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By House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Lantz, Esser, Constantine, Hurst and Ruderman)

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to the authorization and application of electronic
- 2 notice and electronic proxies to the nonprofit miscellaneous and mutual
- 3 corporations act; and amending RCW 24.06.005, 24.06.095, 24.06.105,
- 4 24.06.110, 24.06.115, 24.06.190, 24.06.195, 24.06.220, 24.06.225,
- 5 24.06.240, 24.06.250, 24.06.260, 24.06.270, and 24.06.275.
- 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 7 Sec. 1. RCW 24.06.005 and 1982 c 35 s 118 are each amended to read
- 8 as follows:
- 9 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the
- 10 term:
- 11 (1) "Corporation" or "domestic corporation" means a mutual
- 12 corporation or miscellaneous corporation subject to the provisions of
- 13 this chapter, except a foreign corporation.
- 14 (2) "Foreign corporation" means a mutual or miscellaneous
- 15 corporation or other corporation organized under laws other than the
- 16 laws of this state which would be subject to the provisions of this
- 17 chapter if organized under the laws of this state.

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- 1 (3) "Mutual corporation" means a corporation organized to 2 accomplish one or more of its purposes on a mutual basis for members 3 and other persons.
- 4 (4) "Miscellaneous corporation" means any corporation which is 5 organized for a purpose or in a manner not provided for by the 6 Washington business corporation act or by the Washington nonprofit 7 corporation act, and which is not required to be organized under other 8 laws of this state.
- 9 (5) "Articles of incorporation" includes the original articles of incorporation and all amendments thereto, and includes articles of 11 merger.
- 12 (6) "Bylaws" means the code or codes of rules adopted for the 13 regulation or management of the affairs of the corporation irrespective 14 of the name or names by which such rules are designated.
- 15 (7) "Member" means one having membership rights in a corporation in 16 accordance with provisions of its articles of incorporation or bylaws.
- 17 (8) "Stock" or "share" means the units into which the proprietary 18 interests of a corporation are divided in a corporation organized with 19 stock.
- 20 (9) "Stockholder" or "shareholder" means one who is a holder of 21 record of one or more shares in a corporation organized with stock.
- (10) "Board of directors" means the group of persons vested with the management of the affairs of the corporation irrespective of the name by which such group is designated.
- 25 (11) "Insolvent" means inability of a corporation to pay debts as 26 they become due in the usual course of its affairs.
- 27 (12) "Duplicate originals" means two copies, original or otherwise, 28 each with original signatures, or one original with original signatures 29 and one copy thereof.
- 30 (13) "Conforms to law" as used in connection with duties of the 31 secretary of state in reviewing documents for filing under this 32 chapter, means the secretary of state has determined the document 33 complies as to form with the applicable requirements of this chapter.
- (14) "Effective date" means, in connection with a document filing made by the secretary of state, the date which is shown by affixing a "filed" stamp on the documents. When a document is received for filing by the secretary of state in a form which complies with the requirements of this chapter and which would entitle the document to be filed immediately upon receipt, but the secretary of state's approval

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action occurs subsequent to the date of receipt, the secretary of state's filing date shall relate back to the date on which the secretary of state first received the document in acceptable form. An applicant may request a specific effective date no more than thirty days later than the receipt date which might otherwise be applied as the effective date.

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- (15) "Executed by an officer of the corporation," or words of similar import, means that any document signed by such person shall be and is signed by that person under penalties of perjury and in an official and authorized capacity on behalf of the corporation or person making the document submission with the secretary of state.
- (16) "An officer of the corporation" means, in connection with the execution of documents submitted for filing with the secretary of state, the president, a vice president, the secretary, or the treasurer of the corporation.
- (17) "Electronic transmission" or "electronically transmitted" 16 means any process of electronic communication not directly involving 17 the physical transfer of paper that is suitable for the retention, 18 19 retrieval, and reproduction of the transmitted information by the recipient. However, such an electronic transmission must either set 20 forth or be submitted with information, including any security or 21 validation controls used, from which it can reasonably be determined 22 23 that the electronic transmission was authorized by, as applicable, the 24 corporation or shareholder or member by or on behalf of which the 25 <u>electronic transmission was sent.</u>
- 26 **Sec. 2.** RCW 24.06.095 and 1970 ex.s. c 78 s 1 are each amended to 27 read as follows:

The initial bylaws of a corporation shall be adopted by its board 28 29 of directors. The power to alter, amend or repeal the bylaws or adopt 30 new bylaws shall be vested in the board of directors unless otherwise provided in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws. 31 may contain any provisions for the regulation and management of the 32 affairs of a corporation not inconsistent with law or the articles of 33 34 incorporation: PROVIDED, That where the bylaws of an existing corporation prohibit voting by mail, by electronic transmission, or by 35 36 proxy or attorney-in-fact, and the quorum required by its bylaws for 37 election of directors or transaction of other business has not been 38 obtained at a shareholders' or members' meeting, for a period which

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- includes at least two consecutive annual meeting dates, the board of
- directors shall have power to amend such bylaws to thereafter authorize 2
- voting by mail, by electronic transmission, or by proxy or attorney-in-3
- 4 fact.
- 5 Sec. 3. RCW 24.06.105 and 1969 ex.s. c 120 s 21 are each amended 6 to read as follows:
- 7 Written or printed notice or, if specifically permitted by the articles of incorporation or bylaws of the corporation, notice given by 8 9 electronic transmission, stating the place, day and hour of the meeting 10 and, in case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten nor more 11 12 than fifty days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail or electronic transmission, by or at the direction of the 13 14 president, or the secretary, or the officers or persons calling the 15 meeting, to each member or shareholder entitled to vote at such If provided in the articles of incorporation, notice of 16 regular meetings other than annual may be made by providing each member 17 18 with the adopted schedule of regular meetings for the ensuing year at 19 any time after the annual meeting and ten days prior to a regular 20 meeting and at any time when requested by a member or by such other 21 notice as may be prescribed by the bylaws. If mailed, such notice 22 shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the member or shareholder at his or her address as 23 24 it appears on the records of the corporation, with postage thereon 25 prepaid. If sent by electronic transmission, the notice is deemed to be delivered when sent, addressed to the member or shareholder at his 26 or her electronic transmission address as it appears on the records of 27 28 the corporation.
- 29 Sec. 4. RCW 24.06.110 and 1969 ex.s. c 120 s 22 are each amended to read as follows: 30
- The right of a class or classes of members or shareholders to vote 31 32 may be limited, enlarged or denied to the extent specified in the 33 articles of incorporation. Unless so limited, enlarged or denied, each member and each outstanding share of each class shall be entitled to 34 35 one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of members or shareholders. No member of a class may acquire any interest which will entitle him or 36
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her to a greater vote than any other member of the same class.

SHB 2320 p. 4 A member or shareholder may vote in person or, unless the articles of incorporation or the bylaws otherwise provide, may vote by mail, by electronic transmission, or by proxy executed in writing by the member or shareholder or by his or her duly authorized attorney-in-fact: PROVIDED, That no proxy shall be valid for more than eleven months from the date of its execution unless otherwise specified in the proxy.

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7 If a member or shareholder may vote by proxy, the proxy may be 8 given by:

- 9 (1) Executing a writing authorizing another person or persons to
  10 act for the member or shareholder as proxy. Execution may be
  11 accomplished by the member or shareholder or the member's or
  12 shareholder's authorized officer, director, employee, or agent signing
  13 the writing or causing his or her signature to be affixed to the
  14 writing by any reasonable means including, but not limited to,
  15 facsimile signature; or
  - (2) Authorizing another person or persons to act for the member or shareholder as proxy by transmitting or authorizing the transmission of an electronic transmission to the person who will be the holder of the proxy, or to a proxy solicitation firm, proxy support service organization, or like agent duly authorized by the person who will be the holder of the proxy to receive the transmission. If it is determined that the electronic transmissions are valid, the inspector of election or, if there are no inspectors, any other officer or agent of the corporation making that determination on behalf of the corporation shall specify the information upon which they relied. The corporation shall require the holders of proxies received by electronic transmission to provide to the corporation copies of the electronic transmission and the corporation shall retain copies of the electronic transmission for a reasonable period of time.

The articles of incorporation may provide that whenever proposals or directors or officers are to be voted upon, such vote may be taken by mail or by electronic transmission if the name of each candidate and the text of each proposal to be so voted upon are set forth in a writing accompanying or contained in the notice of meeting. Persons voting by mail or by electronic transmission shall be deemed present for all purposes of quorum, count of votes and percentages of total voting power voting.

The articles of incorporation or the bylaws may provide that in all elections for directors every person entitled to vote shall have the

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- l right to cumulate his <u>or her</u> vote and to give one candidate a number of
- 2 votes equal to his or her vote multiplied by the number of directors to
- 3 be elected, or by distributing such votes on the same principle among
- 4 any number of such candidates.
- 5 **Sec. 5.** RCW 24.06.115 and 1969 ex.s. c 120 s 23 are each amended 6 to read as follows:
- 7 The articles of incorporation or the bylaws may provide the number
- 8 or percentage of votes which members or shareholders are entitled to
- 9 cast in person, by mail, by electronic transmission, or by proxy, which
- 10 shall constitute a quorum at meetings of shareholders or members.
- 11 However, in no event shall a quorum be less than one-fourth of the
- 12 votes which members or shareholders are entitled to cast in person, by
- 13 mail, by electronic transmission, or by proxy, at a meeting considering
- 14 the adoption of a proposal which is required by the provisions of this
- 15 chapter to be adopted by at least two-thirds of the votes which members
- 16 or shareholders present at the meeting in person or by mail, by
- 17 <u>electronic transmission</u>, or represented by proxy are entitled to cast.
- 18 In all other matters and in the absence of any provision in the
- 19 articles of incorporation or bylaws, a quorum shall consist of one-
- 20 fourth of the votes which members or shareholders are entitled to cast
- 21 in person, by mail, by electronic transmission, or by proxy at the
- 22 meeting. On any proposal on which a class of shareholders or members
- 23 is entitled to vote as a class, a quorum of the class entitled to vote
- 24 as such class must also be present in person, by mail, by electronic
- 25 <u>transmission</u>, or represented by proxy.
- 26 Sec. 6. RCW 24.06.190 and 1969 ex.s. c 120 s 38 are each amended
- 27 to read as follows:
- Amendments to the articles of incorporation shall be made in the
- 29 following manner:
- The board of directors shall adopt a resolution setting forth the
- 31 proposed amendment and directing that it be submitted to a vote at a
- 32 meeting of members and shareholders, which may be either an annual or
- 33 a special meeting. Written or printed notice or, if specifically
- 34 permitted by the articles of incorporation or bylaws of the
- 35 corporation, notice by electronic transmission, setting forth the
- 36 proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be effected thereby
- 37 shall be given to each member and shareholder entitled to vote at such

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2 the giving of notice of meetings of members and shareholders. proposed amendment shall be adopted upon receiving at least two-thirds 3 4 of the votes which members or shareholders present in person or by mail or by electronic transmission at such meeting or represented by proxy

meeting within the time and in the manner provided in this chapter for

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- are entitled to cast: PROVIDED, That when any class of shares or 6
- 7 members is entitled to vote thereon by class, the proposed amendment
- 8 must receive at least two-thirds of the votes of the members or
- 9 shareholders of each class entitled to vote thereon as a class, who are
- 10 present in person, by mail, by electronic transmission, or represented
- 11 by proxy at such meeting.
- 12 Any number of amendments may be submitted and voted upon at any one
- 13 meeting.

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- 14 Sec. 7. RCW 24.06.195 and 1982 c 35 s 130 are each amended to read
- as follows: 15
- 16 The articles of amendment shall be executed in duplicate originals
- by the corporation by an officer of the corporation, and shall set 17
- 18 forth:
- 19 (1) The name of the corporation.
- (2) Any amendment so adopted. 20
- 21 (3) A statement setting forth the date of the meeting of members
- 22 and shareholders at which the amendment was adopted, that a quorum was
- 23 present at such meeting, and that such amendment received at least two-
- 24 thirds of the votes which members or shareholders of the corporation,
- 25 and of each class entitled to vote thereon as a class, present at such
- meeting in person, by mail, by electronic transmission, or represented 26
- 27 by proxy were entitled to cast, or a statement that such amendment was
- adopted by a consent in writing signed by all members and shareholders 28
- 29 entitled to vote with respect thereto.
- Sec. 8. RCW 24.06.220 and 1969 ex.s. c 120 s 44 are each amended 30
- to read as follows: 31
- 32 A plan of merger or consolidation shall be adopted in the following
- 33 manner:
- The board of directors of such corporation shall adopt a resolution 34
- 35 approving the proposed plan and directing that it be submitted to a
- vote at a meeting of members or shareholders which may be either an 36
- 37 annual or a special meeting. Written or printed notice or, if

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specifically permitted by the articles of incorporation or bylaws of 1 the corporation, notice by electronic transmission, setting forth the 2 proposed plan or a summary thereof shall be given to each member and 3 4 shareholder within the time and in the manner provided in this chapter 5 for the giving of notice of meetings of members and shareholders. proposed plan shall be adopted upon receiving at least two-thirds of 6 7 the votes which members and shareholders present in person or by mail or by electronic transmission at each such meeting or represented by 8 9 proxy are entitled to cast: PROVIDED, That when any class of shares or 10 members is entitled to vote thereon as a class, the proposed amendment must receive at least two-thirds of the votes of the members or 11 12 shareholders of each class entitled to vote thereon as a class, who are present in person, by mail, by electronic transmission, or represented 13 14 by proxy at such meeting.

After such approval, and at any time prior to the filing of the articles of merger or consolidation, the merger or consolidation may be abandoned pursuant to provisions therefor, if any, set forth in the plan of merger or consolidation.

- 19 **Sec. 9.** RCW 24.06.225 and 1982 c 35 s 134 are each amended to read 20 as follows:
- 21 (1) Upon approval, articles of merger or articles of consolidation 22 shall be executed in duplicate originals by each corporation, by an 23 officer of each corporation, and shall set forth:
  - (a) The plan of merger or the plan of consolidation;
  - (b) A statement setting forth the date of the meeting of members or shareholders at which the plan was adopted, that a quorum was present at such meeting, and that such plan received at least two-thirds of the votes which members and shareholders of the corporation and of each class entitled to vote thereon as a class, present at such meeting in person or by mail or by electronic transmission or represented by proxy were entitled to cast, or a statement that such amendment was adopted by a consent in writing signed by all members;
- 33 (2) Duplicate originals of the articles of merger or articles of 34 consolidation shall be delivered to the secretary of state. If the 35 secretary of state finds that such articles conform to law, he or she 36 shall, when all fees have been paid as prescribed in this chapter:
- 37 (a) Endorse on each of such originals the word "filed", and the 38 effective date of the filing thereof;

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(b) File one of such originals in his or her office;

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2 (c) Issue a certificate of merger or a certificate of consolidation 3 to which he or she shall affix one of such originals.

The certificate of merger or certificate of consolidation, together with the original of the articles of merger or articles of consolidation affixed thereto by the secretary of state shall be returned to the surviving or new corporation, as the case may be, or its representative, and shall be retained by the corporation.

9 **Sec. 10.** RCW 24.06.240 and 1969 ex.s. c 120 s 48 are each amended 10 to read as follows:

A sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of all or substantially all of the property and assets of a corporation may be made upon such terms and conditions and for such consideration, which may consist in whole or in part of money or property, real or personal, including shares of any corporation for profit, domestic or foreign, as may be authorized in the following manner:

- (1) The board of directors shall adopt a resolution recommending a sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition and directing that it be submitted to a vote at a meeting of members or shareholders which may be either an annual or a special meeting.
- (2) Written or printed notice or, if specifically permitted by the articles of incorporation or bylaws of the corporation, notice by electronic transmission, stating that the purpose or one of the purposes of such meeting is to consider the sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of all or substantially all of the property and assets of the corporation shall be given to each member and shareholder within the time and in the manner provided by this chapter for the giving of notice of meetings of members and shareholders.
- 29 (3) At such meeting the members may authorize such sale, lease, 30 exchange, or other disposition and may fix, or may authorize the board 31 of directors to fix, any or all of the terms and conditions thereof and 32 the consideration to be received by the corporation therefor.
  - (4) Such authorization shall require at least two-thirds of the votes which members and shareholders present at such meetings in person, by mail, by electronic transmission, or represented by proxy are entitled to cast: PROVIDED, That even after such authorization by a vote of members or shareholders, the board of directors may, in its discretion, without further action or approval by members, abandon such

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- l sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of assets, subject only to
- 2 the rights of third parties under any contracts relating thereto.

3 **Sec. 11.** RCW 24.06.250 and 1969 ex.s. c 120 s 50 are each amended 4 to read as follows:

Any member or shareholder electing to exercise such right of 5 dissent shall file with the corporation, prior to or at the meeting of 6 7 members and shareholders at which such proposed corporate action is submitted to a vote, a written objection to such proposed corporate 8 9 If such proposed corporate action be approved by the required vote and such member or shareholder shall not have voted in favor 10 thereof, such member or shareholder may, within ten days after the date 11 on which the vote was taken, or if a corporation is to be merged 12 without a vote of its members and shareholders into another 13 14 corporation, any other members or shareholders may, within fifteen days 15 after the plan of such merger shall have been mailed or sent by electronic transmission to such members and shareholders, make written 16 demand on the corporation, or, in the case 17 of a merger 18 consolidation, on the surviving or new corporation, domestic or 19 foreign, for payment of the fair value of such member's membership or of such shareholder's shares, and, if such proposed corporate action is 20 21 effected, such corporation shall pay to such member, upon surrender of 22 his or her membership certificate, if any, or to such shareholder, upon 23 surrender of the certificate or certificates representing such shares, 24 the fair value thereof as of the day prior to the date on which the 25 vote was taken approving the proposed corporate action, excluding any appreciation or depreciation in anticipation of such corporate action. 26 Any member or shareholder failing to make demand within the ten day 27 period shall be bound by the terms of the proposed corporate action. 28 29 Any member or shareholder making such demand shall thereafter be entitled only to payment as in this section provided and shall not be 30 entitled to vote or to exercise any other rights of a member or 31 shareholder. 32

No such demand shall be withdrawn unless the corporation shall consent thereto. The right of such member or shareholder to be paid the fair value of his <u>or her</u> shares shall cease and his <u>or her</u> status as a member or shareholder shall be restored, without prejudice to any corporate proceedings which may have been taken during the interim, if:

(1) Such demand shall be withdrawn upon consent; or

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- 1 (2) The proposed corporate action shall be abandoned or rescinded 2 or the members or shareholders shall revoke the authority to effect 3 such action; or
- 4 (3) In the case of a merger, on the date of the filing of the 5 articles of merger the surviving corporation is the owner of all the 6 outstanding shares of the other corporations, domestic and foreign, 7 that are parties to the merger; or
  - (4) No demand or petition for the determination of fair value by a court shall have been made or filed within the time provided by this section; or

11 (5) A court of competent jurisdiction shall determine that such 12 member or shareholder is not entitled to the relief provided by this 13 section.

Within ten days after such corporate action is effected, the corporation, or, in the case of a merger or consolidation, the surviving or new corporation, domestic or foreign, shall give written notice thereof to each dissenting member or shareholder who has made demand as herein provided, and shall make a written offer to each such member or shareholder to pay for such shares or membership at a specified price deemed by such corporation to be the fair value thereof. Such notice and offer shall be accompanied by a balance sheet of the corporation in which the member has his or her membership or the shares of which the dissenting shareholder holds, as of the latest available date and not more than twelve months prior to the making of such offer, and a profit and loss statement of such corporation for the twelve months' period ended on the date of such balance sheet.

If within thirty days after the date on which such corporate action was effected the fair value of such shares or membership is agreed upon between any such dissenting member or shareholder and the corporation, payment therefor shall be made within ninety days after the date on which such corporate action was effected, upon surrender of the membership certificate, if any, or upon surrender of the certificate or certificates representing such shares. Upon payment of the agreed value the dissenting member or shareholder shall cease to have any interest in such membership or shares.

If within such period of thirty days a dissenting member or shareholder and the corporation do not so agree, then the corporation, within thirty days after receipt of written demand from any dissenting member or shareholder given within sixty days after the date on which

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such corporate action was effected, shall, or at its election at any 1 2 time within such period of sixty days may, file a petition in any court of competent jurisdiction in the county in this state where the 3 4 registered office of the corporation is located praying that the fair 5 value of such membership or shares be found and determined. If, in the case of a merger or consolidation, the surviving or new corporation is 6 7 a foreign corporation without a registered office in this state, such 8 petition shall be filed in the county where the registered office of 9 the domestic corporation was last located. If the corporation shall 10 fail to institute the proceeding as herein provided, any dissenting member or shareholder may do so in the name of the corporation. 11 dissenting members and shareholders, wherever residing, shall be made 12 13 parties to the proceeding as an action against their memberships or shares quasi in rem. A copy of the petition shall be served on each 14 15 dissenting member and shareholder who is a resident of this state and 16 shall be served by registered or certified mail on each dissenting member or shareholder who is a nonresident. Service on nonresidents 17 shall also be made by publication as provided by law. The jurisdiction 18 19 of the court shall be plenary and exclusive. All members and shareholders who are parties to the proceeding shall be entitled to 20 judgment against the corporation for the amount of the fair value of 21 The court may, if it so elects, appoint one or more 22 their shares. persons as appraisers to receive evidence and recommend a decision on 23 24 the question of fair value. The appraisers shall have such power and 25 authority as shall be specified in the order of their appointment or an 26 amendment thereof. The judgment shall be payable only upon and concurrently with the surrender to the corporation of the membership 27 certificate, if any, or of the certificate or certificates representing 28 29 such shares. Upon payment of the judgment, the dissenting shareholder 30 or member shall cease to have any interest in such shares or membership. 31 32

The judgment shall include an allowance for interest at such rate as the court may find to be fair and equitable in all the circumstances, from the date on which the vote was taken on the proposed corporate action to the date of payment.

The costs and expenses of any such proceeding shall be determined by the court and shall be assessed against the corporation, but all or any part of such costs and expenses may be apportioned and assessed as the court may deem equitable against any or all of the dissenting

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members and shareholders who are parties to the proceeding to whom the 1 corporation shall have made an offer to pay for membership or shares if 2 the court shall find that the action of such members or shareholders in 3 4 failing to accept such offer was arbitrary or vexatious or not in good 5 Such expenses shall include reasonable compensation for and reasonable expenses of the appraisers, but shall exclude the fees and 6 7 expenses of counsel for and experts employed by any party; but if the 8 fair value of the memberships or shares as determined materially 9 exceeds the amount which the corporation offered to pay therefor, or if 10 no offer was made, the court in its discretion may award to any member or shareholder who is a party to the proceeding such sum as the court 11 may determine to be reasonable compensation to any expert or experts 12 13 employed by the member or shareholder in the proceeding.

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Within twenty days after demanding payment for his or her shares or membership, each member and shareholder demanding payment shall submit the certificate or certificates representing his or her membership or shares to the corporation for notation thereon that such demand has been made. His or her failure to do so shall, at the option of the corporation, terminate his or her rights under this section unless a court of competent jurisdiction, for good and sufficient cause shown, shall otherwise direct. If membership or shares represented by a certificate on which notation has been so made shall be transferred, each new certificate issued therefor shall bear a similar notation, together with the name of the original dissenting holder of such membership or shares, and a transferee of such membership or shares shall acquire by such transfer no rights in the corporation other than those which the original dissenting member or shareholder had after making demand for payment of the fair value thereof.

- 29 **Sec. 12.** RCW 24.06.260 and 1982 c 35 s 137 are each amended to 30 read as follows:
- A corporation may dissolve and wind up its affairs in the following manner:
- 33 (1) The board of directors shall adopt a resolution recommending 34 that the corporation be dissolved, and directing that the question of 35 such dissolution be submitted to a vote at a meeting of members and 36 shareholders which may be either an annual or a special meeting.
- 37 (2) Written or printed notice <u>or, if specifically permitted by the</u> 38 articles of incorporation or bylaws of the corporation, notice by

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- electronic transmission, stating that the purpose or one of the purposes of such meeting is to consider the advisability of dissolving the corporation shall be given to each member and shareholder within the time and in the manner provided in this chapter for the giving of notice of meetings of members and shareholders.
  - (3) A resolution to dissolve the corporation shall be adopted upon receiving at least two-thirds of the votes which members and shareholders present in person or by mail or by electronic transmission at such meeting or represented by proxy are entitled to cast.

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- 10 Upon the adoption of such resolution by the members and shareholders, the corporation shall cease to conduct its affairs and, except insofar as may be necessary for the winding up thereof, shall immediately cause a notice of the proposed dissolution to be mailed to each known creditor of the corporation and to the department of revenue, and shall proceed to collect its assets and to apply and distribute them as provided in RCW 24.06.265.
- 17 **Sec. 13.** RCW 24.06.270 and 1969 ex.s. c 120 s 54 are each amended 18 to read as follows:
- A corporation may, at any time prior to the issuance of a certificate of dissolution by the secretary of state, revoke the action theretofore taken to dissolve the corporation, in the following manner:
  - (1) The board of directors shall adopt a resolution recommending that the voluntary dissolution proceedings be revoked, and directing that the question of such revocation be submitted to a vote at a meeting of members or shareholders which may be either an annual or a special meeting.
  - (2) Written or printed notice or, if specifically permitted by the articles of incorporation or bylaws of the corporation, notice by electronic transmission, stating that the purpose or one of the purposes of the meeting is to consider the advisability of revoking the voluntary dissolution proceedings shall be given to each member and shareholder within the time and in the manner provided in this chapter for the giving of notice of meetings of members or shareholders.
- 34 (3) A resolution to revoke voluntary dissolution proceedings shall 35 be adopted upon receiving at least two-thirds of the votes which 36 members and shareholders present in person or by mail or by electronic 37 transmission at such meeting or represented by proxy are entitled to 38 cast.

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1 **Sec. 14.** RCW 24.06.275 and 1993 c 356 s 17 are each amended to 2 read as follows:

3 If voluntary dissolution proceedings have not been revoked, then 4 after all debts, liabilities and obligations of the corporation shall have been paid and discharged, or adequate provision shall have been 5 made therefor, and all of the remaining property and assets of the 6 7 corporation shall have been transferred, conveyed or distributed in 8 accordance with the provisions of this chapter, articles of dissolution 9 shall be executed in duplicate by the corporation, by an officer of the 10 corporation; and such statement shall set forth:

(1) The name of the corporation.

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- 12 (2) The date of the meeting of members or shareholders at which the 13 resolution to dissolve was adopted, certifying that:
  - (a) A quorum was present at such meeting;
- (b) Such resolution received at least two-thirds of the votes which members and shareholders present in person or by mail or by electronic transmission at such meeting or represented by proxy were entitled to cast or was adopted by a consent in writing signed by all members and shareholders;
- (c) All debts, obligations, and liabilities of the corporation have been paid and discharged or that adequate provision has been made therefor;
- 23 (d) All the remaining property and assets of the corporation have 24 been transferred, conveyed or distributed in accordance with the 25 provisions of this chapter;
- (e) There are no suits pending against the corporation in any court or, if any suits are pending against it, that adequate provision has been made for the satisfaction of any judgment, order or decree which may be entered; and
- 30 (f) A copy of a revenue clearance certificate issued pursuant to 31 chapter 82.32 RCW.

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