the assets of the limited partnership generally, any other
- 877 series thereof, or any general partner not associated with such series, and, unless otherwise provided in the partnership
- 878 agreement, none of the debts, liabilities, obligations and expenses incurred, contracted for or otherwise existing with respect
- to the limited partnership generally or any other series thereof shall be enforceable against the assets of such series or the
- 880 general partners associated with such series who are not also general partners of the limited partnership generally or general
- 881 partners associated with the other series, as the case may be. Neither the preceding sentence nor any provision pursuant
- 882 thereto in a partnership agreement, certificate of limited partnership or certificate of registered series shall (i) restrict a
- 883 registered series or limited partnership on behalf of a registered series or a general partner associated with a registered

884 series from agreeing in the partnership agreement or otherwise that any or all of the debts, liabilities, obligations and

885 expenses incurred, contracted for or otherwise existing with respect to the limited partnership generally or any other series

886 thereof shall be enforceable against the assets of such series or such general partner associated with such registered series,

887 (ii) restrict a limited partnership from agreeing in the partnership agreement or otherwise that any or all of the debts,

888 liabilities, obligations and expenses incurred, contracted for or otherwise existing with respect to a registered series shall be

889 enforceable against the assets of the limited partnership generally or (iii) restrict a general partner of the limited partnership

890 from agreeing in the partnership agreement or otherwise that any or all of the debts, liabilities, obligations and expenses

891 incurred, contracted for or otherwise existing with respect to a registered series shall be enforceable against the assets of

892 such general partner. Assets associated with a registered series may be held directly or indirectly, including in the name of

such series, in the name of the limited partnership, through a nominee or otherwise. Records maintained for a registered

894 series that reasonably identify its assets, including by specific listing, category, type, quantity, computational or allocational

895 formula or procedure (including a percentage or share of any asset or assets) or by any other method where the identity of

such assets is objectively determinable, will be deemed to account for the assets associated with such series separately from

897 the other assets of the limited partnership, or any other series thereof. As used in this chapter, a reference to assets of a

898 registered series includes assets associated with such series and a reference to assets associated with a registered series

899 includes assets of such series, a reference to limited partners or general partners of a registered series includes limited

900 partners or general partners associated with such series, and a reference to limited partners or general partners associated

901 with a registered series includes limited partners or general partners of such series. The following shall apply to a

902 <u>registered series:</u>

903 (1) A limited partnership governed by a partnership agreement that establishes or provides for the establishment of 904 one or more series shall have at least one general partner of the partnership generally and at least one general partner 905 associated with each of its registered series. If a partnership agreement does not designate a general partner of a particular 906 registered series, then each general partner of the limited partnership generally shall be deemed to be a general partner 907 associated with such series. If a partnership agreement does not designate a general partner of the limited partnership 908 generally, then each general partner of the limited partnership not associated with a registered series or a protected series 909 shall be deemed to be a general partner of the limited partnership generally, but if there is no such general partner, then 910 each general partner of the limited partnership shall be deemed to be a general partner of the limited partnership generally. 911 General partners of the limited partnership generally and general partners associated with a registered series are general 912 partners of the limited partnership under this chapter. Limited partners of the limited partnership generally and limited 913 partners associated with a registered series are limited partners of the limited partnership under this chapter. The same

914 person may be a general partner of the limited partnership generally and be associated with any or all registered series

915 thereof. The same person may be a limited partner of the limited partnership generally and be associated with any or all

916 registered series thereof.

917 (2) A registered series may carry on any lawful business, purpose or activity, whether or not for profit, with the

918 exception of the business of banking as defined in § 126 of Title 8. Unless otherwise provided in a partnership agreement, a

919 registered series shall have the power and capacity to, in its own name, contract, hold title to assets (including real, personal

920 and intangible property), grant liens and security interests, and sue and be sued.

921 (3) A limited partner of a registered series is not liable for the obligations of such series unless such limited partner

922 is also a general partner of such series or, in addition to the exercise of the rights and powers of a limited partner of such

923 series, such limited partner participates in the control of the business of such series. If a limited partner of a registered series

924 participates in the control of the business of such series, such limited partner is liable only to persons who transact business

925 with such series reasonably believing, based upon such limited partner's conduct, that such limited partner is a general

926 partner of such series. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, under a partnership agreement or under another agreement,

927 <u>a limited partner of a registered series may agree to be obligated personally for any or all of the debts, obligations and</u>

### 928 <u>liabilities of one or more registered series.</u>

929 (4) A limited partner may possess or exercise any of the rights and powers or act or attempt to act in 1 or more of

930 the capacities as permitted under § 17-303 of this title, with respect to the limited partnership and any series, without

931 participating in the control of the business of the limited partnership or with respect to any series within the meaning of §

932 <u>17-303(a) of this title. A partnership agreement may provide for classes or groups of general partners or limited partners</u>

933 associated with a registered series having such relative rights, powers and duties as the partnership agreement may provide,

and may make provision for the future creation in the manner provided in the partnership agreement of additional classes or

935 groups of general partners or limited partners associated with such series having such relative rights, powers and duties as

936 may from time to time be established, including rights, powers and duties senior to existing classes and groups of general

937 partners or limited partners associated with such series. A partnership agreement may provide for the taking of an action,

938 including the amendment of the partnership agreement, without the vote or approval of any general partner or limited

partner or class or group of general partners or limited partners, including an action to create under the provisions of the

940 partnership agreement a class or group of a registered series of partnership interests that was not previously outstanding. A

941 partnership agreement may provide that any limited partner or class or group of limited partners associated with a registered

942 series shall have no voting rights.

- 943 (5) A partnership agreement may grant to all or certain identified general partners or limited partners or a specified
- 944 class or group of the general partners or limited partners associated with a registered series the right to vote separately or
- 945 with all or any class or group of the general partners or limited partners associated with such series, on any matter. Voting
- 946 by general partners or limited partners associated with a registered series may be on a per capita, number, financial interest,
- 947 <u>class, group or any other basis.</u>
- 948 (6) Section 17-603 of this title shall apply to a limited partner with respect to any registered series with which the
- 949 limited partner is associated. Except as otherwise provided in a partnership agreement, any event under this subsection or in
- 950 <u>a partnership agreement that causes a limited partner of a registered series to cease to be associated with such series shall</u>
- 951 not, in itself, cause such limited partner to cease to be associated with any other series or to be a limited partner of the
- 952 limited partnership generally or cause the dissolution of the registered series, regardless of whether such limited partner was
- 953 the last remaining limited partner associated with such series. A limited partner of a registered series shall cease to be a
- 954 limited partner with respect to such series and to have the power to exercise any rights or powers of a limited partner with
- 955 respect to such series upon the happening of either of the following events:
- 956 a. The limited partner withdraws with respect to such series in accordance with § 17-603 of this title; or
- 957 b. Except as otherwise provided in the partnership agreement, the limited partner assigns all of his or her
- 958 partnership interest with respect to such series.
- 959 (7) Section 17-602 of this title shall apply to a general partner with respect to any registered series with which the
- 960 general partner is associated. A general partner of a registered series shall cease to be a general partner with respect to such
- 961 series and to have the power to exercise any rights or powers of a general partner with respect to such series upon an event
- 962 of withdrawal of the general partner with respect to such series. Except as otherwise provided in a partnership agreement,
- 963 either of the following events or any event in a partnership agreement that causes a general partner of a registered series to
- 964 cease to be associated with such series shall not, in itself, cause such general partner to cease to be associated with any
- 965 other series or to be a general partner of the limited partnership generally:
- 966 <u>a. The general partner withdraws with respect to such series in accordance with § 17-602 of this title; or</u>
- 967 <u>b. The general partner assigns all of the general partner's partnership interest with respect to such series.</u>
- 968 (8) Notwithstanding § 17-606 of this title, but subject to subsections (c)(9) and (c)(11) of this section, and unless
- 969 otherwise provided in a partnership agreement, at the time a partner of a registered series becomes entitled to receive a
- 970 distribution with respect to such series, the partner has the status of, and is entitled to all remedies available to, a creditor of
- 971 such series, with respect to the distribution. A partnership agreement may provide for the establishment of a record date
- 972 with respect to allocations and distributions with respect to a registered series.

973	(9) Notwithstanding § 17-607(a) of this title, a limited partnership may make a distribution with respect to
974	registered series. A limited partnership shall not make a distribution with respect to a registered series to a partner to the
975	extent that at the time of the distribution, after giving effect to the distribution, all liabilities of such series, other than
976	liabilities to partners on account of their partnership interests with respect to such series and liabilities for which the
977	recourse of creditors is limited to specified property of such series, exceed the fair value of the assets associated with such
978	series, except that the fair value of property of such series that is subject to a liability for which the recourse of creditors is
979	limited shall be included in the assets associated with such series only to the extent that the fair value of that property
980	exceeds that liability. For purposes of the immediately preceding sentence, the term "distribution" shall not include
981	amounts constituting reasonable compensation for present or past services or reasonable payments made in the ordinary
982	course of business pursuant to a bona fide retirement plan or other benefits program. A limited partner of a registered series
983	who receives a distribution in violation of this subsection, and who knew at the time of the distribution that the distribution
984	violated this subsection, shall be liable to such series for the amount of the distribution. A limited partner of a registered
985	series who receives a distribution in violation of this subsection, and who did not know at the time of the distribution that
986	the distribution violated this subsection, shall not be liable for the amount of the distribution. Subject to § 17-607(c) of this
987	title, which shall apply to any distribution made with respect to a registered series under this subsection, this subsection
988	shall not affect any obligation or liability of a limited partner under an agreement or other applicable law for the amount of
989	a distribution.
990	(10) Subject to § 17-801 of this title, except to the extent otherwise provided in the partnership agreement, a
991	registered series may be dissolved and its affairs wound up without causing the dissolution of the limited partnership. The
992	dissolution of a registered series shall not affect the limitation on liabilities of such series provided by this subsection (c). A
993	registered series is dissolved and its affairs shall be wound up upon the dissolution of the limited partnership under § 17-
994	801 of this title or otherwise upon the first to occur of the following:
995	a. At the time specified in the partnership agreement;
996	b. Upon the happening of events specified in the partnership agreement;
997	c. Unless otherwise provided in the partnership agreement, upon the vote or consent of (i) all general partners
998	associated with such series and (ii) limited partners associated with such series who own more than 2/3 of the then-current
999	percentage or other interest in the profits of such series owned by all of the limited partners associated with such series;
1000	d. An event of withdrawal of a general partner associated with such series unless at the time there is at least 1 other
1001	general partner associated with such series and the partnership agreement permits the business of such series to be carried
1002	on by the remaining general partner associated with such series and that partner does so, but such series is not dissolved and

- 1003 is not required to be wound up by reason of any event of withdrawal if (i) within 90 days or such other period as is provided
- 1004 for in the partnership agreement after the withdrawal either (A) if provided for in the partnership agreement, the then-
- 1005 current percentage or other interest in the profits of such series specified in the partnership agreement owned by the
- 1006 remaining partners associated with such series agree or vote to continue the business of such series and to appoint, effective
- 1007 as of the date of withdrawal, 1 or more additional general partners for such series if necessary or desired, or (B) if no such
- right to agree or vote to continue the business of such series of the limited partnership and to appoint 1 or more additional
- 1009 general partners for such series is provided for in the partnership agreement, then more than 50 percent of the then-current
- 1010 percentage or other interest in the profits of such series owned by the remaining partners associated with such series agree
- 1011 or vote to continue the business of such series and to appoint, effective as of the date of withdrawal, 1 or more additional
- 1012 general partners for such series if necessary or desired, or (ii) the business of such series is continued pursuant to a right to
- 1013 continue stated in the partnership agreement and the appointment, effective as of the date of withdrawal, of 1 or more
- 1014 additional general partners to be associated with such series if necessary or desired; or
- 1015 <u>e. The dissolution of such series under subsection (c)(12) of this section.</u>
- 1016 (11) Notwithstanding § 17-803(a) of this title, unless otherwise provided in the partnership agreement, a general
- 1017 partner associated with a registered series who has not wrongfully dissolved such series or, if none, the limited partners
- 1018 associated with such series or a person approved by the limited partners associated with such series, in either case, by
- 1019 limited partners who own more than 50 percent of the then current percentage or other interest in the profits of such series
- 1020 owned by all of the limited partners associated with such series, may wind up the affairs of such series; but, the Court of
- 1021 Chancery, upon cause shown, may wind up the affairs of a registered series upon application of any partner associated with
- 1022 such series, the partner's personal representative or assignee, and in connection therewith, may appoint a liquidating trustee.
- 1023 The persons winding up the affairs of a registered series may, in the name of the limited partnership and for and on behalf
- 1024 of the limited partnership and such series, take all actions with respect to such series as are permitted under § 17-803(b) of
- 1025 this title. The persons winding up the affairs of a registered series shall provide for the claims and obligations of such series
- 1026 and distribute the assets of such series as provided in § 17-804 of this title, which section shall apply to the winding up and
- 1027 distribution of assets of a registered series. Actions taken in accordance with this subsection shall not affect the liability of
- 1028 limited partners and shall not impose liability on a liquidating trustee.
- 1029 (12) On application by or for a partner associated with a registered series, the Court of Chancery may decree
- 1030 dissolution of such series whenever it is not reasonably practicable to carry on the business of such series in conformity
- 1031 with a partnership agreement.

1032 (13) For all purposes of the laws of the State of Delaware, a registered series is an association, regardless of the 1033 number of partners of such series. 1034 (d) In order to form a registered series of a limited partnership, a certificate of registered series must be filed in 1035 accordance with this § 17-221(d). 1036 (1) A certificate of registered series: 1037 a. Shall set forth: 1038 (i) The name of the limited partnership; 1039 (ii) The name of the registered series; and 1040 (iii) The name and the business, residence or mailing address of each general partner of the registered series. 1041 b. May include any other matter that the partners of such registered series determine to include therein. 1042 (2) A certificate of registered series shall be executed in accordance with § 17-204 of this title and shall be filed in 1043 the office of the Secretary of State in accordance with § 17-206 of this title. A certificate of registered series shall be 1044 effective as of the effective time of such filing unless a later effective date or time (which shall be a date or time certain) is 1045 provided for in the certificate of registered series. A certificate of registered series is not an amendment to the certificate of 1046 limited partnership of the limited partnership. The filing of a certificate of registered series in the office of the Secretary of 1047 State shall make it unnecessary to file any other documents under Chapter 31 of this title. 1048 (3) A certificate of registered series is amended by filing a certificate of amendment thereto in the office of the 1049 Secretary of State. The certificate of amendment of certificate of registered series shall set forth: 1050 a. The name of the limited partnership; 1051 b. The name of the registered series; and 1052 c. The amendment to the certificate of registered series. 1053 (4) A general partner of a registered series who becomes aware that any statement in a certificate of registered 1054 series filed with respect to such registered series was false when made, or that any matter described therein has changed 1055 making the certificate of registered series false in any material respect, shall promptly amend the certificate of registered 1056 series. 1057 (5) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (d)(4) of this section, no later than 90 days after the happening 1058 of any of the following events an amendment to a certificate of registered series reflecting the occurrence of the event or 1059 events shall be filed by a general partner of such registered series: 1060 a. The admission of a new general partner to such registered series; 1061 b. The withdrawal of a general partner of such registered series; or Page 36 of 60

- 1062 <u>c. A change in the name of the registered series.</u>
- 1063 (6) A certificate of registered series may be amended at any time for any other proper purpose.
- 1064 (7) Unless otherwise provided in this chapter or unless a later effective date or time (which shall be a date or time
- 1065 certain) is provided for in the certificate of amendment of certificate of registered series, a certificate of amendment of
- 1066 certificate of registered series shall be effective at the time of its filing with the Secretary of State.
- 1067 (8) A certificate of registered series shall be canceled upon the cancellation of the certificate of limited partnership
- 1068 of the limited partnership named in the certificate of registered series, or upon the filing of a certificate of cancellation of
- 1069 <u>certificate of registered series or upon the future effective date or time of a certificate of cancellation of certificate of</u>
- 1070 registered series, or as provided in § 17-1110(b), or upon the filing of a certificate of merger or consolidation of registered
- 1071 series if the registered series is not the surviving or resulting registered series in a merger or consolidation or upon the
- 1072 <u>future effective date or time of a certificate of merger or consolidation of registered series if the registered series is not the</u>
- 1073 <u>surviving or resulting registered series in a merger or consolidation, or upon the filing of a certificate of conversion of</u>
- 1074 registered series to protected series or upon the future effective date or time of a certificate of conversion of registered
- 1075 series to protected series. A certificate of cancellation of certificate of registered series may be filed at any time, and shall
- 1076 be filed, in the office of the Secretary of State to accomplish the cancellation of a certificate of registered series upon the
- 1077 dissolution of a registered series for which a certificate of registered series was filed and completion of the winding up of
- 1078 such registered series. A certificate of cancellation of certificate of registered series shall set forth:
- 1079 <u>a. The name of the limited partnership;</u>
- 1080 <u>b. The name of the registered series;</u>
- 1081 c. The date of filing of the certificate of registered series;
- 1082 <u>d. The future effective date or time (which shall be a date or time certain) of cancellation if it is not to be effective</u>
- 1083 upon the filing of the certificate of cancellation; and
- 1084 e. Any other information the person filing the certificate of cancellation of certificate of registered series
- 1085 <u>determines.</u>
- 1086 (9) A certificate of cancellation of certificate of registered series that is filed in the office of the Secretary of State
- 1087 prior to the dissolution or the completion of winding up of a registered series may be corrected as an erroneously executed
- 1088 certificate of cancellation of certificate of registered series by filing with the office of the Secretary of State a certificate of
- 1089 correction of such certificate of cancellation of certificate of registered series in accordance with § 17-213.
- 1090 (10) The Secretary of State shall not issue a certificate of good standing with respect to a registered series if its
- 1091 certificate of registered series is canceled or the limited partnership has ceased to be in good standing.

- 1092 (e) The name of each registered series as set forth in its certificate of registered series:
- 1093 (1) Shall begin with the name of the limited partnership, including any word, abbreviation or designation required
   1094 by § 17-102;
- 1095 (2) May contain the name of a limited partner or general partner;
- 1096 (3) Must be such as to distinguish it upon the records in the office of the Secretary of State from the name on such
- 1097 records of any corporation, partnership, limited partnership, statutory trust, limited liability company, registered series of a
- 1098 limited liability company or registered series of a limited partnership reserved, registered, formed or organized under the
- 1099 laws of the State of Delaware or qualified to do business or registered as a foreign corporation, foreign limited partnership,
- 1100 foreign statutory trust, foreign partnership or foreign limited liability company in the State of Delaware; provided, however,
- 1101 that a registered series may register under any name which is not such as to distinguish it upon the records in the office of
- 1102 the Secretary of State from the name on such records of any domestic or foreign corporation, partnership, statutory trust,
- 1103 limited liability company, registered series of a limited liability company, registered series of a limited partnership or
- 1104 foreign limited partnership reserved, registered, formed or organized under the laws of the State of Delaware with the
- 1105 written consent of the other corporation, partnership, statutory trust, limited liability company, registered series of a limited
- 1106 <u>liability company, registered series of a limited partnership or foreign limited partnership, which written consent shall be</u>
- 1107 filed with the Secretary of State;
- 1108 (4) May contain the following words: "Company," "Association," "Club," "Foundation," "Fund," "Institute,"
- 1109 "Society," "Union," "Syndicate," "Limited," "Public Benefit" or "Trust" (or abbreviations of like import); and
- 1110 (5) Shall not contain the word "bank," or any variation thereof, except for the name of a bank reporting to and
- 1111 under the supervision of the State Bank Commissioner of this State or a subsidiary of a bank or savings association (as
- 1112 those terms are defined in the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, as amended, at 12 U.S.C. § 1813), or a limited partnership
- 1113 regulated under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended, 12 U.S.C. § 1841 et seq., or the Home Owners'
- 1114 Loan Act, as amended, 12 U.S.C. § 1461 et seq.; provided, however, that this section shall not be construed to prevent the
- 1115 use of the word "bank," or any variation thereof, in a context clearly not purporting to refer to a banking business or
- 1116 otherwise likely to mislead the public about the nature of the business of the limited partnership or the registered series, or
- 1117 to lead to a pattern and practice of abuse that might cause harm to the interests of the public or this State as determined by
- 1118 the Division of Corporations in the Department of State.
- 1119 Section 19. Amend Chapter 17, Title 6 of the Delaware Code to add a new § 17-222 as shown by underline as
- 1120 follows:

1121	§ 17-222. Approval of conversion of a protected series of a domestic limited partnership to a registered
1122	series of such domestic limited partnership.
1123	(a) A protected series of a domestic limited partnership may convert to a registered series of such domestic limited
1124	partnership by complying with this section and filing in the office of the Secretary of State in accordance with § 17-206 of
1125	this title:
1126	(1) A certificate of conversion of protected series to registered series that has been executed in accordance with §
1127	17-204 of this title; and
1128	(2) A certificate of registered series that has been executed in accordance with §17-204 of this title.
1129	Each of the certificates required by this subsection (a) shall be filed simultaneously in the office of the Secretary of
1130	State and, if such certificates are not to become effective upon their filing as permitted by § 17-206(b) of this title, then
1131	each such certificate shall provide for the same effective date or time in accordance with §17-206(b) of this title.
1132	An existing series may not become a registered series other than pursuant to this § 17-222 of this title.
1133	(b) If the partnership agreement specifies the manner of authorizing a conversion of a protected series of such
1134	limited partnership to a registered series of such limited partnership, the conversion of a protected series to a registered
1135	series shall be authorized as specified in the partnership agreement. If the partnership agreement does not specify the
1136	manner of authorizing a conversion of a protected series of such limited partnership to a registered series of such limited
1137	partnership and does not prohibit a conversion of a protected series to a registered series, the conversion shall be authorized
1138	by approval (i) by all general partners associated with such protected series, and (ii) by limited partners who own more than
1139	50 percent of the then current percentage or other interest in the profits of such protected series owned by all of the limited
1140	partners associated with such series. In any event, the conversion of a protected series of a limited partnership to a
1141	registered series of such limited partnership also shall require the approval of any person who, at the effective date or time
1142	of such conversion, shall be a general partner associated with such registered series.
1143	(c) Unless otherwise agreed, the conversion of a protected series of a limited partnership to a registered series of
1144	such limited partnership pursuant to this section shall not require such limited partnership or such protected series of such
1145	limited partnership to wind up its affairs under § 17-803 or § 17-218 of this title or pay its liabilities and distribute its assets
1146	under § 17-804 or § 17-218 of this title, and the conversion of a protected series of a limited partnership to a registered
1147	series of such limited partnership shall not constitute a dissolution of such limited partnership or a termination of such
1148	protected series. When a protected series of a limited partnership has converted to a registered series of such limited
1149	partnership pursuant to this section, for all purposes of the laws of the State of Delaware, the registered series shall be

- 1150 deemed to be the same series as the converting protected series and the conversion shall constitute a continuation of the
- 1151 existence of the protected series in the form of such registered series.
- 1152 (d) In connection with a conversion of a protected series of a limited partnership to a registered series of such
- 1153 limited partnership pursuant to this section, rights or securities of or interests in the protected series which is to be
- 1154 converted may be exchanged for or converted into cash, property, rights or securities of or interests in the registered series
- 1155 into which the protected series is being converted or, in addition to or in lieu thereof, may be exchanged for or converted
- 1156 into cash, property, rights or securities of or interests in any other business entity, may remain outstanding or may be
- 1157 canceled.
- 1158 (e) If a protected series shall convert to a registered series in accordance with this section, a certificate of
- 1159 conversion of protected series to registered series executed in accordance with § 17-204 of this title shall be filed in the
- 1160 office of the Secretary of State in accordance with § 17-206 of this title. The certificate of conversion of protected series to
- 1161 registered series shall state:
- (1) The name of the limited partnership and, if it has been changed, the name under which its certificate of limited
   partnership was originally filed;
- 1164 (2) The name of the protected series and, if it has been changed, the name of the protected series as originally
- 1165 established;
- 1166 (3) The name of the registered series as set forth in its certificate of registered series filed in accordance with
- 1167 <u>subsection (a) of this section;</u>
- 1168 (4) The date of filing of the original certificate of limited partnership of the limited partnership with the Secretary
- 1169 <u>of State;</u>
- 1170 (5) The date on which the protected series was established;
- 1171 (6) The future effective date or time (which shall be a date or time certain) of the conversion if it is not to be
- 1172 effective upon the filing of the certificate of conversion of protected series to registered series; and
- 1173 (7) That the conversion has been approved in accordance with this section.
- (f) A copy of the certificate of conversion of protected series to registered series certified by the Secretary of State
- 1175 shall be prima facie evidence of the conversion by such protected series to a registered series of such limited partnership.
- 1176 (g) When any conversion shall have become effective under this section, for all purposes of the laws of the State
- 1177 of Delaware, all of the rights, privileges and powers of the protected series that has converted, and all property, real,
- 1178 personal and mixed, and all debts due to such protected series, as well as all other things and causes of action belonging to
- 1179 such protected series, shall remain vested in the registered series to which such protected series has converted and shall be

- 1180 the property of such registered series, and the title to any real property vested by deed or otherwise in such protected series
- 1181 shall not revert or be in any way impaired by reason of this chapter; but all rights of creditors and all liens upon any
- 1182 property of such protected series shall be preserved unimpaired, and all debts, liabilities and duties of the protected series
- 1183 that has converted shall remain attached to the registered series to which such protected series has converted, and may be
- 1184 enforced against it to the same extent as if said debts, liabilities and duties had originally been incurred or contracted by it
- 1185 in its capacity as such registered series. The rights, privileges, powers and interests in property of the protected series that
- 1186 has converted, as well as the debts, liabilities and duties of such protected series, shall not be deemed, as a consequence of
- 1187 the conversion, to have been transferred to the registered series to which such protected series of such limited partnership
- 1188 has converted for any purpose of the laws of the State of Delaware.
- (h) A partnership agreement may provide that a protected series of a limited partnership shall not have the power
   to convert to a registered series of such limited partnership as set forth in this section.
- Section 20. Amend Chapter 17, Title 6 of the Delaware Code to add a new § 17-223 as shown by underline asfollows:
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   § 17-223.
   Approval of conversion of a registered series of a domestic limited partnership to a protected

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   series of such domestic limited partnership.
- (a) Upon compliance with this section, a registered series of a domestic limited partnership may convert to a
- 1196 protected series of such domestic limited partnership. An existing registered series may not become a protected series other
- 1197 than pursuant to this § 17-223.
- 1198 (b) If the partnership agreement specifies the manner of authorizing a conversion of a registered series of such
- 1199 limited partnership to a protected series of such limited partnership, the conversion of a registered series to a protected
- 1200 series shall be authorized as specified in the partnership agreement. If the partnership agreement does not specify the
- 1201 manner of authorizing a conversion of a registered series of such limited partnership to a protected series of such limited
- 1202 partnership and does not prohibit a conversion of a registered series to a protected series, the conversion shall be authorized
- 1203 by approval (i) by all general partners associated with such registered series, and (ii) by limited partners who own more
- 1204 than 50 percent of the then current percentage or other interest in the profits of such registered series owned by all of the
- 1205 limited partners associated with such protected series. In any event, the conversion of a registered series of a limited
- 1206 partnership to a protected series of such limited partnership also shall require the approval of any person who, at the
- 1207 <u>effective date or time of such conversion, shall be a general partner associated with such protected series.</u>
- 1208 (c) Unless otherwise agreed, the conversion of a registered series of a limited partnership to a protected series of
- 1209 such limited partnership pursuant to this section shall not require such limited partnership or such registered series of such

- 1210 limited partnership to wind up its affairs under § 17-803 or § 17-221 of this title or pay its liabilities and distribute its assets
- 1211 under § 17-804 or § 17-221 of this title, and the conversion of a registered series of a limited partnership to a protected
- 1212 series of such limited partnership shall not constitute a dissolution of such limited partnership or of such registered series.

1213 When a registered series of a limited partnership has converted to a protected series of such limited partnership pursuant to

- 1214 this section, for all purposes of the laws of the State of Delaware, the protected series shall be deemed to be the same series
- 1215 as the converting registered series and the conversion shall constitute a continuation of the existence of the registered series
- 1216 in the form of such protected series.
- 1217 (d) In connection with a conversion of a registered series of a limited partnership to a protected series of such
- 1218 limited partnership pursuant to this section, rights or securities of or interests in the registered series which is to be
- 1219 converted may be exchanged for or converted into cash, property, rights or securities of or interests in the protected series

1220 into which the registered series is being converted or, in addition to or in lieu thereof, may be exchanged for or converted

- 1221 into cash, property, rights or securities of or interests in any other business entity, may remain outstanding or may be
- 1222 canceled.

1223 (e) If a registered series shall convert to a protected series in accordance with this section, a certificate of

- 1224 conversion of registered series to protected series executed in accordance with § 17-204 of this title shall be filed in the
- 1225 office of the Secretary of State in accordance with § 17-206 of this title. The certificate of conversion of registered series to
- 1226 protected series shall state:
- (1) The name of the limited partnership and, if it has been changed, the name under which its certificate of limited
   partnership was originally filed;
- (2) The date of filing of the original certificate of limited partnership of the limited partnership with the Secretary
   of State;
- 1231 (3) The name of the registered series and, if it has been changed, the name under which its certificate of registered
- 1232 series was originally filed;
- 1233 (4) The date of filing of its original certificate of registered series with the Secretary of State;
- 1234 (5) The future effective date or time (which shall be a date or time certain) of the conversion if it is not to be
- 1235 effective upon the filing of the certificate of conversion of registered series to protected series; and
- 1236 (6) That the conversion has been approved in accordance with this section.
- 1237 (f) Upon the filing in the office of the Secretary of State of the certificate of conversion of registered series to
- 1238 protected series or upon the future effective date or time of the certificate of conversion of registered series to protected
- 1239 series and payment to the Secretary of State of all fees prescribed in this chapter, the Secretary of State shall certify that the

- 1240 registered series has filed all documents and paid all fees required by this chapter. Such certificate of the Secretary of State
- 1241 shall be prima facie evidence of the conversion by such registered series to a protected series of such limited partnership.
- 1242 (g) When any conversion shall have become effective under this section, for all purposes of the laws of the State
- 1243 of Delaware, all of the rights, privileges and powers of the registered series that has converted, and all property, real,
- 1244 personal and mixed, and all debts due to such registered series, as well as all other things and causes of action belonging to
- 1245 such registered series, shall remain vested in the protected series to which such registered series has converted and shall be
- 1246 the property of such protected series, and the title to any real property vested by deed or otherwise in such registered series
- 1247 shall not revert or be in any way impaired by reason of this chapter; but all rights of creditors and all liens upon any
- 1248 property of such registered series shall be preserved unimpaired, and all debts, liabilities and duties of the registered series
- 1249 that has converted shall remain attached to the protected series to which such registered series has converted, and may be
- 1250 enforced against it to the same extent as if said debts, liabilities and duties had originally been incurred or contracted by it
- 1251 in its capacity as such protected series. The rights, privileges, powers and interests in property of the registered series that
- 1252 has converted, as well as the debts, liabilities and duties of such registered series, shall not be deemed, as a consequence of
- 1253 the conversion, to have been transferred to the protected series to which such registered series of such limited partnership
- 1254 <u>has converted for any purpose of the laws of the State of Delaware.</u>
- (h) A partnership agreement may provide that a registered series of a limited partnership shall not have the power
   to convert to a protected series of such limited partnership as set forth in this section.
- 1257 Section 21. Amend Chapter 17, Title 6 of the Delaware Code to add a new § 17-224 as shown by underline as1258 follows:
- 1259 § 17-224 Merger and consolidation of registered series.
- 1260 (a) Pursuant to an agreement of merger or consolidation, 1 or more registered series may merge or consolidate
- 1261 with or into 1 or more other registered series of the same limited partnership with such registered series as the agreement
- 1262 shall provide being the surviving or resulting registered series. Unless otherwise provided in the partnership agreement, an
- 1263 agreement of merger or consolidation shall be approved (i) by all general partners associated with each such registered
- 1264 series, and (ii) by limited partners who own more than 50 percent of the then current percentage or other interest in the
- 1265 profits of each such registered series owned by all of the limited partners associated with such series. In connection with a
- 1266 merger or consolidation hereunder, rights or securities of, or interests in, a registered series which is a constituent party to
- 1267 the merger or consolidation may be exchanged for or converted into cash, property, rights or securities of, or interests in,
- 1268 the surviving or resulting registered series or, in addition to or in lieu thereof, may be exchanged for or converted into cash,
- 1269 property, rights or securities of, or interests in, a domestic limited partnership or other business entity which is not the

- 1270 surviving or resulting registered series in the merger or consolidation, may remain outstanding or may be canceled.
- 1271 Notwithstanding prior approval, an agreement of merger or consolidation may be terminated or amended pursuant to a
- 1272 provision for such termination or amendment contained in the agreement of merger or consolidation.
- 1273 (b) If a registered series is merging or consolidating under this section, the registered series surviving or resulting
- 1274 in or from the merger or consolidation shall file in the office of the Secretary of State a certificate of merger or
- 1275 consolidation of registered series executed in accordance with § 17-204 of this title. The certificate of merger or
- 1276 <u>consolidation of registered series shall state:</u>
- 1277 (i) The name of each registered series which is to merge or consolidate and the name of the limited partnership
- 1278 that formed such registered series;
- 1279 (ii) That an agreement of merger or consolidation has been approved and executed by or on behalf of each
- 1280 registered series which is to merge or consolidate;
- 1281 (iii) The name of the surviving or resulting registered series;
- 1282 (iv) Such amendment, if any, to the certificate of registered series of the surviving registered series to change the
- 1283 <u>name of the surviving registered series, as is desired to be effected by the merger;</u>
- 1284 (v) The future effective date or time (which shall be a date or time certain) of the merger or consolidation if it is
- 1285 not to be effective upon the filing of the certificate of merger or consolidation of registered series;
- 1286 (vi) That the agreement of merger or consolidation is on file at a place of business of the surviving or resulting
- 1287 registered series or the limited partnership that formed such registered series, and shall state the address thereof; and
- 1288 (vii) That a copy of the agreement of merger or consolidation will be furnished by the surviving or resulting
- 1289 registered series, on request and without cost, to any partner of any registered series which is to merge or consolidate.
- 1290 (c) Unless a future effective date or time is provided in a certificate of merger or consolidation of registered series,
- 1291 <u>a merger or consolidation pursuant to this section shall be effective upon the filing in the office of the Secretary of State of</u>
- 1292 <u>a certificate of merger or consolidation of registered series.</u>
- 1293 (d) A certificate of merger or consolidation of registered series shall act as a certificate of cancellation of
- 1294 certificate of registered series of the registered series which is not the surviving or resulting registered series in the merger
- 1295 or consolidation. A certificate of merger or consolidation of registered series that sets forth any amendment in accordance
- 1296 with paragraph (b)(iv) of this section shall be deemed to be an amendment to the certificate of registered series of the
- 1297 surviving registered series, and no further action shall be required to amend the certificate of registered series of the
- 1298 surviving registered series under § 17-221 of this title with respect to such amendments set forth in such certificate of
- 1299 merger or consolidation. Whenever this section requires the filing of a certificate of merger or consolidation of registered

1300 series, such requirement shall be deemed satisfied by the filing of an agreement of merger or consolidation containing the

1301 information required by this section to be set forth in such certificate of merger or consolidation.

1302 (e) An agreement of merger or consolidation approved in accordance with paragraph (a) of this section may effect

1303 any amendment to the partnership agreement relating solely to the registered series that are constituent parties to the merger

1304 <u>or consolidation.</u>

1305 Any amendment to a partnership agreement relating solely to the registered series that are constituent parties to the

1306 merger or consolidation made pursuant to the foregoing sentence shall be effective at the effective time or date of the

1307 merger or consolidation and shall be effective notwithstanding any provision of the partnership agreement relating to

1308 amendment of the partnership agreement, other than a provision that by its terms applies to an amendment to the

1309 partnership agreement in connection with a merger or consolidation. The provisions of this subsection shall not be

1310 construed to limit the accomplishment of a merger or of any of the matters referred to herein by any other means provided

1311 for in a partnership agreement or other agreement or as otherwise permitted by law, including that the partnership

1312 agreement relating to any constituent registered series to the merger or consolidation (including a registered series formed

1313 for the purpose of consummating a merger or consolidation) shall be the partnership agreement of the surviving or resulting

1314 registered series.

1315 (f) When any merger or consolidation shall have become effective under this section, for all purposes of the laws

1316 of the State of Delaware, all of the rights, privileges and powers of each of the registered series that have merged or

1317 consolidated, and all property, real, personal and mixed, and all debts due to any of said registered series, as well as all

1318 other things and causes of action belonging to each of such registered series, shall be vested in the surviving or resulting

1319 registered series, and shall thereafter be the property of the surviving or resulting registered series as they were of each of

1320 the registered series that have merged or consolidated, and the title to any real property vested by deed or otherwise, under

1321 the laws of the State of Delaware, in any of such registered series, shall not revert or be in any way impaired by reason of

1322 this chapter; but all rights of creditors and all liens upon any property of any of said registered series shall be preserved

1323 <u>unimpaired</u>, and all debts, liabilities and duties of each of the said registered series that have merged or consolidated shall

1324 thenceforth attach to the surviving or resulting registered series, and may be enforced against it to the same extent as if said

1325 debts, liabilities and duties had been incurred or contracted by it. Unless otherwise agreed, a merger or consolidation of a

1326 registered series of a limited partnership, including a registered series which is not the surviving or resulting registered

- 1327 series in the merger or consolidation, shall not require such registered series to wind up its affairs under § 17-221, or pay its
- 1328 liabilities and distribute its assets under § 17-221 and the merger or consolidation shall not constitute a dissolution of such

1329 registered series.

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## (g) A partnership agreement may provide that a registered series of such limited partnership shall not have the

1331 power to merge or consolidate as set forth in this section.

1332Section 22. Amend § 17-301, Chapter 17, Title 6 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike

1333 through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

1334 § 17-301 Admission of limited partners.

1335 (b) After the formation of a limited partnership, a person is admitted as a limited partner of the limited

1336 partnership:

1337 (2) In the case of an assignee of a partnership interest, as provided in § 17-704(a) of this title and at the time provided in

1338 and upon compliance with the partnership agreement or, if the partnership agreement does not so provide, when any such

1339 person's permitted admission is reflected in the records of the limited partnership; or

1340 (3) In the case of a person being admitted as a partner of a surviving or resulting limited partnership pursuant to a merger

1341 or consolidation approved in accordance with § 17-211(b) of this title, as provided in the partnership agreement of the

1342 surviving or resulting limited partnership or in the agreement of merger or consolidation or plan of merger, and in the event

1343 of any inconsistency, the terms of the agreement of merger or consolidation or plan of merger shall control; and in the case

1344 of a person being admitted as a partner of a limited partnership pursuant to a merger or consolidation in which such limited

1345 partnership is not the surviving or resulting limited partnership in the merger or consolidation, as provided in the

- 1346 partnership agreement of such limited partnership.; or
- 1347 (4) In the case of a person being admitted as a partner of a division partnership pursuant to a division approved in
- 1348 accordance with § 17-220 of this title, as provided in the partnership agreement of such division partnership or in the
- 1349 plan of division, and in the event of any inconsistency, the terms of the plan of division shall control; and in the case

1350 of a person being admitted as a partner of a limited partnership pursuant to a division in which such limited

1351 partnership is not a division partnership in the division, as provided in the partnership agreement of such limited

1352 partnership.

## Section 23. Amend § 17-302, Chapter 17, Title 6 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

1355 § 17-302 Classes and voting.

(e) Unless otherwise provided in a partnership agreement, meetings of limited partners may be held by means of

- 1357 conference telephone or other communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can
- 1358 hear each other, and participation in a meeting pursuant to this subsection shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.
- 1359 Unless otherwise provided in a partnership agreement, on any matter that is to be voted on, consented to or approved by

1360 limited partners, the limited partners may take such action without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote if 1361 consented to or approved, in writing, by electronic transmission or by any other means permitted by law, by limited 1362 partners having not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a 1363 meeting at which all limited partners entitled to vote thereon were present and voted. Unless otherwise provided in a 1364 partnership agreement, if a person (whether or not then a limited partner) consenting as a limited partner to any matter 1365 provides that such consent will be effective at a future time (including a time determined upon the happening of an event), 1366 then such person shall be deemed to have consented as a limited partner at such future time so long as such person is then a 1367 limited partner. Unless otherwise provided in a partnership agreement, on any matter that is to be voted on by limited 1368 partners, the limited partners may vote in person or by proxy, and such proxy may be granted in writing, by means of 1369 electronic transmission or as otherwise permitted by applicable law. Unless otherwise provided in a partnership agreement, 1370 a consent transmitted by electronic transmission by a limited partner or by a person or persons authorized to act for a 1371 limited partner shall be deemed to be written and signed for purposes of this subsection. For purposes of this subsection, the 1372 term "electronic transmission" means any form of communication not directly involving the physical transmission of paper, 1373 including the use of, or participation in, 1 or more electronic networks or databases (including 1 or more distributed 1374 electronic networks or databases), that creates a record that may be retained, retrieved and reviewed by a recipient thereof 1375 and that may be directly reproduced in paper form by such a recipient through an automated process. 1376 Section 24. Amend § 17-405, Chapter 17, Title 6 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike

1377 through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

1378 § 17-405 Classes and voting.

1379 (d) Unless otherwise provided in a partnership agreement, meetings of general partners may be held by means of 1380 conference telephone or other communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can 1381 hear each other, and participation in a meeting pursuant to this subsection shall constitute presence in person at the meeting. 1382 Unless otherwise provided in a partnership agreement, on any matter that is to be voted on, consented to or approved by 1383 general partners, the general partners may take such action without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote if 1384 consented to or approved, in writing, by electronic transmission or by any other means permitted by law, by general 1385 partners having not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a 1386 meeting at which all general partners entitled to vote thereon were present and voted. Unless otherwise provided in a 1387 partnership agreement, if a person (whether or not then a general partner) consenting as a general partner to any matter 1388 provides that such consent will be effective at a future time (including a time determined upon the happening of an event), 1389 then such person shall be deemed to have consented as a general partner at such future time so long as such person is then a

1390 general partner. Unless otherwise provided in a partnership agreement, on any matter that is to be voted on by general

partners, the general partners may vote in person or by proxy, and such proxy may be granted in writing, by means of

1392 electronic transmission or as otherwise permitted by applicable law. Unless otherwise provided in a partnership agreement,

a consent transmitted by electronic transmission by a general partner or by a person or persons authorized to act for a

1394 general partner shall be deemed to be written and signed for purposes of this subsection (d). For purposes of this subsection

1395 (d), the term "electronic transmission" means any form of communication not directly involving the physical transmission

1396 of paper, including the use of, or participation in, 1 or more electronic networks or databases (including 1 or more

1397 distributed electronic networks or databases), that creates a record that may be retained, retrieved and reviewed by a

1398 recipient thereof and that may be directly reproduced in paper form by such a recipient through an automated process.

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 Section 25. Amend § 17-1107, Chapter 17, Title 6 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike

1400 through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

1401 § 17-1107 Fees.

(a) No document required to be filed under this chapter shall be effective until the applicable fee required by this
section is paid. The following fees shall be paid to and collected by the Secretary of State for the use of the State of
Delaware:

1405 (3) Upon the receipt for filing of a certificate of limited partnership domestication under § 17-215 of this title, a 1406 certificate of transfer or a certificate of transfer and domestic continuance under § 17-216 of this title, a certificate of 1407 conversion to limited partnership under § 17-217 of this title, a certificate of conversion to a non-Delaware entity under § 1408 17-219 of this title, a certificate of limited partnership under § 17-201 of this title, a certificate of registered series under § 1409 17-221 of this title, a certificate of amendment under § 17-202 or § 17-221(d)(3) of this title, (except as otherwise provided 1410 in paragraph (a)(11) of this section) a certificate of cancellation under \$ 17-203 or \$ 17-221(d)(8) of this title, a certificate 1411 of merger or consolidation or a certificate of ownership and merger under § 17-211 of this title, a restated certificate of 1412 limited partnership or a restated certificate of registered series under § 17-210 of this title, a certificate of amendment of a 1413 certificate with a future effective date or time under § 17-206(c) of this title, a certificate of termination of a certificate with 1414 a future effective date or time under § 17-206(c) of this title, a certificate of correction under § 17-213 of this title, a 1415 certificate of division under § 17-220 of this title, a certificate of conversion of protected series to registered series under § 1416 17-222 of this title, a certificate of conversion of registered series to protected series under §17-223 of this title, a certificate 1417 of merger or consolidation of registered series under § 17-224 of this title or a certificate of revival under § 17-1111 or § 1418 17-1112 of this title, a fee in the amount of \$200, plus, in the case of a certificate of cancellation under § 17-203 of this title,

1419 <u>a fee in the amount of \$50 for each registered series of the limited partnership named in the certificate of cancellation.</u>

(4) For certifying copies of any paper on file as provided for by this chapter, a fee in the amount of \$50 for each
copy certified. In addition, a fee of \$2.00 per page shall be paid in each instance where the Secretary of State provides the
copies of the document to be certified.

1423 (5) The Secretary of State may issue photocopies or electronic image copies of instruments on file, as well as 1424 instruments, documents and other papers not on file, and for all such photocopies or electronic image copies, whether 1425 eertified or not, which are not certified by the Secretary of State, a fee of \$10 shall be paid for the first page and \$2.00 for 1426 each additional page. Notwithstanding Delaware's Freedom of Information Act (Chapter 100 of Title 29) or other provision 1427 of law granting access to public records, the Secretary of State upon request shall issue only photocopies or electronic 1428 image copies of public records in exchange for the fees described in this section, and in no case shall the Secretary of State 1429 be required to provide copies (or access to copies) of such public records (including without limitation bulk data, digital 1430 copies of instruments, documents and other papers, databases or other information) in an electronic medium or in any form 1431 other than photocopies or electronic image copies of such public records in exchange, as applicable, for the fees described 1432 in this section or § 2318 of Title 29 for each such record associated with a file number.

1433 (9) For preparing and providing a written report of a record search, a fee in the amount of <u>up to \$50 \$100</u>.

1434 (10) For issuing any certificate of the Secretary of State, including but not limited to a certificate of good standing

1435 with respect to a limited partnership or a registered series thereof, other than a certification of a copy under paragraph (a)(4)

1436 of this section, a fee in the amount of \$50, except that for issuing any certificate of the Secretary of State that recites all of a

1437 limited partnership's the filings with the Secretary of State of a limited partnership or all of the filings of any registered

series or that lists all of the registered series formed by a limited partnership, a fee of \$175 shall be paid for each such

certificate. For issuing any certificate via the Secretary of State's online services, a fee of up to \$175 shall be paid for each
certificate.

1441 Section 26. Amend § 17-1109, Chapter 17, Title 6 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike 1442 through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

1443 § 17-1109 Annual tax of <u>domestic limited partnership and foreign limited partnership and registered series</u>.

(a) Every domestic limited partnership and every foreign limited partnership registered to do business in the State
of Delaware shall pay an annual tax, for the use of the State of Delaware, in the amount of \$300. <u>There shall be paid by or</u>

1446 <u>on behalf of each registered series of a domestic limited partnership an annual tax, for use of the State of Delaware, in the</u>

amount of \$75 per registered series.

(b) The annual tax <u>for a domestic limited partnership</u> shall be due and payable on the first day of June following
the close of the calendar year or upon the cancellation of a certificate of limited partnership. The annual tax for a registered

1450 series shall be due and payable on the first day of June following the close of the calendar year or upon the cancellation of a

1451 certificate of registered series. The annual tax for a foreign limited partnership shall be due and payable on the first day of

1452 June following the close of the calendar year or upon the cancellation of the certificate of registration. The Secretary of

1453 State shall receive the annual tax and pay over all taxes collected to the Department of Finance of the State of Delaware. If

1454 the annual tax remains unpaid after the due date established by subsection (d) of this section, the tax shall bear interest at

1455 the rate of 1 1/2% for each month or portion thereof until fully paid.

1456 (c) The Secretary of State shall, at least 60 days prior to June 1 of each year, cause to be mailed to each domestic

1457 limited partnership <u>and each registered series thereof</u> and each foreign limited partnership required to comply with the 1458 provisions of this section in care of its registered agent in the State of Delaware an annual statement for the tax to be paid

1459 hereunder.

(d) In the event of neglect, refusal or failure on the part of any domestic limited partnership, registered series or
foreign limited partnership to pay the annual tax to be paid hereunder on or before June 1 in any year, such domestic limited
partnership or foreign limited partnership shall pay the sum of \$200, and such registered series shall pay the sum of \$50, to
be recovered by adding that amount to the annual tax, and such additional sum shall become a part of the tax and shall be
collected in the same manner and subject to the same penalties.

1465 (e) In case any domestic limited partnership, registered series or foreign limited partnership shall fail to pay the 1466 annual tax due within the time required by this section, and in case the agent in charge of the registered office of any 1467 domestic limited partnership or foreign limited partnership upon whom process against such domestic limited partnership 1468 or any protected series or registered series thereof or foreign limited partnership may be served shall die, resign, refuse to 1469 act as such, remove from the State of Delaware or cannot with due diligence be found, it shall be lawful while default 1470 continues to serve process against such domestic limited partnership or any protected series or registered series thereof or 1471 foreign limited partnership upon the Secretary of State. Such service upon the Secretary of State shall be made in the 1472 manner and shall have the effect stated in § 17-105 of this title in the case of a domestic limited partnership or any protected 1473 series or registered series thereof and § 17-910 of this title in the case of a foreign limited partnership and shall be governed 1474 in all respects by said sections.

(f) The annual tax shall be a debt due from a domestic limited partnership, registered series or foreign limited
partnership to the State of Delaware, for which an action at law may be maintained after the same shall have been in arrears
for a period of 1 month. The tax shall also be a preferred debt in the case of insolvency.

(g) A domestic limited partnership or foreign limited partnership that neglects, refuses or fails to pay the annual
 tax when due shall cease to be in good standing as a domestic limited partnership or and all registered series thereof shall

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1480 also cease to be in good standing. A registered series that neglects, refuses or fails to pay the annual tax when due shall

1481 cease to be in good standing as a registered series. A foreign limited partnership that neglects, refuses or fails to pay the

1482 <u>annual tax when due shall cease to be</u> registered as a foreign limited partnership in the State of Delaware.

(h) A domestic limited partnership or registered series that has ceased to be in good standing or a foreign limited
partnership that has ceased to be registered by reason of the failure by the limited partnership, registered series or foreign
limited partnership to pay an annual tax shall be restored to and have the status of a domestic limited partnership or
registered series in good standing or a foreign limited partnership that is registered in the State of Delaware upon the
payment of the annual tax and all penalties and interest thereon for each year for which such domestic limited partnership,
registered series or foreign limited partnership neglected, refused or failed to pay an annual tax.

1489 (i) The Attorney General, either on the Attorney General's own motion or upon request of the Secretary of State, 1490 whenever any annual tax due under this chapter from any domestic limited partnership, registered series or foreign limited 1491 partnership shall have remained in arrears for a period of 3 months after the tax shall have become payable, may apply to 1492 the Court of Chancery, by petition in the name of the State of Delaware, on 5 days' notice to such domestic limited 1493 partnership, registered series or foreign limited partnership, which notice may be served in such manner as the Court may 1494 direct, for an injunction to restrain such domestic limited partnership, registered series or foreign limited partnership from 1495 the transaction of any business within the State of Delaware or elsewhere, until the payment of the annual tax, and all 1496 penalties and interest due thereon and the cost of the application, which shall be fixed by the Court. The Court of Chancery 1497 may grant the injunction, if a proper case appears, and upon granting and service of the injunction, such domestic limited 1498 partnership, registered series or foreign limited partnership thereafter shall not transact any business until the injunction 1499 shall be dissolved.

1500 (j) A domestic limited partnership that has ceased to be in good standing by reason of its the limited partnership's 1501 neglect, refusal or failure to pay an annual tax shall remain a domestic limited partnership formed under this chapter, and 1502 each registered series thereof shall remain a registered series formed under this chapter, and each protected series thereof 1503 shall remain a protected series established under this chapter. A registered series that has ceased to be in good standing by 1504 reason of the registered series' neglect, refusal or failure to pay an annual tax shall remain a registered series formed under 1505 this chapter. The Secretary of State shall not accept for filing any certificate (except a certificate of resignation of a 1506 registered agent when a successor registered agent is not being appointed) required or permitted by this chapter to be filed 1507 in respect of any domestic limited partnership, registered series or foreign limited partnership which if such domestic 1508 limited partnership, registered series or foreign limited partnership has neglected, refused or failed to pay an annual tax, and

1509 shall not issue any certificate of good standing with respect to such domestic limited partnership, registered series or

- 1510 foreign limited partnership, unless and until such domestic limited partnership, registered series or foreign limited
- 1511 partnership shall have been restored to and have the status of a domestic limited partnership <u>or registered series</u> in good 1512 standing or a foreign limited partnership duly registered in the State of Delaware.

(k) A domestic limited partnership that has ceased to be in good standing (and each protected series and registered series thereof), a registered series that has ceased to be in good standing, or a foreign limited partnership that has ceased to be registered in the State of Delaware by reason of it's the domestic limited partnership's, registered series' or foreign limited partnership's neglect, refusal or failure to pay an annual tax may not maintain any action, suit or proceeding in any court of the State of Delaware until such domestic limited partnership, registered series or foreign limited partnership has been restored to and has the status of a domestic limited partnership, registered series or foreign limited partnership in good standing or duly registered in the State of Delaware. An action, suit or proceeding may not be maintained in any court of

1520 the State of Delaware by any successor or assignee of such domestic limited partnership (or any protected series or

1521 registered series thereof), registered series, or foreign limited partnership on any right, claim or demand arising out of the

1522 transaction of business by such domestic limited partnership after it (or any protected series or registered series thereof) or

1523 registered series after the domestic limited partnership or registered series has ceased to be in good standing or a foreign

1524 limited partnership that has ceased to be registered in the State of Delaware until such domestic limited partnership.

registered series or foreign limited partnership, or any person that has acquired all or substantially all of its assets, has paid
 any annual tax then due and payable, together with penalties and interest thereon.

(1) The neglect, refusal or failure of a domestic limited partnership, registered series or foreign limited partnership to pay an annual tax shall not impair the validity of any contract, deed, mortgage, security interest, lien or act of such domestic limited partnership or <u>any protected series or registered series thereof</u> or foreign limited partnership or prevent such domestic limited partnership <u>or any protected series or registered series thereof</u> or foreign limited partnership from

1531 defending any action, suit or proceeding in any court of the State of Delaware.

(m) A limited partner of a domestic limited partnership, registered series or foreign limited partnership is not
 liable as a general partner of such domestic limited partnership, registered series or foreign limited partnership solely by

reason of the neglect, refusal or failure of such domestic limited partnership, registered series or foreign limited partnership

1535 to pay an annual tax or by reason of such domestic limited partnership, registered series or foreign limited partnership

1536 ceasing to be in good standing or duly registered. <u>A protected series or registered series of a domestic limited partnership is</u>

- 1537 not liable for the debts, obligations or liabilities of such domestic limited partnership or any other series thereof solely by
- 1538 reason of the neglect, refusal or failure of such domestic limited partnership or other series to pay an annual tax or by
- 1539 reason of such domestic limited partnership or other series ceasing to be in good standing.

- 1540 Section 27. Amend § 17-1110, Chapter 17, Title 6 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike 1541 through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:
- 1542 § 17-1110 Cancellation of certificate of limited partnership or certificate of registered series for failure to pay
   1543 annual tax.
- (a) The certificate of limited partnership of a domestic limited partnership shall be canceled if the limited
   partnership shall fail to pay the annual tax due under § 17-1109 of this title for the domestic limited partnership is not paid
- 1546 for a period of 3 years from the date it is due, such cancellation to be effective on the third anniversary of such due date.
- 1547(b) The certificate of registered series shall be canceled if the annual tax due under § 17-1109 of this title is not1548paid for a period of 3 years from the date it is due, such cancellation to be effective on the third anniversary of such due
- 1549 <u>date.</u>
- 1550 (c) A list of those domestic limited partnerships <u>and registered series</u> whose certificates of limited partnership <u>or</u> 1551 certificates of registered series were canceled on June 1 of such calendar year pursuant to § 17-1110(a) or § 17-1110(b) of

this title shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State. On or before October 31 of each calendar year, the Secretary of

1553 State shall publish such list on the Internet or on a similar medium for a period of 1 week and shall advertise the website or

1554 other address where such list can be accessed in at least 1 newspaper of general circulation in the State of Delaware.

1555 Section 28. Amend § 17-1111, Chapter 17, Title 6 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike

1556 through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

1557 § 17-1111 Revival of domestic limited partnership.

(c) Upon the filing of a certificate of revival, a limited partnership and all registered series thereof that have been
 formed and whose certificate of registered series has not been cancelled prior to the cancellation of the certificate of limited
 partnership shall be revived with the same force and effect as if its certificate of limited partnership had not been canceled
 pursuant to § 17-104(d), or § 17-1110(a) of this title. Such revival shall validate all contracts, acts,

1562 matters and things made, done and performed by the limited partnership, its partners, employees and agents during the time

1563 when its certificate of limited partnership was canceled pursuant to  $\frac{17-104(d)}{0}$  or  $\frac{17-104(i)}{4}$  or  $\frac{17-1110(a)}{17-1110(a)}$  of this

title, with the same force and effect and to all intents and purposes as if the certificate of limited partnership had remained

1565 in full force and effect. All real and personal property, and all rights and interests, which belonged to the limited partnership

at the time its certificate of limited partnership was canceled pursuant to  $\frac{17-104(d)}{100}$  or  $\frac{17-104(i)}{100}$  or  $\frac{17-1110(a)}{100}$  of

- 1567 this title, or which were acquired by the limited partnership following the cancellation of its certificate of limited
- 1568 partnership pursuant to § 17-104(d), or § 17-104(i)(4) or § 17-1110(a) of this title, and which were not disposed of prior to
- 1569 the time of its revival, shall be vested in the limited partnership after its revival as fully as they were held by the limited

1570 partnership at, and after, as the case may be, the time its certificate of limited partnership was canceled pursuant to § 17-

1571  $104(d)_{a}$  or § <u>17-104(i)(4)</u> or § 17-1110(a) of this title. After its revival, the limited partnership and its partners shall have the

1572 same liability for all contracts, acts, matters and things made, done or performed in the limited partnership's name and on

1573 its behalf by its partners, employees and agents as the limited partnership and its partners would have had if the limited

1574 partnership's certificate of limited partnership had at all times remained in full force and effect.

1575 Section 29. Amend Chapter 17, Title 6 of the Delaware code to add a new § 17-1112 as shown by underline as

1576 follows:

1577 § 17-1112 Revival of registered series.

1578 (a) A registered series whose certificate of registered series has been canceled pursuant to § 17-1110(b) of this title

1579 may be revived by filing in the office of the Secretary of State a certificate of revival of registered series accompanied by

1580 the payment of the fee required by § 17-1107(a)(3) of this title and payment of the annual tax due under § 17-1109 of this

1581 title and all penalties and interest thereon due at the time of the cancellation of its certificate of registered series. The

1582 certificate of revival of registered series shall set forth:

1583 (1) The name of the limited partnership at the time the certificate of registered series was canceled and, if such

1584 <u>name has changed, the name of the limited partnership at the time of revival of the registered series;</u>

1585 (2) The name of the registered series at the time the certificate of registered series was canceled and, if such name

1586 is not available at the time of revival, the name under which the registered series is to be revived;

1587 (3) The date of filing of the original certificate of registered series;

1588 (4) A statement that the certificate of revival of registered series is filed by 1 or more general partners associated

1589 with the registered series authorized to execute and file such certificate of revival to revive the registered series; and

1590 (5) Any other matters the persons executing the certificate of revival of registered series determine to include

1591 therein.

1592 (b) The certificate of revival of registered series shall be deemed to be an amendment to the certificate of

1593 registered series, and no further actions shall be required to amend its certificate of registered series under § 17-221(d)(3) of

1594 this title with respect to the matters set forth in such certificate of revival.

1595 (c) Upon the filing of a certificate of revival of registered series, a registered series shall be revived with the same

1596 force and effect as if its certificate of registered series had not been canceled pursuant to § 17-1110(b) of this title. Such

1597 revival shall validate all contracts, acts, matters and things made, done and performed by the registered series, its partners,

1598 employees and agents during the time when its certificate of registered series was canceled pursuant to § 17-1110(b) of this

1599 title, with the same force and effect and to all intents and purposes as if the certificate of registered series had remained in

- 1600 full force and effect. All real and personal property, and all rights and interests, which belonged to the registered series at
- 1601 the time its certificate of registered series was canceled pursuant to § 17-1110(b) of this title or which were acquired by the
- 1602 registered series following the cancellation of its certificate of registered series pursuant to § 17-1110(b) of this title, and
- 1603 which were not disposed of prior to the time of its revival, shall be vested in the registered series after its revival as fully as
- 1604 they were held by the registered series at, and after, as the case may be, the time its certificate of registered series was
- 1605 canceled pursuant to § 17-1110(b) of this title. After its revival, the registered series and its partners shall have the same
- 1606 liability for all contracts, acts, matters and things made, done or performed in the registered series' name and on its behalf
- 1607 by its partners, employees and agents as the registered series and its partners would have had if its certificate of registered
- 1608 series had at all times remained in full force and effect.
- 1609 Section 30. Amend Chapter 17, Title 6 of the Delaware Code to add a new subchapter XII as shown by underline 1610 as follows:
- 1611 <u>Subchapter XII</u>
- 1612 <u>Statutory Public Benefit Limited Partnerships</u>
- 1613 § 17-1201 Law applicable to statutory public benefit limited partnerships; how formed.
- 1614 This subchapter applies to all statutory public benefit limited partnerships, as defined in § 17-1202 of this title. If a
- 1615 limited partnership elects to become a statutory public benefit limited partnership under this subchapter in the manner
- 1616 prescribed in this subchapter, it shall be subject in all respects to the provisions of this chapter, except to the extent this
- 1617 subchapter imposes additional or different requirements, in which case such requirements shall apply, and notwithstanding
- 1618 § 17-1101 or any other provision of this title, such requirements imposed by this subchapter may not be altered in the
- 1619 partnership agreement.
- 1620 § 17-1202 Statutory public benefit limited partnership defined; contents of certificate of limited partnership and
- 1621 partnership agreement.
- 1622 (a) A "statutory public benefit limited partnership" is a for-profit limited partnership formed under and subject to
- 1623 the requirements of this chapter that is intended to produce a public benefit or public benefits and to operate in a responsible
- 1624 and sustainable manner. To that end, a statutory public benefit limited partnership shall be managed in a manner that
- 1625 <u>balances the partners' pecuniary interests, the best interests of those materially affected by the limited partnership's</u>
- 1626 conduct, and the public benefit or public benefits set forth in its certificate of limited partnership. A statutory public benefit
- 1627 limited partnership shall state in the heading of its certificate of limited partnership that it is a statutory public benefit
- 1628 limited partnership and shall set forth one or more specific public benefits to be promoted by the limited partnership in its

- 1629 certificate of limited partnership. The partnership agreement of a statutory public benefit limited partnership may not
- 1630 <u>contain any provision inconsistent with this subchapter.</u>
- 1631 (b) "Public benefit" means a positive effect (or reduction of negative effects) on one or more categories of
- 1632 persons, entities, communities or interests (other than partners in their capacities as partners) including, but not limited to,
- 1633 effects of an artistic, charitable, cultural, economic, educational, environmental, literary, medical, religious, scientific or
- 1634 technological nature. "Public benefit provisions" means the provisions of a partnership agreement contemplated by this
- 1635 <u>subchapter.</u>
- 1636 § 17-1203 Certain amendments and mergers; votes required.
- 1637 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a statutory public benefit limited partnership may not, without
- 1638 the approval (i) by all general partners, and (ii) limited partners who own more than 2/3 of the then current percentage or
- 1639 <u>other interest in the profits of the limited partnership owned by all of the limited partners:</u>
- 1640 (1) Amend its certificate of limited partnership to delete or amend a provision required by § 17-1202(a) of this
- 1641 <u>title;</u>
- 1642 (2) Merge or consolidate with or into another entity or divide into two or more domestic limited partnerships if, as
- 1643 a result of such merger, consolidation or division, the limited partnership interests in such limited partnership would
- 1644 become, or be converted into or exchanged for the right to receive, limited partnership interests or other equity interests in a
- domestic or foreign limited partnership or other entity that is not a statutory public benefit limited partnership or similar
- 1646 entity, the certificate of limited partnership or partnership agreement (or similar governing document) of which does not
- 1647 contain provisions identifying a public benefit or public benefits comparable in all material respects to those set forth in the
- 1648 certificate of limited partnership of such limited partnership as contemplated by § 17-1202(a) of this title; or
- 1649 (3) Cease to be a statutory public benefit limited partnership under the provisions of this subchapter.
- 1650 § 17-1204 Duties of general partners or other persons.
- 1651 (a) The general partners or other persons with authority to manage or direct the business and affairs of a statutory
- 1652 public benefit limited partnership shall manage or direct the business and affairs of the statutory public benefit limited
- 1653 partnership in a manner that balances the pecuniary interests of the partners, the best interests of those materially affected
- 1654 by the limited partnership's conduct, and the specific public benefit or public benefits set forth in its certificate of limited
- 1655 partnership. Unless otherwise provided in a partnership agreement, no general partner or other person with authority to
- 1656 manage or direct the business and affairs of the statutory public benefit limited partnership shall have any liability for
- 1657 monetary damages for the failure to manage or direct the business and affairs of the statutory public benefit limited
- 1658 partnership as provided in this subsection.

1659 (b) A general partner of a statutory public benefit limited partnership or any other person with authority to manage

1660 or direct the business and affairs of the statutory public benefit limited partnership shall not, by virtue of the public benefit

1661 provisions or § 17-1202(a) of this title, have any duty to any person on account of any interest of such person in the public

1662 benefit or public benefits set forth in its certificate of limited partnership or on account of any interest materially affected by

1663 the limited partnership's conduct and, with respect to a decision implicating the balance requirement in subsection (a) of

1664 this section, will be deemed to satisfy such person's fiduciary duties to limited partners and the limited partnership if such

- 1665 person's decision is both informed and disinterested and not such that no person of ordinary, sound judgment would
- 1666 <u>approve.</u>
- 1667 § 17-1205 Periodic statements and third-party certification.

1668 A statutory public benefit limited partnership shall no less than biennially provide its limited partners with a

1669 statement as to the limited partnership's promotion of the public benefit or public benefits set forth in its certificate of

1670 limited partnership and as to the best interests of those materially affected by the limited partnership's conduct. The

- 1671 <u>statement shall include:</u>
- 1672 (1) The objectives that have been established to promote such public benefit or public benefits and interests;
- 1673 (2) The standards that have been adopted to measure the limited partnership's progress in promoting such public

1674 <u>benefit or public benefits and interests;</u>

- 1675 (3) Objective factual information based on those standards regarding the limited partnership's success in meeting
- 1676 the objectives for promoting such public benefit or public benefits and interests; and
- 1677 (4) An assessment of the limited partnership's success in meeting the objectives and promoting such public benefit
- 1678 <u>or public benefits and interests.</u>
- 1679 <u>§ 17-1206 Derivative suits.</u>
- 1680 Limited partners of a statutory public benefit limited partnership or assignees of partnership interests in a statutory
- 1681 public benefit limited partnership owning individually or collectively, as of the date of instituting such derivative suit, at

1682 least 2% of the then-current percentage or other interest in the profits of the limited partnership or, in the case of a limited

- 1683 partnership with partnership interests listed on a national securities exchange, the lesser of such percentage or partnership
- 1684 interests of at least \$2,000,000 in market value, may maintain a derivative lawsuit to enforce the requirements set forth in §
- 1685 <u>17-1204(a) of this title.</u>
- 1686 § 17-1207 No effect on other limited partnerships.
- 1687 This subchapter shall not affect a statute or rule of law that is applicable to a limited partnership that is not a
- 1688 <u>statutory public benefit limited partnership.</u>

- 1689 § 17-1208 Accomplishment by other means.
- 1690 The provisions of this subchapter shall not be construed to limit the accomplishment by any other means permitted
- 1691 by law of the formation or operation of a limited partnership that is formed or operated for a public benefit (including a
- 1692 limited partnership that is designated as a public benefit limited partnership) that is not a statutory public benefit limited
- 1693 partnership.

1694 Section 31. This Act shall become effective August 1, 2019.

## **SYNOPSIS**

This bill continues the practice of amending periodically the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act (the "Act") to keep it current and to maintain its national preeminence. The following is a section-by-section review of the proposed amendments of the Act.

Section 1. This section amends Section 17-101 of the Act in several respects. New definitions are added for "document" and "electronic transmission," which terms appear in new Section 17-113 among other places in the Act. This section also amends the definitions of "general partner" and "limited partner." The changes to the definition of "general partner" confirm that the term includes a general partner of the limited partnership generally and a general partner associated with a series of the limited partnership generally and a limited partner" confirm that the term includes a limited partnership generally and a limited partner associated with a series of the limited partnership generally and a limited partner associated with a series of the limited partnership generally and a limited partner associated with a series of the limited partnership generally and a limited partner associated with a series of the limited partnership generally and a limited partner associated with a series of the limited partnership generally and a limited partner associated with a series of the limited partnership generally and a limited partner associated with a series of the limited partnership. This section also amends Section 17-101 to include definitions for "series," "protected series" established in accordance with Section 17-218(b) of the Act, and "registered series" formed in accordance with Section 17-221 of the Act.

Section 2. This section amends Section 17-102(3) of the Act to provide that the name of a limited partnership must be such as to distinguish it from the name of any registered series of a limited partnership, and also amends Section 17-102(4) to confirm that the name of a limited partnership may contain the words "public benefit."

Section 3. This section amends Section 17-103 of the Act to provide that the exclusive right to the use of a name for a registered series of a limited partnership may be reserved by a person intending to form such a registered series in accordance with Section 17-221 and to adopt that name pursuant to Section 17-221(e) of the Act.

Section 4. This section amends Section 17-104(d) of the Act to provide that if a limited partnership's certificate of limited partnership has been cancelled pursuant to Section 17-1110 of the Act, its registered agent may resign without appointing a successor registered agent. The amendment also adds requirements regarding the content and form of the certificate of resignation filed with the Delaware Secretary of State when the registered agent resigns without appointing a successor, and provides that such information regarding the communications contact that must be included in such a certificate shall not be deemed public. This section also amends Sections 17-104(d) and 17-104(e) of the Act to include references to protected series and registered series, as appropriate, and amends Section 17-104(g) to conform with the addition of the defined term "electronic transmission" in Section 17-101.

Sections 5. This sections amends Section 17-105 of the Act to include references to protected series and registered series, as appropriate.

Section 6. This section adds new Section 17-112 of the Act to provide that, upon motion by the Attorney General, the Court of Chancery may cancel the certificate of limited partnership of any domestic limited partnership for abuse or misuse of its limited partnership powers, privileges or existence.

Section 7. This section adds new Section 17-113 of the Act, which establishes non-exclusive, safe harbor methods to reduce certain acts or transactions to a written or electronic document and to sign and deliver a document manually or electronically. The terminology in Section 17-113(a) is based on analogous provisions in existing Sections 17-302(e) and 17-405(d) of the Act, the Delaware Uniform Electronic Transactions Act ("UETA"), and the Model Business Corporation Act, with modifications. Section 17-113(a) permits limited partnership transactions (such as entering into agreements of merger not filed with the Secretary of State) to be documented, signed and delivered through "Docusign" and similar electronic means.

The Section 17-113(a) safe harbor provisions apply solely for purposes of determining whether an act or transaction has been documented, and whether a document has been signed and delivered, in accordance with the Act and the partnership agreement. Section 17-113(a) does not preempt any statute of frauds or other law that might require actions be documented, or that documents be signed and delivered, in a specified manner.

Section 17-113(a) clarifies how its provisions operate in connection with a transaction conducted pursuant to UETA. To the extent UETA does not apply to a transaction (under Section 12A-103 of UETA) because the transaction is governed by the Act, the parties to the transaction can satisfy the Act by complying with Section 17-113(a).

Section 17-113(b) addresses certain actions and documents that are not governed by Section 17-113(a). There is no presumption that these excluded items are prohibited from being effected by electronic or other means, but Section 17-113 may not be relied on as a basis for documenting an act or transaction, or signing or delivering a document, if the exclusions set forth in Section 17-113(b) apply. Certain of these excluded items are governed by separate provisions that facilitate the use of electronic media, including documents filed with the Secretary of State (governed by Section 17-206(a)).

Section 17-113(b) permits partnership agreement provisions that restrict the use of Section 17-113(a), but those restrictions must be expressly stated. A provision merely specifying that an act or transaction will be documented in writing, or that a document will be signed or delivered manually, will not prohibit the application of Section 17-113(a).

Section 17-113(c) addresses the interaction between the provisions of the Act and the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act (the "E-Sign Act"). Section 17-113(c) evidences an intent to allow the Act to govern the documentation of actions, and the signature and delivery of documents, to the fullest extent the Act is not preempted by the E-Sign Act.

Section 8. This section amends Section 17-203 of the Act to include a reference to new Section 17-112 of the Act, a reference to a certificate of division, and references to registered series.

Section 9. This section amends Section 17-204 of the Act to provide for the manner in which a certificate of division, a certificate of registered series, a certificate of conversion of registered series to protected series, a certificate of amendment of certificate of registered series, a certificate of correction of certificate of registered series, a certificate of conversion of protected series to registered series, a certificate of merger or consolidation of registered series, a certificate of registered series, a certificate of registered series, a certificate of merger or consolidation of registered series, a certificate of registered series, a certificate of registered series as certificate of registered series.

Section 10. This section amends Section 17-206 of the Act to simplify its language and to include references to registered series and protected series and related certificates, to a certificate of division, and to new Sections 17-112 and 17-1112 of the Act.

Section 11. This section amends Section 17-207 of the Act to simplify its language and to provide for recovery in the specified circumstances from any general partner that filed the certificate containing a materially false statement.

Section 12. This section amends Section 17-208 of the Act to include references to new Sections 17-1202 and 17-221 of the Act and to registered series.

Section 13. This section amends Section 17-210 of the Act to include references to registered series.

Section 14. This section amends Section 17-211(a) of the Act relating to merger and consolidation to include a cross-reference to new Sections 17-220, 17-222, 17-223, and 17-224 of the Act, which refer to "other business entity" as defined in Section 17-211(a).

Section 15. This section amends Section 17-212 of the Act to provide that a plan of division may provide for contractual appraisal rights and that contractual appraisal rights may be made available in connection with any merger or consolidation in which a registered series is a constituent party, any division of the limited partnership, any conversion of a protected series to a registered series of the limited partnership, and any conversion of a registered series to a protected series of the limited partnership.

Section 16. This section amends Section 17-218 of the Act relating to series of limited partnerships to clarify certain provisions, including those relating to a protected series of a limited partnership.

Section 17. This section adds new Section 17-220 of the Act to enable a limited partnership to divide into one or more newly formed limited partnerships with the dividing partnership continuing its existence or terminating its existence, as the case may be.

Section 18. This section adds new Section 17-221 of the Act to authorize the formation of a registered series of a limited partnership by complying with such Section. Registered series are associations and are formed by the filing of a

certificate of registered series and, therefore, have the attributes required to be "registered organizations" under the Uniform Commercial Code. Registered series formed under Section 17-221 of the Act also have the same rights and powers and the same inter-series limitation on liability as protected series established under Section 17-218(b) of the Act.

Section 19. This section adds new Section 17-222 of the Act to enable a protected series of a limited partnership to convert to a registered series of such limited partnership.

Section 20. This section adds new Section 17-223 of the Act to enable a registered series of a limited partnership to convert to a protected series of such limited partnership.

Section 21. This section adds new Section 17-224 of the Act to provide that one or more registered series of a limited partnership may merge or consolidate with or into one or more other registered series of such limited partnership.

Section 22. This section amends Section 17-301 of the Act to add a new subsection (b)(4) that clarifies in connection with a division the mechanics for the admission of a limited partner to a division partnership or to a limited partnership that is not a division partnership in the division.

Sections 23 and 24. These sections amend Section 17-302(e) and 17-405(d) of the Act to conform with the addition of the defined term "electronic transmission" in Section 17-101.

Section 25. This section amends Section 17-1107(a)(3) of the Act to provide for the fee payable to the Delaware Secretary of State for the filing of certain certificates pursuant to the Act, Section 17-1107(a)(4) to provide for the fee payable where the Secretary of State provides the copies of the document to be certified, Section 17-1107(a)(5) to clarify that the fee payable thereunder is for copies that are not certified by the Secretary of State, Section 17-1107(a)(9) to provide for the fee payable for a written report of a record search, and Section 17-1107(a)(10) to provide for the fee payable for the issuance of a good standing certificate for a registered series, a certificate that recites all of the filings of any registered series, a certificate that lists all of the registered series formed by a limited partnership, and any certificate issued via the Secretary of State's online services.

Sections 26, 27 and 28. These sections amend Section 17-1109, 17-1110, and 17-1111 of the Act to include references to protected series and registered series, as appropriate.

Section 29. This section adds new Section 17-1112 of the Act to provide for the revival of a registered series whose certificate of registered series has been canceled pursuant to Section 17-1110(b) of the Act.

Section 30. This section adds a new subchapter XII providing for the formation of statutory public benefit limited partnerships which, like public benefit corporations, are intended to produce a public benefit or public benefits and to operate in a responsible and sustainable manner.

Section 31. This section provides that the proposed amendments to the Act shall become effective August 1, 2019.

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