### CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

#### SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6189

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58th Legislature 2004 Regular Session

RECEIVERSHIPS

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## FRANK CHOPP

### Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Governor of the State of Washington

#### CERTIFICATE

I, Milton н. Doumit, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6189 as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

# MILTON H. DOUMIT JR.

Secretary

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Secretary of State State of Washington

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### SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6189

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# State of Washington 58th Legislature 2004 Regular Session

**By** Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Johnson, Kline, Esser and Roach)

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- AN ACT Relating to receiverships; amending RCW 4.28.320, 6.32.100, 1 2 6.32.150, 7.08.010, 7.08.030, 7.56.110, 11.64.022, 23B.14.320, 3 24.06.305, 87.56.065, and 87.56.100; adding new sections to chapter 7.60 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 31.12 RCW; adding a new 4 5 section to chapter 35.07 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35A.15 6 RCW; creating new sections; and repealing RCW 4.28.081, 6.25.200, 7 6.32.290, 6.32.300, 6.32.310, 6.32.320, 6.32.330, 6.32.340, 6.32.350, 7.08.020, 7.08.050, 7.08.060, 7.08.070, 7.08.080, 7.08.090, 7.08.100, 8 9 7.08.110, 7.08.120, 7.08.130, 7.08.140, 7.08.150, 7.08.170, 7.08.180, 10 7.08.190, 7.08.200, 7.60.010, 7.60.020, 7.60.030, 7.60.040, 7.60.050, 23.72.010, 23.72.020, 23.72.030, 23.72.040, 23.72.050, 23.72.060, 11 12 24.03.275, 24.03.280, 24.03.285, 24.03.310, 24.03.315, 24.03.320, 13 87.56.070, 87.56.080, 87.56.085, 87.56.090, 87.56.110, 87.56.120, 14 87.56.130, 87.56.135, 87.56.140, 87.56.145, 87.56.150, and 87.56.155.
- 15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this act is to create more comprehensive, streamlined, and cost-effective procedures applicable to proceedings in which property of a person is administered

- 1 by the courts of this state for the benefit of creditors and other
- 2 persons having an interest therein.

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- 3 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 7.60 RCW 4 to read as follows:
  - DEFINITIONS. The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context requires otherwise.
- 7 (1) "Court" means the superior court of this state in which the 8 receivership is pending.
  - (2) "Entity" means a person other than a natural person.
  - (3) "Estate" means the entirety of the property with respect to which a receiver's appointment applies, but does not include trust fund taxes or property of an individual person exempt from execution under the laws of this state. Estate property includes any nonexempt interest in property that is partially exempt, including fee title to property subject to a homestead exemption under chapter 6.13 RCW.
  - (4) "Executory contract" means a contract where the obligation of both the person over whose property the receiver is appointed and the other party to the contract are so far unperformed that the failure of either party to the contract to complete performance would constitute a material breach of the contract, thereby excusing the other party's performance of the contract.
  - (5) "Insolvent" or "insolvency" means a financial condition of a person such that the sum of the person's debts and other obligations is greater than all of that person's property, at a fair valuation, exclusive of (a) property transferred, concealed, or removed with intent to hinder, delay, or defraud any creditors of the person, and (b) any property exempt from execution under any statutes of this state.
  - (6) "Lien" means a charge against or interest in property to secure payment of a debt or the performance of an obligation.
- 31 (7) "Notice and a hearing" or any similar phrase means notice and 32 opportunity for a hearing.
- 33 (8) "Person" means an individual, corporation, limited liability 34 company, general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability 35 partnership, association, governmental entity, or other entity, of any 36 kind or nature.

(9) "Property" includes all right, title, and interests, both legal and equitable, and including any community property interest, in or with respect to any property of a person with respect to which a receiver is appointed, regardless of the manner by which the property has been or is acquired. "Property" includes any proceeds, products, offspring, rents, or profits of or from property in the estate. 7 "Property" does not include any power that a person may exercise solely for the benefit of another person or trust fund taxes.

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- 9 (10) "Receiver" means a person appointed by the court as the court's agent, and subject to the court's direction, to take possession 10 11 of, manage, or dispose of property of a person.
  - (11) "Receivership" means the case in which the receiver is appointed. "General receivership" means a receivership in which a general receiver is appointed. "Custodial receivership" means a receivership in which a custodial receiver is appointed.
    - (12) "Security interest" means a lien created by an agreement.
- 17 (13) "State agent" and "state agency" means any office, department, division, bureau, board, commission, or other agency of the state of 18 Washington or of any subdivision thereof, or any individual acting in 19 20 an official capacity on behalf of any state agent or state agency.
- 21 (14) "Utility" means a person providing any service regulated by 22 the utilities and transportation commission.
- 23 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 7.60 RCW 24 to read as follows:

TYPES OF RECEIVERS. A receiver must be either a general receiver 25 26 or a custodial receiver. A receiver must be a general receiver if the 27 receiver is appointed to take possession and control of all or substantially all of a person's property with authority to liquidate 28 that property and, in the case of a business over which the receiver is 29 appointed, wind up affairs. A receiver must be a custodial receiver if 30 31 the receiver is appointed to take charge of limited or specific property of a person or is not given authority to liquidate property. 32 The court shall specify in the order appointing a receiver whether the 33 receiver is appointed as a general receiver or as a custodial receiver. 34 When the sole basis for the appointment is the pendency of an action to 35 36 foreclose upon a lien against real property, or the giving of a notice of a trustee's sale under RCW 61.24.040 or a notice of forfeiture under 37

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- 1 RCW 61.30.040, the court shall appoint the receiver as a custodial
- 2 receiver. The court by order may convert either a general receivership
- 3 or a custodial receivership into the other.

4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 7.60 RCW 5 to read as follows:

APPOINTMENT OF RECEIVER. (1) A receiver may be appointed by the superior court of this state in the following instances, but except in any case in which a receiver's appointment is expressly required by statute, or any case in which a receiver's appointment is sought by a state agent whose authority to seek the appointment of a receiver is expressly conferred by statute, or any case in which a receiver's appointment with respect to real property is sought under (b)(ii) of this subsection, a receiver shall be appointed only if the court additionally determines that the appointment of a receiver is reasonably necessary and that other available remedies either are not available or are inadequate:

- (a) On application of any party, when the party is determined to have a probable right to or interest in property that is a subject of the action and in the possession of an adverse party, or when the property or its revenue-producing potential is in danger of being lost or materially injured or impaired. A receiver may be appointed under this subsection (1)(a) whether or not the application for appointment of a receiver is combined with, or is ancillary to, an action seeking a money judgment or other relief;
- (b) Provisionally, during the pendency of any action to foreclose upon any lien against or for forfeiture of any interest in real or personal property, or after notice of a trustee's sale has been given under RCW 61.24.040, or after notice of forfeiture has been given under RCW 61.30.040, on application of any person, when the interest in the property that is the subject of foreclosure or forfeiture of the person seeking the receiver's appointment is determined to be probable and either:
- (i) The property or its revenue-producing potential is in danger of being lost or materially injured or impaired; or
- 35 (ii) The appointment of a receiver with respect to the real or 36 personal property that is the subject of the action, the notice of

trustee's sale or notice of forfeiture is provided for by agreement or is reasonably necessary to effectuate or enforce an assignment of rents or other revenues from the property;

- (c) After judgment, in order to give effect to the judgment;
- (d) To dispose of property according to provisions of a judgment dealing with its disposition;
- (e) To the extent that property is not exempt from execution, at the instance of a judgment creditor either before or after the issuance of any execution, to preserve or protect it, or prevent its transfer;
- (f) If and to the extent that property is subject to execution to satisfy a judgment, to preserve the property during the pendency of an appeal, or when an execution has been returned unsatisfied, or when an order requiring a judgment debtor to appear for proceedings supplemental to judgment has been issued and the judgment debtor fails to submit to examination as ordered;
- (g) Upon an attachment of real or personal property when the property attached is of a perishable nature or is otherwise in danger of waste, impairment, or destruction, or where the abandoned property's owner has absconded with, secreted, or abandoned the property, and it is necessary to collect, conserve, manage, control, or protect it, or to dispose of it promptly, or when the court determines that the nature of the property or the exigency of the case otherwise provides cause for the appointment of a receiver;
- (h) In an action by a transferor of real or personal property to avoid or rescind the transfer on the basis of fraud, or in an action to subject property or a fund to the payment of a debt;
- (i) In an action against any person who is not an individual if the object of the action is the dissolution of that person, or if that person has been dissolved, or if that person is insolvent or is not generally paying the person's debts as those debts become due unless they are the subject of bona fide dispute, or if that person is in imminent danger of insolvency;
- (j) In accordance with RCW 7.08.030 (4) and (6), in cases in which a general assignment for the benefit of creditors has been made;
  - (k) In quo warranto proceedings under chapter 7.56 RCW;
  - (1) As provided under RCW 11.64.022;
- 37 (m) In an action by the department of licensing under RCW 38 18.35.220(3) with respect to persons engaged in the business of

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- dispensing of hearing aids, RCW 18.85.350 in the case of persons engaged in the business of a real estate broker, associate real estate broker, or real estate salesperson, or RCW 19.105.470 with respect to persons engaged in the business of camping resorts;
  - (n) In an action under RCW 18.44.470 or 18.44.490 in the case of persons engaged in the business of escrow agents;
    - (o) Upon a petition with respect to a nursing home in accordance with and subject to receivership provisions under chapter 18.51 RCW;
  - (p) Under RCW 19.40.071(3), in connection with a proceeding for relief with respect to a transfer fraudulent as to a creditor or creditors;
  - (q) Under RCW 19.100.210(1), in an action by the attorney general or director of financial institutions to restrain any actual or threatened violation of the franchise investment protection act;
  - (r) In an action by the attorney general or by a prosecuting attorney under RCW 19.110.160 with respect to a seller of business opportunities;
  - (s) In an action by the director of financial institutions under RCW 21.20.390 in cases involving actual or threatened violations of the securities act of Washington or under RCW 21.30.120 in cases involving actual or threatened violations of chapter 21.30 RCW with respect to certain businesses and transactions involving commodities;
  - (t) In an action for dissolution of a business corporation under RCW 23B.14.310 or 23B.14.320, for dissolution of a nonprofit corporation under RCW 24.03.270, for dissolution of a mutual corporation under RCW 24.06.305, or in any other action for the dissolution or winding up of any other entity provided for by Title 23, 23B, 24, or 25 RCW;
  - (u) In any action in which the dissolution of any public or private entity is sought, in any action involving any dispute with respect to the ownership or governance of such an entity, or upon the application of a person having an interest in such an entity when the appointment is reasonably necessary to protect the property of the entity or its business or other interests;
- 35 (v) Under RCW 25.05.215, in aid of a charging order with respect to a partner's interest in a partnership;
  - (w) Under and subject to RCW 30.44.100, 30.44.270, and 30.56.030,

- in the case of a bank or trust company or, under and subject to RCW 32.24.070 through 32.24.090, in the case of a mutual savings bank;
- 3 (x) Under and subject to RCW 31.12.637 and 31.12.671 through 31.12.724, in the case of credit unions;

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- (y) Upon the application of the director of financial institutions under RCW 31.35.090 in actions to enforce chapter 31.35 RCW applicable to agricultural lenders, under RCW 31.40.120 in actions to enforce chapter 31.40 RCW applicable to entities engaged in federally guaranteed small business loans, under RCW 31.45.160 in actions to enforce chapter 31.45 RCW applicable to persons licensed as check cashers or check sellers, or under RCW 19.230.230 in actions to enforce chapter 19.230 RCW applicable to persons licensed under the uniform money services act;
- 14 (z) Under RCW 35.82.090 or 35.82.180, with respect to a housing 15 project;
  - (aa) Under RCW 39.84.160 or 43.180.360, in proceedings to enforce rights under any revenue bonds issued for the purpose of financing industrial development facilities or bonds of the Washington state housing finance commission, or any financing document securing any such bonds;
- (bb) Under and subject to RCW 43.70.195, in an action by the secretary of health or by a local health officer with respect to a public water system;
  - (cc) As contemplated by RCW 61.24.030, with respect to real property that is the subject of nonjudicial foreclosure proceedings under chapter 61.24 RCW;
  - (dd) As contemplated by RCW 61.30.030(3), with respect to real property that is the subject of judicial or nonjudicial forfeiture proceedings under chapter 61.30 RCW;
- (ee) Under RCW 64.32.200(2), in an action to foreclose upon a lien for common expenses against a dwelling unit subject to the horizontal property regimes act, chapter 64.32 RCW;
- 33 (ff) Under RCW 64.34.364(10), in an action by a unit owners' 34 association to foreclose a lien for nonpayment of delinquent 35 assessments against condominium units;
- 36 (gg) Upon application of the attorney general under RCW 37 64.36.220(3), in aid of any writ or order restraining or enjoining 38 violations of chapter 64.36 RCW applicable to timeshares;

- (hh) Under RCW 70.95A.050(3), in aid of the enforcement of payment or performance of municipal bonds issued with respect to facilities used to abate, control, or prevent pollution;
  - (ii) Upon the application of the department of social and health services under RCW 74.42.580, in cases involving nursing homes;
  - (jj) Upon the application of the utilities and transportation commission under RCW 80.28.040, with respect to a water company that has failed to comply with an order of such commission within the time deadline specified therein;
- (kk) Under RCW 87.56.065, in connection with the dissolution of an irrigation district;
  - (11) Upon application of the attorney general or the department of licensing, in any proceeding that either of them are authorized by statute to bring to enforce Title 18 or 19 RCW; the securities act of Washington, chapter 21.20 RCW; the Washington commodities act, chapter 21.30 RCW; the land development act, chapter 58.19 RCW; or under chapter 64.36 RCW relating to the regulation of timeshares;
  - (mm) Upon application of the director of financial institutions in any proceeding that the director of financial institutions is authorized to bring to enforce chapters 31.35, 31.40, and 31.45 RCW; or
  - (nn) In such other cases as may be provided for by law, or when, in the discretion of the court, it may be necessary to secure ample justice to the parties.
  - (2) The superior courts of this state shall appoint as receiver of property located in this state a person who has been appointed by a federal or state court located elsewhere as receiver with respect to the property specifically or with respect to the owner's property generally, upon the application of the person or of any party to that foreign proceeding, and following the appointment shall give effect to orders, judgments, and decrees of the foreign court affecting the property in this state held by the receiver, unless the court determines that to do so would be manifestly unjust or inequitable. The venue of such a proceeding may be any county in which the person resides or maintains any office, or any county in which any property over which the receiver is to be appointed is located at the time the proceeding is commenced.
- 37 (3) At least seven days' notice of any application for the 38 appointment of a receiver shall be given to the owner of property to be

subject thereto and to all other parties in the action, and to other parties in interest as the court may require. If any execution by a judgment creditor under Title 6 RCW or any application by a judgment creditor for the appointment of a receiver, with respect to property over which the receiver's appointment is sought, is pending in any other action at the time the application is made, then notice of the application for the receiver's appointment also shall be given to the judgment creditor in the other action. The court may shorten or expand the period for notice of an application for the appointment of a receiver upon good cause shown.

- (4) The order appointing a receiver in all cases shall reasonably describe the property over which the receiver is to take charge, by category, individual items, or both if the receiver is to take charge of less than all of the owner's property. If the order appointing a receiver does not expressly limit the receiver's authority to designated property or categories of property of the owner, the receiver is a general receiver with the authority to take charge over all of the owner's property, wherever located.
- (5) The court may condition the appointment of a receiver upon the giving of security by the person seeking the receiver's appointment, in such amount as the court may specify, for the payment of costs and damages incurred or suffered by any person should it later be determined that the appointment of the receiver was wrongfully obtained.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 7.60 RCW to read as follows:

ELIGIBILITY TO SERVE AS RECEIVER. Except as provided in this chapter or otherwise by statute, any person, whether or not a resident of this state, may serve as a receiver, with the exception that a person may not be appointed as a receiver, and shall be replaced as receiver if already appointed, if it should appear to the court that the person:

- (1) Has been convicted of a felony or other crime involving moral turpitude or is controlled by a person who has been convicted of a felony or other crime involving moral turpitude;
- 36 (2) Is a party to the action, or is a parent, grandparent, child, 37 grandchild, sibling, partner, director, officer, agent, attorney,

- employee, secured or unsecured creditor or lienor of, or holder of any 1 2 equity interest in, or controls or is controlled by, the person whose property is to be held by the receiver, or who is the agent or attorney 3 4 of any disqualified person; 5 (3) Has an interest materially adverse to the interest of persons to be affected by the receivership generally; or 6 7 (4) Is the sheriff of any county. 8 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 7.60 RCW to read as follows: 9 10 RECEIVER'S BOND. Except as otherwise provided for by statute or 11 12 13
- court rule, before entering upon duties of receiver, a receiver shall execute a bond with one or more sureties approved by the court, in the amount the court specifies, conditioned that the receiver will faithfully discharge the duties of receiver in accordance with orders of the court and state law. Unless otherwise ordered by the court, the receiver's bond runs in favor of all persons having an interest in the receivership proceeding or property held by the receiver and in favor of state agencies. The receiver's bond must provide substantially as follows:

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21 RECEIVER'S BOND

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, that . . . . . . . , as Principal, and . . . . . . . , as Surety, are held and firmly bound in the amount of . . . . . . . . Dollars (\$ . . . . . . . ) for the faithful performance by Principal of the Principal's duties as receiver with respect to property of . . . . . . in accordance with order(s) of such court previously or hereafter entered in the above-captioned proceeding and state law. If the Principal faithfully discharges the duties of receiver in accordance with such orders, this obligation shall be void, but otherwise it will remain in full force and effect.

[Signature of Receiver]

[Signature of Surety]

4 The court, in lieu of a bond, may approve the posting of alternative security, such as a letter of credit or a deposit of funds with the 5 clerk of the court, to be held by the clerk to secure the receiver's 6 faithful performance of the receiver's duties in accordance with orders 7 of the court and state law until the court authorizes the release or 8 return of the deposited sums. No part of the property over which the 9 receiver is appointed may be used in making the deposit; however, any 10 11 interest that may accrue on a deposit ordered by the court shall be 12 remitted to the receiver upon the receiver's discharge. 13 against the bond shall be made within one year from the date the receiver is discharged. Claims by state agencies against the bond 14 15 shall have priority.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. A new section is added to chapter 7.60 RCW to read as follows:

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POWERS OF THE COURT. Except as otherwise provided for by this chapter, the court in all cases has exclusive authority over the receiver, and the exclusive possession and right of control with respect to all real property and all tangible and intangible personal property with respect to which the receiver is appointed, wherever located, and the exclusive jurisdiction to determine all controversies relating to the collection, preservation, application, and distribution of all the property, and all claims against the receiver arising out of the exercise of the receiver's powers or the performance of the receiver's duties. However, the court does not have exclusive jurisdiction over actions in which a state agency is a party and in which a statute expressly vests jurisdiction or venue elsewhere.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. A new section is added to chapter 7.60 RCW to read as follows:

POWERS AND DUTIES OF RECEIVER GENERALLY. (1) A receiver has the following powers and authority in addition to those specifically conferred by this chapter or otherwise by statute, court rule, or court order:

- (a) The power to incur or pay expenses incidental to the receiver's preservation and use of the property with respect to which the appointment applies, and otherwise in the performance of the receiver's duties, including the power to pay obligations incurred prior to the receiver's appointment if and to the extent that payment is determined by the receiver to be prudent in order to preserve the value of property in the receiver's possession and the funds used for this purpose are not subject to any lien or right of setoff in favor of a creditor who has not consented to the payment and whose interest is not otherwise adequately protected;
- (b) If the appointment applies to all or substantially all of the property of an operating business or any revenue-producing property of any person, to do all things which the owner of the business or property might do in the ordinary course of the operation of the business as a going concern or use of the property including, but not limited to, the purchase and sale of goods or services in the ordinary course of such business, and the incurring and payment of expenses of the business or property in the ordinary course;
- (c) The power to assert any rights, claims, or choses in action of the person over whose property the receiver is appointed relating thereto, if and to the extent that the claims are themselves property within the scope of the appointment or relate to any property, to maintain in the receiver's name or in the name of such a person any action to enforce any right, claim, or chose in action, and to intervene in actions in which the person over whose property the receiver is appointed is a party for the purpose of exercising the powers under this subsection (1)(c);
- (d) The power to intervene in any action in which a claim is asserted against the person over whose property the receiver is appointed relating thereto, for the purpose of prosecuting or defending the claim and requesting the transfer of venue of the action to the court. However, the court shall not transfer actions in which both a state agency is a party and as to which a statute expressly vests jurisdiction or venue elsewhere. This power is exercisable with court approval in the case of a liquidating receiver, and with or without court approval in the case of a general receiver;
  - (e) The power to assert rights, claims, or choses in action of the

receiver arising out of transactions in which the receiver is a participant;

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- (f) The power to pursue in the name of the receiver any claim under chapter 19.40 RCW assertable by any creditor of the person over whose property the receiver is appointed, if pursuit of the claim is determined by the receiver to be appropriate;
- (g) The power to seek and obtain advice or instruction from the court with respect to any course of action with respect to which the receiver is uncertain in the exercise of the receiver's powers or the discharge of the receiver's duties;
- (h) The power to obtain appraisals with respect to property in the hands of the receiver;
- (i) The power by subpoena to compel any person to submit to an examination under oath, in the manner of a deposition in a civil case, with respect to estate property or any other matter that may affect the administration of the receivership; and
- (j) Other powers as may be conferred upon the receiver by the court or otherwise by statute or rule.
- (2) A receiver has the following duties in addition to those specifically conferred by this chapter or otherwise by statute or court rule:
- (a) The duty to notify all federal and state taxing and applicable regulatory agencies of the receiver's appointment in accordance with any applicable laws imposing this duty, including but not limited to 26 U.S.C. Sec. 6036 and RCW 51.14.073, 51.16.160, and 82.32.240, or any successor statutes;
  - (b) The duty to comply with state law;
- (c) If the receiver is appointed with respect to any real property, the duty to file with the auditor of the county in which the real property is located, or the registrar of lands in accordance with RCW 65.12.600 in the case of registered lands, a certified copy of the order of appointment, together with a legal description of the real property if one is not included in that order; and
- (d) Other duties as the receiver may be directed to perform by the court or as may be provided for by statute or rule.
- 36 (3) The various powers and duties of a receiver provided for by 37 this chapter may be expanded, modified, or limited by order of the 38 court for good cause shown.

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NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. A new section is added to chapter 7.60 RCW to read as follows:

TURNOVER OF PROPERTY. Upon demand by a receiver appointed under 3 this chapter, any person shall turn over any property over which the 4 5 receiver has been appointed that is within the possession or control of that person unless otherwise ordered by the court for good cause shown. 6 7 A receiver by motion may seek to compel turnover of estate property unless there exists a bona fide dispute with respect to the existence 8 9 or nature of the receiver's interest in the property, in which case turnover shall be sought by means of an action under section 18 of this 10 In the absence of a bona fide dispute with respect to the 11 receiver's right to possession of estate property, the failure to 12 relinquish possession and control to the receiver shall be punishable 13 14 as a contempt of the court.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. A new section is added to chapter 7.60 RCW to read as follows:

DUTIES OF PERSON OVER WHOSE PROPERTY THE RECEIVER IS APPOINTED.

The person over whose property the receiver is appointed shall:

- (1) Assist and cooperate fully with the receiver in the administration of the estate and the discharge of the receiver's duties, and comply with all orders of the court;
- (2) Supply to the receiver information necessary to enable the receiver to complete any schedules that the receiver may be required to file under section 11 of this act, and otherwise assist the receiver in the completion of the schedules;
- (3) Upon the receiver's appointment, deliver into the receiver's possession all of the property of the estate in the person's possession, custody, or control, including, but not limited to, all accounts, books, papers, records, and other documents; and
- (4) Following the receiver's appointment, submit to examination by the receiver, or by any other person upon order of the court, under oath, concerning the acts, conduct, property, liabilities, and financial condition of that person or any matter relating to the receiver's administration of the estate.

When the person over whose property the receiver is appointed is an entity, each of the officers, directors, managers, members, partners,

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- 1 or other individuals exercising or having the power to exercise control
- 2 over the affairs of the entity are subject to the requirements of this
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- NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. A new section is added to chapter 7.60 RCW to read as follows:
- 6 SCHEDULES OF PROPERTY AND LIABILITIES--INVENTORY OF PROPERTY--7 APPRAISALS. (1) In the event of a general assignment of property for the benefit of creditors under chapter 7.08 RCW, the assignment shall 8 9 have annexed as schedule a true list of all of the person's known creditors, their mailing addresses, the amount and nature of their 10 claims, and whether their claims are disputed; and as schedule B a true 11 list of all property of the estate, including the estimated liquidation 12 value and location of the property and, if real property, a legal 13 description thereof, as of the date of the assignment. 14
  - (2) In all other cases, within twenty days after the date of appointment of a general receiver, the receiver shall file as schedule A a true list of all of the known creditors and applicable regulatory and taxing agencies of the person over whose assets the receiver is appointed, their mailing addresses, the amount and nature of their claims, and whether their claims are disputed; and as schedule B a true list of all property of the estate identifiable by the receiver, including the estimated liquidation value and location of the property and, if real property, a legal description thereof, as of the date of appointment of the receiver.
    - (3) The schedules must be in substantially the following forms:

SCHEDULE A--CREDITOR LIST

27	1. List all creditors having security interests or liens, showing:				
28	Name	Address	Amount	Collateral	Whether or not disputed
29	2. List all wages, salaries, commissions, or contributions to an employee benefit plan owed, showing:				

30 Name Address Amount Whether or not disputed

3. List all consumer deposits owed, showing:

Name Address Amount Whether or not disputed

4. List all taxes owed, showing:

Name Address Amount Whether or not disputed

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1	5. List all unsecured of	claims, showing:					
2	Name	Address	Amount	Whether or not disputed			
3	6. List all owners or s	6. List all owners or shareholders, showing:					
4	Name	Address	Percentage of C	Ownership			
5	7. List all applicable i	regulatory agencies, showing	g:				
6	Name	Address					
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8	List each category of t	SCHEDULE BLIST OF PROPERTY  List each category of property and for each give approximate value obtainable for the asset on the date of					
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10		assignment/appointment of the receiver, and address where asset is located.					
	I. Nonexempt Propert	у					
11			Description	Liquidation Value on Date of			
12			and Location	Assignment/Appointment of Receiver			
13	1. Legal Description	n and					
14	street address of	real					
15	property, including	ng					
16	leasehold interest	s:					
17	2. Fixtures:						
18	3. Cash and bank						
19	accounts:						
20	4. Inventory:						
21	5. Accounts receiva	ble:					
22	6. Equipment:						
23	7. Prepaid expenses	,					
24	including deposit	s,					
25	insurance, rents,	and					
26	utilities:						
27	8. Other, including	loans					
28	to third parties,						
29	claims, and chose	es in					
30	action:						
31	II. Exempt Property						
32			Description	Liquidation Value on Date of			
33			and Location	Assignment/Appointment of Receiver			
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- (4) When schedules are filed by a person making a general assignment of property for the benefit of creditors under chapter 7.08 RCW, the schedules shall be duly verified upon oath by such person.
- (5) The receiver shall obtain an appraisal or other independent valuation of the property in the receiver's possession if ordered by the court.
- 11 (6) The receiver shall file a complete inventory of the property in 12 the receiver's possession if ordered by the court.
- NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** A new section is added to chapter 7.60 RCW to read as follows:
  - RECEIVER'S REPORTS. A general receiver shall file with the court a monthly report of the receiver's operations and financial affairs unless otherwise ordered by the court. Except as otherwise ordered by the court, each report of a general receiver shall be due by the last day of the subsequent month and shall include the following:
    - (1) A balance sheet;

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- (2) A statement of income and expenses;
- (3) A statement of cash receipts and disbursements;
- 23 (4) A statement of accrued accounts receivable of the receiver. 24 The statement shall disclose amounts considered to be uncollectable;
  - (5) A statement of accounts payable of the receiver, including professional fees. The statement shall list the name of each creditor and the amounts owing and remaining unpaid over thirty days; and
- (6) A tax disclosure statement, which shall list postfiling taxes due or tax deposits required, the name of the taxing agency, the amount due, the date due, and an explanation for any failure to make payments or deposits.
- A custodial receiver shall file with the court all such reports the court may require.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 13. A new section is added to chapter 7.60 RCW to read as follows:

- AUTOMATIC STAY OF CERTAIN PROCEEDINGS. (1) Except as otherwise ordered by the court, the entry of an order appointing a general receiver or a custodial receiver with respect to all of a person's property shall operate as a stay, applicable to all persons, of:
- (a) The commencement or continuation, including the issuance or employment of process, of a judicial, administrative, or other action or proceeding against the person over whose property the receiver is appointed that was or could have been commenced before the entry of the order of appointment, or to recover a claim against the person that arose before the entry of the order of appointment;
- (b) The enforcement, against the person over whose property the receiver is appointed or any estate property, of a judgment obtained before the order of appointment;
- (c) Any act to obtain possession of estate property from the receiver, or to interfere with, or exercise control over, estate property;
- (d) Any act to create, perfect, or enforce any lien or claim against estate property except by exercise of a right of setoff, to the extent that the lien secures a claim against the person that arose before the entry of the order of appointment; or
- (e) Any act to collect, assess, or recover a claim against the person that arose before the entry of the order of appointment.
- (2) The stay shall automatically expire as to the acts specified in subsection (1)(a), (b), and (e) of this section sixty days after the entry of the order of appointment unless before the expiration of the sixty-day period the receiver, for good cause shown, obtains an order of the court extending the stay, after notice and a hearing. A person whose action or proceeding is stayed by motion to the court may seek relief from the stay for good cause shown. Any judgment obtained against the person over whose property the receiver is appointed or estate property following the entry of the order of appointment is not a lien against estate property unless the receivership is terminated prior to a conveyance of the property against which the judgment would otherwise constitute a lien.
- 35 (3) The entry of an order appointing a receiver does not operate as 36 a stay of:
- 37 (a) The commencement or continuation of a criminal proceeding 38 against the person over whose property the receiver is appointed;

(b) The commencement or continuation of an action or proceeding to establish paternity, or to establish or modify an order for alimony, maintenance, or support, or to collect alimony, maintenance, or support under any order of a court;

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- (c) Any act to perfect, or to maintain or continue the perfection of, an interest in estate property if the interest perfected would be effective against a creditor of the person over whose property the receiver is appointed holding at the time of the entry of the order of appointment either a perfected nonpurchase money security interest under chapter 62A.9A RCW against the property involved, or a lien by attachment, levy, or the like, whether or not such a creditor exists. If perfection of an interest would require seizure of the property involved or the commencement of an action, the perfection shall instead be accomplished by filing, and by serving upon the receiver, or receiver's counsel, if any, notice of the interest within the time fixed by law for seizure or commencement;
- (d) The commencement or continuation of an action or proceeding by a governmental unit to enforce its police or regulatory power;
- (e) The enforcement of a judgment, other than a money judgment, obtained in an action or proceeding by a governmental unit to enforce its police or regulatory power, or with respect to any licensure of the person over whose property the receiver is appointed;
- (f) The exercise of a right of setoff, including but not limited to (i) any right of a commodity broker, forward contract merchant, stockbroker, financial institution, or securities clearing agency to set off a claim for a margin payment or settlement payment arising out of a commodity contract, forward contract, or securities contract against cash, securities, or other property held or due from the commodity broker, forward contract merchant, stockbroker, financial institution, or securities clearing agency to margin, guarantee, secure, or settle the commodity contract, forward contract, securities contract, and (ii) any right of a swap participant to set off a claim for a payment due to the swap participant under or in connection with a swap agreement against any payment due from the swap participant under or in connection with the swap agreement or against cash, securities, or other property of the debtor held by or due from the swap participant to guarantee, secure, or settle the swap agreement; or

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(g) The establishment by a governmental unit of any tax liability 1 2 and any appeal thereof.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 14. A new section is added to chapter 7.60 RCW to read as follows:

UTILITY SERVICE. A utility providing service to estate property 5 may not alter, refuse, or discontinue service to the property without 6 7 first giving the receiver fifteen days' notice of any default or intention to alter, refuse, or discontinue service to estate property. This section does not prohibit the court, upon motion by the receiver, 9 to prohibit the alteration or cessation of utility service if the 10 receiver can furnish adequate assurance of payment, in the form of 11 deposit or other security, for service to be provided after entry of 12 the order appointing the receiver. 13

14 NEW SECTION. Sec. 15. A new section is added to chapter 7.60 RCW 15 to read as follows:

EXECUTORY CONTRACTS AND UNEXPIRED LEASES. (1) A general receiver may assume or reject any executory contract or unexpired lease of the person over whose property the receiver is appointed upon order of the court following notice to the other party to the contract or lease upon notice and a hearing. The court may condition assumption or rejection of any executory contract or unexpired lease on the terms and conditions the court believes are just and proper under the particular circumstances of the case. A general receiver's performance of an unexpired lease prior executory contract or to the court's authorization of its assumption or rejection shall not constitute an assumption of the contract or lease, or an agreement by the receiver to assume it, nor otherwise preclude the receiver thereafter from seeking the court's authority to reject it.

(2) Any obligation or liability incurred by a general receiver on account of the receiver's assumption of an executory contract or unexpired lease shall be treated as an expense of the receivership. A general receiver's rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease shall be treated as a breach of the contract or lease occurring immediately prior to the receiver's appointment; and the receiver's right to possess or use property pursuant to any executory contract or lease shall terminate upon rejection of the contract or lease.

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other party to an executory contract or unexpired lease that is rejected by a general receiver may take such steps as may be necessary under applicable law to terminate or cancel the contract or lease. The claim of a party to an executory contract or unexpired lease resulting from a general receiver's rejection of it shall be served upon the receiver in the manner provided for by section 23 of this act within thirty days following the rejection.

- (3) A general receiver's power under this section to assume an executory contract or unexpired lease shall not be affected by any provision in the contract or lease that would effect or permit a forfeiture, modification, or termination of it on account of either the receiver's appointment, the financial condition of the person over whose property the receiver is appointed, or an assignment for the benefit of creditors by that person.
- (4) A general receiver may not assume an executory contract or unexpired lease of the person over whose property the receiver is appointed without the consent of the other party to the contract or lease if:
- (a) Applicable law would excuse a party, other than the person over whose property the receiver is appointed, from accepting performance from or rendering performance to anyone other than the person even in the absence of any provisions in the contract or lease expressly restricting or prohibiting an assignment of the person's rights or the performance of the person's duties;
- (b) The contract or lease is a contract to make a loan or extend credit or financial accommodations to or for the benefit of the person over whose property the receiver is appointed, or to issue a security of the person; or
- (c) The executory contract or lease expires by its own terms, or under applicable law prior to the receiver's assumption thereof.
- (5) A receiver may not assign an executory contract or unexpired lease without assuming it, absent the consent of the other parties to the contract or lease.
- 34 (6) If the receiver rejects an executory contract or unexpired 35 lease for:
- 36 (a) The sale of real property under which the person over whose 37 property the receiver is appointed is the seller and the purchaser is 38 in possession of the real property;

- 1 (b) The sale of a real property timeshare interest under which the 2 person over whose property the receiver is appointed is the seller;
  - (c) The license of intellectual property rights under which the person over whose property the receiver is appointed is the licensor; or
- 6 (d) The lease of real property in which the person over whose 7 property the receiver is appointed is the lessor;
  - then the purchaser, licensee, or lessee may treat the rejection as a or termination of the contract, license agreement, lease, alternatively, the purchaser, licensee, or lessee may remain in possession in which case the purchaser, licensee, or lessee shall continue to perform all obligations arising thereunder as and when they may fall due, but may offset against any payments any damages occurring on account of the rejection after it occurs. The purchaser of real property in such a case is entitled to receive from the receiver any deed or any other instrument of conveyance which the person over whose property the receiver is appointed is obligated to deliver under the executory contract when the purchaser becomes entitled to receive it, and the deed or instrument has the same force and effect as if given by the person. A purchaser, licensee, or lessee who elects to remain in possession under the terms of this subsection has no rights against the receiver on account of any damages arising from the receiver's rejection except as expressly provided for by this subsection. purchaser of real property who elects to treat rejection of executory contract as a termination has a lien against the interest in that real property of the person over whose property the receiver is appointed for the recovery of any portion of the purchase price that the purchaser has paid.
    - (7) Any contract with the state shall be deemed rejected if not assumed within sixty days of appointment of a general receiver unless the receiver and state agency agree to its assumption.
  - (8) Nothing in this chapter affects the enforceability of antiassignment prohibitions provided under contract or applicable law.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 16. A new section is added to chapter 7.60 RCW to read as follows:
- RECEIVERSHIP FINANCING. (1) If a receiver is authorized to operate the business of a person or manage a person's property, the receiver

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may obtain unsecured credit and incur unsecured debt in the ordinary course of business allowable under section 25(1)(a) of this act as an administrative expense of the receiver without order of the court.

- 4 (2) The court, after notice and a hearing, may authorize a receiver 5 to obtain credit or incur indebtedness other than in the ordinary 6 course of business. The court may allow the receiver to mortgage, 7 pledge, hypothecate, or otherwise encumber estate property as security 8 for repayment of any indebtedness that the receiver may incur.
- 9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 17.** A new section is added to chapter 7.60 RCW to read as follows:

ABANDONMENT OF PROPERTY. The receiver, or any party in interest, upon order of the court following notice and a hearing, and upon the conditions or terms the court considers just and proper, may abandon any estate property that is burdensome to the receiver or is of inconsequential value or benefit. However, a receiver may not abandon property that is a hazard or potential hazard to the public in contravention of a state statute or rule that is reasonably designed to protect the public health or safety from identified hazards, including but not limited to chapters 70.105 and 70.105D RCW. Property that is abandoned no longer constitutes estate property.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 18. A new section is added to chapter 7.60 RCW to read as follows:

ACTIONS BY AND AGAINST THE RECEIVER OR AFFECTING PROPERTY HELD BY RECEIVER. (1) The receiver has the right to sue and be sued in the receiver's capacity as such, without leave of court, in all cases necessary or proper for the conduct of the receivership. However, action seeking to dispossess the receiver of any estate property or otherwise to interfere with the receiver's management or control of any estate property may not be maintained or continued unless permitted by order of the court obtained upon notice and a hearing.

(2) Litigation by or against a receiver is adjunct to the receivership case. The clerk of the court shall assign a cause number that reflects the relationship of any litigation to the receivership case. All pleadings in adjunct litigation shall include the cause number of the receivership case as well as the adjunct litigation

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- number assigned by the clerk of the court. All adjunct litigation shall be referred to the judge, if any, assigned to the receivership case.
  - (3) The receiver may be joined or substituted as a party in any suit or proceeding that was pending at the time of the receiver's appointment and in which the person over whose property the receiver is appointed is a party, upon application by the receiver to the court or agency before which the action is pending.
  - (4) Venue for adjunct litigation by or against the receiver shall lie in the court in which the receivership is pending, if the courts of this state have jurisdiction over the cause. Actions in other courts in this state shall be transferred to the court upon the receiver's filing of a motion for change of venue, provided that the receiver files the motion within thirty days following service of original process upon the receiver. However, actions in other courts or forums in which a state agency is a party shall not be transferred on request of the receiver absent consent of the affected state agency or grounds provided under other applicable law.
  - (5) Action by or against a receiver does not abate by reason of death or resignation of the receiver, but continues against the successor receiver or against the entity in receivership, if a successor receiver is not appointed.
  - (6) Whenever the assets of any domestic or foreign corporation, that has been doing business in this state, has been placed in the hands of any general receiver and the receiver is in possession of its assets, service of all process upon the corporation may be made upon the receiver.
  - (7) A judgment against a general receiver is not a lien on the property or funds of the receivership, nor shall any execution issue thereon, but upon entry of the judgment in the court in which a general receivership is pending, or upon filing in a general receivership of a certified copy of the judgment from another jurisdiction, the judgment shall be treated as an allowed claim in the receivership. A judgment against a custodial receiver shall be treated and has the same effect as a judgment against the person over whose property the receiver is appointed, except that the judgment is not enforceable against estate property unless otherwise ordered by the court upon notice and a hearing.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 19.** A new section is added to chapter 7.60 RCW to read as follows:

PERSONAL LIABILITY OF RECEIVER. (1)(a) The receiver is personally liable to the person over whose property the receiver is appointed or its record or beneficial owners, or to the estate, for loss or diminution in value of or damage to estate property, only if (i) the loss or damage is caused by a failure on the part of the receiver to comply with an order of the court, or (ii) the loss or damage is caused by an act or omission for which members of a board of directors of a business corporation organized and existing under the laws of this state who vote to approve the act or omission are liable to the corporation in cases in which the liability of directors is limited to the maximum extent permitted by RCW 23B.08.320.

- (b) A general receiver is personally liable to state agencies for failure to remit sales tax collected after appointment. A custodial receiver is personally liable to state agencies for failure to remit sales tax collected after appointment with regard to assets administered by the receiver.
- (2) The receiver has no personal liability to a person other than the person over whose property the receiver is appointed or its record or beneficial owners for any loss or damage occasioned by the receiver's performance of the duties imposed by the appointment, or out of the receiver's authorized operation of any business of a person, except loss or damage occasioned by fraud on the part of the receiver, by acts intended by the receiver to cause loss or damage to the specific claimant, or by acts or omissions for which an officer of a business corporation organized and existing under the laws of this state are liable to the claimant under the same circumstances.
- (3) Notwithstanding subsections (1)(a) and (2) of this section, a receiver has no personal liability to any person for acts or omissions of the receiver specifically contemplated by any order of the court.
- 32 (4) A person other than a successor receiver duly appointed by the 33 court does not have a right of action against a receiver under this 34 section to recover property or the value thereof for or on behalf of 35 the estate.
- 36 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 20.** A new section is added to chapter 7.60 RCW to read as follows:

- EMPLOYMENT AND COMPENSATION OF PROFESSIONALS. (1) The receiver, with the court's approval, may employ one or more attorneys, accountants, appraisers, auctioneers, or other professional persons that do not hold or represent an interest adverse to the estate to represent or assist the receiver in carrying out the receiver's duties.
- (2) A person is not disqualified for employment under this section solely because of the person's employment by, representation of, or other relationship with a creditor or other party in interest, if the relationship is disclosed in the application for the person's employment and if the court determines that there is no actual conflict of interest or inappropriate appearance of a conflict.
- (3) This section does not preclude the court from authorizing the receiver to act as attorney or accountant if the authorization is in the best interests of the estate.
- (4) The receiver, and any professionals employed by the receiver, is permitted to file an itemized billing statement with the court indicating both the time spent, billing rates of all who perform work to be compensated, and a detailed list of expenses and serve copies on any person who has been joined as a party in the action, or any person requesting the same, advising that unless objections are filed with the court, the receiver may make the payments specified in the notice. If an objection is filed, the receiver or professional whose compensation is affected may request the court to hold a hearing on the objection on five days' notice to the persons who have filed objections. If the receiver is a custodial receiver appointed in aid of foreclosure, payment of fees and expenses may be allowed upon the stipulation of any creditor holding a security interest in the property for whose benefit the receiver is appointed.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 21. A new section is added to chapter 7.60 RCW to read as follows:
- PARTICIPATION OF CREDITORS AND PARTIES IN INTEREST IN RECEIVERSHIP PROCEEDING--EFFECT OF COURT ORDERS ON NONPARTIES. (1) Creditors and parties in interest to whom written notice of the pendency of the receivership is given in accordance with section 23 of this act, and creditors or other persons submitting written claims in the receivership or otherwise appearing and participating the in

receivership, are bound by the acts of the receiver with regard to management and disposition of estate property whether or not they are formally joined as parties.

- (2) Any person having a claim against or interest in any estate property or in the receivership proceedings may appear in the receivership, either in person or by an attorney. Appearance must be made by filing a written notice of appearance, including the name and mailing address of the party in interest, and the name and address of the person's attorney, if any, with the clerk, and by serving a copy of the notice upon the receiver and the receiver's attorney of record, if any. The receiver shall maintain a master mailing list of all persons joined as parties in the receivership and of all persons serving and filing notices of appearance in the receivership in accordance with this section. A creditor or other party in interest has a right to be heard with respect to all matters affecting the person, whether or not the person is joined as a party to the action.
- (3) Any request for relief against a state agency shall be mailed to or otherwise served on the agency and on the office of the attorney general.
  - (4) Orders of the court with respect to the treatment of claims and disposition of estate property, including but not limited to orders providing for sales of property free and clear of liens, are effective as to any person having a claim against or interest in the receivership estate and who has actual knowledge of the receivership, whether or not the person receives written notice from the receiver and whether or not the person appears or participates in the receivership.
  - (5) The receiver shall give not less than ten days' written notice by mail of any examination by the receiver of the person with respect to whose property the receiver has been appointed and to persons who serve and file an appearance in the proceeding.
  - (6) Persons on the master mailing list are entitled to not less than thirty days' written notice of the hearing of any motion or other proceeding involving any proposed:
    - (a) Allowance or disallowance of any claim or claims;
- (b) Abandonment, disposition, or distribution of estate property, other than an emergency disposition of perishable property or a disposition of property in the ordinary course of business;

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- 1 (c) Compromise or settlement of a controversy that might affect the distribution to creditors from the estate;
  - (d) Compensation of the receiver or any professional employed by the receiver; or
    - (e) Application for termination of the receivership or discharge of the receiver. Notice of the application shall also be sent to state taxing and applicable regulatory agencies.

Any opposition to any motion to authorize any of the actions under (a) through (e) of this subsection must be filed and served upon the receiver and the receiver's attorney, if any, at least three days before the date of the proposed action. Persons on the master mailing list shall be served with all pleadings or in opposition to any motion. The court may require notice to be given to persons on the master mailing list of additional matters the court deems appropriate, and may enlarge or reduce any time period provided for by this section for good cause shown. The receiver shall make a copy of the current master mailing list available to any person on that list upon the person's request.

- (7) All persons duly notified by the receiver of any hearing to approve or authorize an action or a proposed action by the receiver is bound by any order of the court with respect to the action, whether or not the persons have appeared or objected to the action or proposed action or have been joined formally as parties to the particular action.
- (8) Whenever notice is not specifically required to be given under this chapter, the court may consider motions and grant or deny relief without notice or hearing, if it appears that no person joined as a party or who has appeared in the receivership would be prejudiced or harmed by the relief requested.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 22. A new section is added to chapter 7.60 RCW to read as follows:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST. (1) A general receiver shall give notice of the receivership by publication in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county or counties in which estate property is known to be located once a week for three consecutive weeks, the first notice to be published within twenty days after the date of appointment of the receiver; and by mailing notice to

all known creditors and other known parties in interest within twenty 1 2 days after the date of appointment of the receiver. The notice of the receivership shall include the date of appointment of the receiver; the 3 name of the court and the case number; the last day on which claims may 4 be filed and served upon the receiver; and the name and address of the 5 debtor, the receiver, and the receiver's attorney, if any. б 7 purposes of this section, all intangible property of a person is deemed to be located in the county in which an individual owner thereof 8 resides, or in which any entity owning the property maintains its 9 principal administrative offices. 10

(2) The notice of the receivership shall be in substantially the following form:

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13		IN THE SUPERIOR COURT, IN AND	FOR
14		COUNTY, WASHINGT	ON
15	[Case Name]	)	Case No.
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17		)	NOTICE OF RECEIVERSHIP
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21	TO CREDITORS A	ND OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST:	
22	PLEASE TAKE NO	TICE that a receiver was appointed for	, whose last known
23	address is	, on,	
24	YOU ARE HEREB	Y FURTHER NOTIFIED that in order to recei-	ve any dividend in this proceeding you
25	must file proof of cla	aim with the receiver on or before,	_ (120 days from the date of
26	appointment of the r	eceiver).	
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28			RECEIVER
29	Attorney for receiver (if any):		
30	Address:		

NEW SECTION. Sec. 23. A new section is added to chapter 7.60 RCW to read as follows:

SUBMISSION OF CLAIMS IN GENERAL RECEIVERSHIPS. (1) All claims, whether contingent, liquidated, unliquidated, or disputed, other than claims of creditors with security interests in or other liens against

property of the estate, arising prior to the receiver's appointment, must be served in accordance with this chapter, and any claim not so filed is barred from participating in any distribution to creditors in any general receivership.

- (2) Claims must be served by delivering the claim to the general receiver within thirty days from the date notice is given by mail under this section, unless the court reduces or extends the period for cause shown, except that a claim arising from the rejection of an executory contract or an unexpired lease of the person over whose property the receiver is appointed may be filed within thirty days after the rejection. Claims need not be filed. Claims must be served by state agencies on the general receiver within one hundred eighty days from the date notice is given by mail under this section.
- (3) Claims must be in written form entitled "Proof of Claim," setting forth the name and address of the creditor and the nature and amount of the claim, and executed by the creditor or the creditor's authorized agent. When a claim, or an interest in estate property of securing the claim, is based on a writing, the original or a copy of the writing must be included as a part of the proof of claim, together with evidence of perfection of any security interest or other lien asserted by the claimant.
- (4) A claim, executed and served in accordance with this section, constitutes prima facie evidence of the validity and amount of the claim.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 24. A new section is added to chapter 7.60 RCW to read as follows:

OBJECTION TO AND ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS. (1) At any time prior to the entry of an order approving the general receiver's final report, the general receiver or any party in interest may file with the court an objection to a claim, which objection must be in writing and must set forth the grounds for the objection. A copy of the objection, together with notice of hearing, must be mailed to the creditor at least thirty days prior to the hearing. Claims properly served upon the general receiver and not disallowed by the court are entitled to share in distributions from the estate in accordance with the priorities provided for by this chapter or otherwise by law.

(2) Upon the request of a creditor, the general receiver, or any party in interest objecting to the creditor's claim, or upon order of the court, an objection is subject to mediation prior to adjudication of the objection, under the rules or orders adopted or issued with respect to mediations. However, state claims are not subject to mediation absent agreement of the state.

- (3) Upon motion of the general receiver or other party in interest, the following claims may be estimated for purpose of allowance under this section under the rules or orders applicable to the estimation of claims under this subsection:
- (a) Any contingent or unliquidated claim, the fixing or liquidation of which, as the case may be, would unduly delay the administration of the case; or
- 14 (b) Any right to payment arising from a right to an equitable 15 remedy for breach of performance.
- 16 Claims subject to this subsection shall be allowed in the estimated 17 amount thereof.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 25. A new section is added to chapter 7.60 RCW to read as follows:
  - PRIORITIES. (1) Allowed claims in a general receivership shall receive distribution under this chapter in the order of priority under (a) through (h) of this subsection and, with the exception of (a) and (c) of this subsection, on a pro rata basis.
  - (a) Creditors with liens on property of the estate, which liens are duly perfected under applicable law, shall receive the proceeds from the disposition of their collateral. However, the receiver may recover from property securing an allowed secured claim the reasonable, necessary expenses of preserving, protecting, or disposing of the property to the extent of any benefit to the creditors. If and to the extent that the proceeds are less than the amount of a creditor's allowed claim or a creditor's lien is avoided on any basis, the creditor is an unsecured claim under (h) of this subsection. Secured claims shall be paid from the proceeds in accordance with their respective priorities under otherwise applicable law.
  - (b) Actual, necessary costs and expenses incurred during the administration of the estate, other than those expenses allowable under (a) of this subsection, including allowed fees and reimbursement of

reasonable charges and expenses of the receiver and professional persons employed by the receiver under section 20 of this act. Notwithstanding (a) of this subsection, expenses incurred during the administration of the estate have priority over the secured claim of

any creditor obtaining or consenting to the appointment of the

- 7 (c) Creditors with liens on property of the estate, which liens 8 have not been duly perfected under applicable law, shall receive the 9 proceeds from the disposition of their collateral if and to the extent 10 that unsecured claims are made subject to those liens under applicable
  - (d) Claims for wages, salaries, or commissions, including vacation, severance, and sick leave pay, or contributions to an employee benefit plan, earned by the claimant within ninety days of the date of appointment of the receiver or the cessation of the estate's business, whichever occurs first, but only to the extent of two thousand dollars.
  - (e) Allowed unsecured claims, to the extent of nine hundred dollars for each individual, arising from the deposit with the person over whose property the receiver is appointed before the date of appointment of the receiver of money in connection with the purchase, lease, or rental of property or the purchase of services for personal, family, or household use by individuals that were not delivered or provided.
  - (f) Claims for a support debt as defined in RCW 74.20A.020(10), but not to the extent that the debt (i) is assigned to another entity, voluntarily, by operation of law, or otherwise; or (ii) includes a liability designated as a support obligation unless that liability is actually in the nature of a support obligation.
- 28 (g) Unsecured claims of governmental units for taxes which accrued 29 prior to the date of appointment of the receiver.
  - (h) Other unsecured claims.
- 31 (2) If all of the classes under subsection (1) of this section have 32 been paid in full, any residue shall be paid to the person over whose 33 property the receiver is appointed.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 26. A new section is added to chapter 7.60 RCW to read as follows:
- 36 SECURED CLAIMS AGAINST AFTER-ACQUIRED PROPERTY. Except as 37 otherwise provided for by statute, property acquired by the estate or

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- 1 by the person over whose property the receiver is appointed after the
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- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 27.** A new section is added to chapter 7.60 RCW 6 to read as follows:
- 7 INTEREST ON CLAIMS. To the extent that funds are available in the estate for distribution to creditors in a general receivership, the 8 holder of an allowed noncontingent, liquidated claim is entitled to 9 receive interest at the legal rate or other applicable rate from the 10 date of appointment of the receiver or the date on which the claim 11 became a noncontingent, liquidated claim. If there are sufficient 12 funds in the estate to fully pay all interest owing to all members of 13 the class, then interest shall be paid proportionately to each member 14 15 of the class.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 28. A new section is added to chapter 7.60 RCW to read as follows:
  - RECEIVER'S DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY—SALES FREE AND CLEAR. (1) The receiver, with the court's approval after notice and a hearing, may use, sell, or lease estate property other than in the ordinary course of business. Except in the case of a leasehold estate with a remaining term of less than two years or a vendor's interest in a real estate contract, estate property consisting of real property may not be sold by a custodial receiver other than in the ordinary course of business.
  - (2) The court may order that a general receiver's sale of estate property under subsection (1) of this section be effected free and clear of liens and of all rights of redemption, whether or not the sale will generate proceeds sufficient to fully satisfy all claims secured by the property, unless either:
  - (a) The property is real property used principally in the production of crops, livestock, or aquaculture, or the property is a homestead under RCW 6.13.010(1), and the owner of the property has not consented to the sale following the appointment of the receiver; or
  - (b) The owner of the property or a creditor with an interest in the property serves and files a timely opposition to the receiver's sale,

and the court determines that the amount likely to be realized by the objecting person from the receiver's sale is less than the person would realize within a reasonable time in the absence of the receiver's sale.

Upon any sale free and clear of liens authorized by this section, all security interests and other liens encumbering the property conveyed transfer and attach to the proceeds of the sale, net of reasonable expenses incurred in the disposition of the property, in the same order, priority, and validity as the liens had with respect to the property immediately before the conveyance. The court may authorize the receiver at the time of sale to satisfy, in whole or in part, any allowed claim secured by the property out of the proceeds of its sale if the interest of any other creditor having a lien against the proceeds of the sale would not thereby be impaired.

- (3) At a public sale of property under subsection (1) of this section, a creditor with an allowed claim secured by a lien against the property to be sold may bid at the sale of the property. A secured creditor who purchases the property from a receiver may offset against the purchase price its allowed secured claim against the property, provided that the secured creditor tenders cash sufficient to satisfy in full all secured claims payable out of the proceeds of sale having priority over the secured creditor's secured claim. If the lien or the claim it secures is the subject of a bona fide dispute, the court may order the holder of the claim to provide the receiver with adequate security to assure full payment of the purchase price in the event the lien, the claim, or any part thereof is determined to be invalid or unenforceable.
- (4) If estate property includes an interest as a coowner of property, the receiver shall have the rights and powers of a coowner afforded by applicable state or federal law, including but not limited to any rights of partition.
- (5) The reversal or modification on appeal of an authorization to sell or lease estate property under this section does not affect the validity of a sale or lease under that authorization to an entity that purchased or leased the property in good faith, whether or not the entity knew of the pendency of the appeal, unless the authorization and sale or lease were stayed pending the appeal.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 29. A new section is added to chapter 7.60 RCW to read as follows:

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ANCILLARY RECEIVERSHIPS. (1) A receiver appointed in any action pending in the courts of this state, without first seeking approval of the court, may apply to any court outside of this state for appointment as receiver with respect to any property or business of the person over whose property the receiver is appointed constituting estate property which is located in any other jurisdiction, if the appointment is necessary to the receiver's possession, control, management, or disposition of property in accordance with orders of the court.

(2) A receiver appointed by a court of another state, or by a federal court in any district outside of this state, or any other person having an interest in that proceeding, may obtain appointment by a superior court of this state of that same receiver with respect to any property or business of the person over whose property the receiver is appointed constituting property of the foreign receivership that is located in this jurisdiction, if the person is eligible under section 5 of this act to serve as receiver, and if the appointment is necessary to the receiver's possession, control, or disposition of the property in accordance with orders of the court in the foreign proceeding. superior court upon the receiver's request shall enter the orders, not offensive to the laws and public policy of this state, necessary to effectuate orders entered by the court in the foreign receivership proceeding. A receiver appointed in an ancillary receivership in this state is required to comply with this chapter requiring notice to creditors or other parties in interest only as may be required by the superior court in the ancillary receivership.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 30. A new section is added to chapter 7.60 RCW to read as follows:

RESIGNATION OR REMOVAL OF RECEIVER. (1) The court shall remove or replace the receiver on application of the person over whose property the receiver is appointed, the receiver, or any creditor, or on the court's own motion, if the receiver fails to execute and file the bond required by section 6 of this act, or if the receiver resigns or refuses or fails to serve for any reason, or for other good cause.

(2) Upon removal, resignation, or death of the receiver, the court shall appoint a successor receiver if the court determines that further

- administration of the estate is required. Upon executing and filing a bond under section 6 of this act, the successor receiver shall immediately take possession of the estate and assume the duties of receiver.
- 5 (3) Whenever the court is satisfied that the receiver so removed or replaced has fully accounted for and turned over to the successor receiver appointed by the court all of the property of the estate and has filed a report of all receipts and disbursements during the person's tenure as receiver, the court shall enter an order discharging that person from all further duties and responsibilities as receiver after notice and a hearing.
- NEW SECTION. **Sec. 31.** A new section is added to chapter 7.60 RCW to read as follows:
- 14 TERMINATION OF RECEIVERSHIP. (1) Upon distribution or disposition 15 of all property of the estate, or the completion of the receiver's 16 duties with respect to estate property, the receiver shall move the 17 court to be discharged upon notice and a hearing.
- 18 (2) The receiver's final report and accounting setting forth all 19 receipts and disbursements of the estate shall be annexed to the 20 petition for discharge and filed with the court.
- 21 (3) Upon approval of the final report, the court shall discharge 22 the receiver.
  - (4) The receiver's discharge releases the receiver from any further duties and responsibilities as receiver under this chapter.
    - (5) Upon motion of any party in interest, or upon the court's own motion, the court has the power to discharge the receiver and terminate the court's administration of the property over which the receiver was appointed. If the court determines that the appointment of the receiver was wrongfully procured or procured in bad faith, the court may assess against the person who procured the receiver's appointment (a) all of the receiver's fees and other costs of the receivership and
- 32 (b) any other sanctions the court determines to be appropriate.
- 33 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 32.** A new section is added to chapter 7.60 RCW to read as follows:
- 35 APPLICABILITY. This chapter applies to receivers and receiverships 36 otherwise provided for by the laws of this state except as otherwise

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expressly provided for by statute or as necessary to give effect to the laws of this state. This chapter does not apply to any proceeding authorized by or commenced under Title 48 RCW.

Sec. 33. RCW 4.28.320 and 1999 c 233 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

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((In an action affecting the title to real property the plaintiff, at the time of filing the complaint, or at any time afterwards, or whenever a writ of attachment of property shall be issued, or at any time afterwards, the plaintiff or a defendant, when he sets up an affirmative cause of action in his answer, and demands substantive relief at the time of filing his answer, or at any time afterwards, if the same be intended to affect real property, )) At any time after an action affecting title to real property has been commenced, or after a writ of attachment with respect to real property has been issued in an action, or after a receiver has been appointed with respect to any real property, the plaintiff, the defendant, or such a receiver may file with the auditor of each county in which the property is situated a notice of the pendency of the action, containing the names of the parties, the object of the action, and a description of the real property in that county affected thereby. From the time of the filing only shall the pendency of the action be constructive notice to a purchaser or encumbrancer of the property affected thereby, and every person whose conveyance or encumbrance is subsequently executed or subsequently recorded shall be deemed a subsequent purchaser or encumbrancer, and shall be bound by all proceedings taken after the filing of such notice to the same extent as if he or she were a party to the action. For the purpose of this section an action shall be deemed to be pending from the time of filing such notice: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That such notice shall be of no avail unless it shall be followed by the first publication of the summons, or by the personal service thereof on a defendant within sixty days after such filing. And the court in which the said action was commenced may, at its discretion, at any time after the action shall be settled, discontinued or abated, on application of any person aggrieved and on good cause shown and on such notice as shall be directed or approved by the court, order the notice authorized in this section to be canceled of record,

in whole or in part, by the county auditor of any county in whose office the same may have been filed or recorded, and such cancellation shall be evidenced by the recording of the court order.

Sec. 34. RCW 6.32.100 and 1893 c 133 s 10 are each amended to read as follows:

((After a receiver has been appointed or a receivership has been extended to the special proceedings, the judge must, by order, direct the sheriff to pay the money, or the proceeds of the property, deducting his fees, to the receiver; or if the case so requires to deliver to the receiver the property in his hands. But if it appears to the satisfaction of the judge that an order appointing a receiver or extending a receivership is not necessary, he may, by an order reciting that fact,)) Unless a receiver has been appointed or extended with respect to money or property in the hands of the sheriff, the judge may direct the sheriff to apply the money ((so paid)), the property, or the proceeds of the property ((so delivered)), upon an execution in favor of the judgment creditor issued either before or after the payment or delivery to the sheriff.

**Sec. 35.** RCW 6.32.150 and 1893 c 133 s 15 are each amended to read 20 as follows:

A special proceeding instituted as prescribed in this chapter may be discontinued at any time upon such terms as justice requires, by an order of the judge made upon the application of the judgment creditor. Where the judgment creditor unreasonably delays or neglects to proceed, or where it appears that ((his)) the judgment has been satisfied, ((his)) the special proceedings may be dismissed upon like terms by a like order made upon the application of the judgment debtor, or of plaintiff in a judgment creditor's action against the debtor, or of a judgment creditor who has instituted either of the special proceedings authorized by this chapter. ((Where an order appointing a receiver or extending a receivership has been made in the course of the special proceeding, notice of the application for an order specified in this section must be given in such manner as the judge deems proper, to all persons interested in the receivership as far as they can conveniently be ascertained.))

Sec. 36. RCW 7.08.010 and 1893 c 100 s 1 are each amended to read 2 as follows: No general assignment of property by an insolvent, or 3 contemplation of insolvency, for the benefit of creditors, shall be 4 valid unless it be made for the benefit of all ((his)) of the 5 assignor's creditors in proportion to the amount of their respective 6 7 claims((; and after the payment of the costs and disbursements thereof, including the attorney fees allowed by law in case of judgment, out of 8 the estate of the insolvent, such claim or claims shall be deemed as 9 presented, and shall share pro rata with other claims as hereinafter 10 11 provided)).

12 Sec. 37. RCW 7.08.030 and 1890 p 83 s 3 are each amended to read 13 as follows:

((The debtor shall annex to such assignment an inventory, under oath, of all his estate, real and personal, according to the best of his knowledge, and also a list of his creditors, with their post office address and a list of the amount of their respective demands, but such inventory shall not be conclusive as to the amount of the debtor's estate. Every assignment shall be in writing, and duly acknowledged in the same manner as conveyances of real estate, and recorded in the record of deeds of the county where the person making the same resides, or where the business in respect to which the same is made has been carried on.))

(1) An assignment under this chapter must be in substantially the following form:

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27 by and between . . . . . . . , with a principal place of business at 28 . . . . . . . (hereinafter "assignor"), and . . . . . . . . whose 29 address is . . . . . . (hereinafter "assignee"). 30

WHEREAS, the assignor has been engaged in the business of . . . 31 32

WHEREAS, the assignor is indebted to creditors, as set forth in Schedule A annexed hereto, is unable to pay debts as they become due, and is desirous of providing for the payment of debts, so far as it is possible by an assignment of all property for that purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, the assignor, in consideration of the assignee's 1 2 acceptance of this assignment, and for other good and valuable 3 consideration, hereby grants, assigns, conveys, transfers, and sets over, unto the assignee, and the assignee's successors and assigns, all 4 of assignor's property, except such property as is exempt by law from 5 levy and sale under an execution (and then only to the extent of such 6 7 exemption), including, but not limited to, all real property, fixtures, goods, stock, inventory, equipment, furniture, furnishings, accounts 8 receivable, general intangibles, bank deposits, cash, promissory notes, 9 cash value and proceeds of insurance policies, claims, and demands 10 belonging to the assignor, wherever such property may be located 11 (hereinafter collectively the "estate"), which property is, to the best 12 13 knowledge and belief of the assignor, fully and accurately set forth on 14 Schedule B annexed hereto.

By making this assignment, the assignor consents to the appointment of the assignee as a general receiver with respect to the assignee's property in accordance with Chapter 7.60 RCW.

The assignee shall take possession and administer the estate, and shall liquidate the estate with reasonable dispatch and convert the estate into money, collect all claims and demands hereby assigned as and to the extent they may be collectible, and pay and discharge all reasonable expenses, costs, and disbursements in connection with the execution and administration of this assignment from the proceeds of such liquidations and collections.

The assignee shall then pay and discharge in full, to the extent that funds are available in the estate after payment of administrative expenses, costs, and disbursements, all of the debts and liabilities now due from the assignor, including interest on such debts and liabilities in full, according to their priority as established by law, and on a pro rata basis within each class.

In the event that all debts and liabilities are paid in full, the remainder of the estate shall be returned to the assignor.

To accomplish the purposes of this assignment, the assignor hereby irrevocably appoints the assignee as the assignor's true and lawful attorney in fact, with full power and authority to do all acts and things which may be necessary to execute and fulfill the assignment

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- hereby created, to the same extent as such acts and things might be 1 2 done by assignor in the absence of this assignment, including but not limited to the power to demand and recover from all persons all 3 property of the estate; to sue for the recovery of such property; to 4 execute, acknowledge, and deliver all necessary deeds, instruments, and 5 conveyances, and to grant and convey any or all of the real or personal 6 7 property of the estate pursuant thereto; and to appoint one or more attorneys to assist the assignee in carrying out the assignee's duties 8 9 hereunder.
  - The assignor hereby authorizes the assignee to sign the name of the assignor to any check, draft, promissory note, or other instrument in writing which is payable to the order of the assignor, or to sign the name of the assignor to any instrument in writing, whenever it shall be necessary to do so, to carry out the purposes of this assignment.
- The assignor declares, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington, that the attached list of creditors and of the property of the assignor is true and complete to the best of the assignor's knowledge.
- The assignment shall be signed by the assignor and duly acknowledged in the same manner as conveyances of real property before a notary public of this state, and shall include an acceptance of the assignment by the assignee in substantially the following form:
- 23 <u>The assignee hereby accepts the trust created by the foregoing</u> 24 <u>assignment, and agrees faithfully and without delay to carry out the</u> 25 assignee's duties under the foregoing assignment.

29 (2) The assignor shall annex to such assignment schedules in the 30 form provided for by section 11(3) of this act in the case of general

- 31 <u>receiverships, setting forth the creditors and the property of the</u>
- 32 <u>assignor.</u>

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33 (3) Every assignment shall be effective when a petition to appoint
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35 assignee, or by any creditor of the assignor with the clerk of the

- superior court in the county of the assignor's residence if the assignor is an individual or a marital community, or in the county of the assignor's principal place of business or registered office within this state if the assignor is any other person. A petition shall set forth the name and address of the assignor and the name and address of the assignee, and shall include a copy of the assignment and the schedules affixed thereto, and a request that the court fix the amount of the receiver's bond to be filed with the clerk of the court.
  - (4) A person to whom a general assignment of property for the benefit of creditors has been made shall be appointed as general receiver with respect to the assignor's property by the superior court upon the filing of a petition under subsection (3) of this section. Except as provided for by subsection (5) of this section, following the assignee's appointment as general receiver, all proceedings involving the administration of the assignor's property and the claims of the assignee's creditors shall be governed by the provisions of chapter 7.60 RCW applicable to general receiverships and court rules applicable thereto.
  - (5) Upon ((the application)) motion of two or more creditors of ((said debtor therefor, by petition to the judge of the superior court of the county in which such assignment is or should be recorded,)) the assignor served and filed at any time within thirty days ((from the making or recording of such assignment)) following the date upon which notice is mailed to all known creditors under section 22 of this act, it shall be the duty of ((said superior judge)) the court to direct the clerk of ((said superior)) the court to order a meeting of the creditors of ((said debtors)) the assignor, to ((choose an assignee of the estate of said debtor in lieu of)) determine whether a person other than the assignee named ((by the debtor in his)) in the assignment should be appointed as general receiver with respect to the property of the assignor; and thereupon the clerk of ((said)) the court shall ((forthwith)) immediately give notice to all the creditors ((of said debtor)) identified in the schedules affixed to the assignment to meet at ((his)) the clerk's office or at such other location within the county as the clerk may specify, at a time stated((7)) not to exceed fifteen days from the date of such notice, to ((select one or more assignees in the place of the assignee named by the debtor in his assignment)) determine whether a person other than the assignee named

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- previously was appointed as receiver. A creditor may not vote at any meeting of creditors called for the purpose of determining whether a person other than the assignee named in the assignment should be appointed as receiver, until the creditor has presented to the clerk, who presides at the meeting, a proof of claim in accordance with section 23 of this act.
- 7 (6) From the time ((of the pending of an application to elect an assignee by the creditors, and until the time shall be terminated by an 8 election or appointment as herein provided)) a motion is made to elect 9 a new assignee in accordance with subsection (5) of this section, and 10 until either the meeting of creditors occurs without a selection of a 11 12 new assignee, or until the court enters an order appointing as receiver 13 a person other than the original assignee if the creditors vote to 14 select a new assignee at that meeting, no property of the ((debtor)) assignor, except perishable property, ((shall)) may be sold or disposed 15 of by ((any)) the assignee, whether or not the assignee has been 16 17 appointed as receiver; but the same shall be safely and securely kept until ((the election or appointment of an assignee as herein provided. 18 No creditor shall be entitled to vote at any such meeting called for 19 20 the purpose of electing an assignee, until he shall have presented to 21 the clerk of the superior court, who shall preside at such meeting, a 22 verified statement of his claim against the debtor)) then.
- 23 **Sec. 38.** RCW 7.56.110 and Code 1881 s 712 are each amended to read 24 as follows:
- If judgment be rendered against any corporation or against any 25 26 persons claiming to be a corporation, the court may cause the costs to be collected by executions against the persons claiming to be a 27 corporation or by attachment against the directors or other officers of 28 the corporation, and shall restrain the corporation, ((appoint a 29 30 receiver of its property and effects,)) take an account, and make a 31 distribution thereof among the creditors. The prosecuting attorney shall immediately institute proceedings for that purpose. 32
- 33 **Sec. 39.** RCW 11.64.022 and 1989 c 373 s 15 are each amended to read as follows:
- If the surviving partner or partners fail or refuse to furnish an inventory or list of liabilities, to permit an appraisal, or to account

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to the personal representative, or to furnish a bond when required 1 2 pursuant to RCW 11.64.016, the court shall order a citation to issue requiring the surviving partner or partners to appear and show cause 3 why they have not furnished an inventory list of liabilities, or 4 permitted an appraisal or why they should not account to the personal 5 representative or file a bond. The citation shall be served not less 6 7 than ten days before the return day designated therein, or such shorter period as the court upon a showing of good cause deems appropriate. 8 the surviving partner or partners neglect or refuse to file an 9 10 inventory or list of liabilities, or to permit an appraisal, or fail to account to the court or to file a bond, after they have been directed 11 12 to do so, they may be punished for a contempt of court as provided in 13 chapter 7.21 RCW. Where the surviving partner or partners fail to file 14 a bond after being ordered to do so by the court, the court may also appoint a receiver of the partnership estate ((with like powers and 15 duties of receivers in equity)) under chapter 7.60 RCW, and may order 16 17 the costs and expenses of the proceedings to be paid out of the partnership estate or out of the estate of the decedent, or by the 18 surviving partner or partners personally, or partly by each of the 19 parties. 20

21 **Sec. 40.** RCW 23B.14.320 and 1989 c 165 s 165 are each amended to 22 read as follows:

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- (1) A court in a judicial proceeding brought to dissolve a corporation may appoint one or more receivers to wind up and liquidate, or one or more custodians to manage, the business and affairs of the corporation. The court shall hold a hearing, after notifying all parties to the proceeding and any interested persons designated by the court, before appointing a receiver or custodian. ((The court appointing a receiver or custodian has exclusive jurisdiction over the corporation and all of its property wherever located.))
- (2) The court may appoint an individual or a domestic or foreign corporation, authorized to transact business in this state, as a receiver or custodian. The court may require the receiver or custodian to post bond, with or without sureties, in an amount the court directs.
- 35 (3) The ((court shall describe the powers and duties of the 36 receiver or custodian in its appointing order, which may be amended 37 from time to time. Among other powers:

- (a) The receiver (i) may dispose of all or any part of the assets of the corporation wherever located, at a public or private sale, if authorized by the court, and (ii) may sue and defend in the receiver's own name as receiver of the corporation in all courts of this state; and
  - (b) The)) receiver or custodian may exercise all of the powers of the corporation, through or in place of its board of directors or officers, to the extent necessary to manage the affairs of the corporation in the best interests of its shareholders and creditors.
- (4) The court, during a receivership, may redesignate the receiver a custodian, and during a custodianship may redesignate the custodian a receiver, if doing so is in the best interests of the corporation, its shareholders, and creditors.
- (5) The court from time to time during the receivership or custodianship may order compensation paid and expense disbursements or reimbursements made to the receiver or custodian and counsel from the assets of the corporation or proceeds from the sale of the assets.
- **Sec. 41.** RCW 24.06.305 and 1969 ex.s. c 120 s 61 are each amended to read as follows:
- 20 (1) In proceedings to liquidate the assets and affairs of a 21 corporation the court shall have the power to:
  - (a) Issue injunctions;
  - (b) Appoint a receiver or receivers pendente lite, with such powers and duties as the court may, from time to time, direct;
  - (c) Take such other proceedings as may be requisite to preserve the corporate assets wherever situated; and
- 27 (d) Carry on the affairs of the corporation until a full hearing 28 can be had.

After a hearing had upon such notice as the court may direct to be given to all parties to the proceedings, and to any other parties in interest designated by the court, the court may appoint a receiver ((with authority to collect the assets of the corporation. Such receiver shall have authority, subject to the order of the court, to sell, convey and dispose of all or any part of the assets of the corporation wherever situated, either at public or private sale. The order appointing such receiver shall state his powers and duties. Such

powers and duties may be increased or diminished at any time during the proceedings)).

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- (2) The assets of the corporation or the proceeds resulting from the sale, conveyance, or other disposition thereof shall be applied and distributed as follows:
- (a) All costs and expenses of the court proceedings, and all liabilities and obligations of the corporation shall be paid, satisfied and discharged, or adequate provision made therefor;
- (b) Assets held by the corporation upon condition requiring return, transfer, or conveyance, which condition occurs by reason of the dissolution or liquidation, shall be returned, transferred, or conveyed in accordance with such requirements;
- (c) Remaining assets, if any, shall be distributed to the members, shareholders, or others in accordance with the provisions of the articles of incorporation.
- (3) The court shall have power to make periodic allowances, as expenses of the liquidation and compensation to the receivers and attorneys in the proceeding accrue, and to direct the payment thereof from the assets of the corporation or from the proceeds of any sale or disposition of such assets.
- ((A receiver appointed under the provisions of this section shall have authority to sue and defend in all courts in his own name, as receiver of such corporation. The court appointing such receiver shall have exclusive jurisdiction of the corporation and its property, wherever situated.))
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 42. A new section is added to chapter 31.12 RCW to read as follows:
- Except in cases in which a receiver is appointed by a court on a temporary basis under RCW 31.12.721, the provisions of Title 7 RCW generally applicable to receivers and receiverships do not apply to receivers elected or appointed under this chapter.
- 32 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 43.** A new section is added to chapter 35.07 RCW 33 to read as follows:
- The provisions of Title 7 RCW generally applicable to receivers and receiverships do not apply to receivers elected or appointed under this chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 44. A new section is added to chapter 35A.15
RCW to read as follows:

The provisions of Title 7 RCW generally applicable to receivers and receiverships do not apply to receivers elected or appointed under this chapter.

**Sec. 45.** RCW 87.56.065 and 1925 ex.s. c 124 s 7 are each amended 7 to read as follows:

At the time and place fixed in ((said)) the notice the court shall hear the objections of interested persons and shall determine whether the district is insolvent within the provisions of this chapter and whether the district shall be dissolved. If the court concludes that the district shall not dissolve, ((he)) the court shall so find and dismiss the action. If the court concludes that the district should be dissolved, ((he)) the court shall appoint a receiver ((with bond conditioned for faithful performance of his duties in such sum as the court shall determine,)) to take charge of the district assets and to perform such other duties as may be required by the court or by law.

**Sec. 46.** RCW 87.56.100 and 1925 ex.s. c 124 s 12 are each amended 19 to read as follows:

If the owner or holder of a claim of indebtedness against the district not yet due or matured ((shall be entitled to serve upon the receiver and file a statement of his claim with the clerk of the court, as in the case of due and matured indebtedness, and the filing of such claim shall constitute an election on the part of the claimant authorizing the court in its discretion to accelerate the maturity of said indebtedness)) files a claim in any case in which a receiver is appointed under RCW 87.56.065, the maturity of the indebtedness owing to the person by the district shall be accelerated to such date as the court shall determine upon.

- \*NEW SECTION. Sec. 47. The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:
- 32 (1) RCW 4.28.081 (Summons, how served--When corporation in hands of receiver) and 1897 c 97 s 1;
- 34 (2) RCW 6.25.200 (Appointment of receiver for property) and 1987 c 35 442 s 820, 1957 c 9 s 9, & 1886 p 42 s 15;

- 1 (3) RCW 6.32.290 (Appointment of receiver--Notice) and 1893 c 133 2 s 28;
- 3 (4) RCW 6.32.300 (Effect on pending supplemental proceedings) and 4 1893 c 133 s 29;
- 5 (5) RCW 6.32.310 (Only one receiver may be appointed--Extending 6 receivership) and 1893 c 133 s 30;
  - (6) RCW 6.32.320 (Order, where to be filed) and 1893 c 133 s 31;
- 8 (7) RCW 6.32.330 (Property vested in receiver) and 1893 c 133 s 32;
- 9 (8) RCW 6.32.340 (Receiver's title extends back by relation) and 1893 c 133 s 33;
- 11 (9) RCW 6.32.350 (Records to be kept by clerk) and 2002 c 30 s 2 & 1893 c 133 s 34;
- 13 (10) RCW 7.08.020 (Assent of creditors presumed) and 1890 p 83 s 2;
- 14 (11) RCW 7.08.050 (Inventory by assignee--Bond) and 1890 p 85 s 4;
- 15 (12) RCW 7.08.060 (Notice to creditors) and 1890 p 85 s 5;

- 16 (13) RCW 7.08.070 (List of creditors' claims) and 1890 p 85 s 6;
- 17 (14) RCW 7.08.080 (Exceptions to claims) and 1957 c 9 s 7 & 1890 p 18 85 s 7;
- 19 (15) RCW 7.08.090 (Dividends--Final account--Compensation) and 1893 20 c 26 s 1 & 1890 p 86 s 8;
- 21 (16) RCW 7.08.100 (Assignee subject to court's control) and 1890 p 22 86 s 9;
- 23 (17) RCW 7.08.110 (Assignment not void, when) and 1957 c 9 s 8 & 24 1890 p 86 s 10;
- 25 (18) RCW 7.08.120 (Additional inventory) and 1890 p 86 s 11;
- 26 (19) RCW 7.08.130 (Procedure on claims not due--Limitation on presentment of claims) and 1890 p 86 s 12;
- 28 (20) RCW 7.08.140 (Authority of assignee to dispose of assets) and 29 1890 p 87 s 13;
- 30 (21) RCW 7.08.150 (Procedure when assignee dies, fails to act, 31 misapplies estate, or if bond insufficient) and 1890 p 87 s 14;
- 32 (22) RCW 7.08.170 (Discharge of assignor) and 1895 c 151 s 1 & 1890 33 p 88 s 15;
- 34 (23) RCW 7.08.180 (Sheriff disqualified from acting) and 1893 c 137  $\pm$  1;
- 36 (24) RCW 7.08.190 (Right of assignor to exemption) and 1897 c 6 s 37 1;

- 1 (25) RCW 7.08.200 (Exemption, how claimed--Objections) and 1897 c
- 2 6 s 2;
- 3 (26) RCW 7.60.010 (Receiver defined) and 1891 c 52 s 1;
- 4 (27) RCW 7.60.020 (Grounds for appointment) and 1998 c 295 s 18,
- 5 1937 c 47 s 1, Code 1881 s 193, 1877 p 40 s 197, 1869 p 48 s 196, &
- 6 1854 p 162 s 171;
- 7 (28) RCW 7.60.030 (Oath--Bond) and Code 1881 s 194, 1877 p 41 s
- 8 198, 1869 p 48 s 198, & 1854 p 162 s 173;
- 9 (29) RCW 7.60.040 (Powers of receiver) and Code 1881 s 198, 1877 p
- 10 41 s 202, 1869 p 49 s 202, & 1854 p 163 s 177;
- 11 (30) RCW 7.60.050 (Order when part of claim admitted) and Code 1881
- 12 s 199, 1877 p 41 s 203, 1869 p 49 s 203, & 1854 p 163 s 178;
- 13 (31) RCW 23.72.010 (Definitions) and 1959 c 219 s 1 & 1941 c 103 s
- 14 1;
- 15 (32) RCW 23.72.020 (Action to recover--Limitation) and 1941 c 103
- 16 s 2;
- 17 (33) RCW 23.72.030 (Preference voidable, when--Recovery) and 1959
- 18 c 219 s 2 & 1941 c 103 s 3;
- 19 (34) RCW 23.72.040 (Mutual debts and credits) and 1941 c 103 s 4;
- 20 (35) RCW 23.72.050 (Attorney's fees--Reexamination) and 1941 c 103
- 21 s 5;
- 22 (36) RCW 23.72.060 (Setoffs and counterclaims) and 1941 c 103 s 6;
- 23 (37) RCW 24.03.275 (Qualification of receivers--Bond) and 1967 c
- 24 235 s 56;
- 25 (38) RCW 24.03.280 (Filing of claims in liquidation proceedings)
- 26 and 1967 c 235 s 57;
- 27 (39) RCW 24.03.285 (Discontinuance of liquidation proceedings) and
- 28 1967 c 235 s 58;
- 29 (40) RCW 24.03.310 (Powers of foreign corporation) and 1967 c 235
- 30 **s 63**;
- 31 (41) RCW 24.03.315 (Corporate name of foreign corporation--
- 32 Fictitious name) and 1982 c 35 s 98 & 1967 c 235 s 64;
- 33 (42) RCW 24.03.320 (Change of name by foreign corporation) and 1986
- 34 c 240 s 44 & 1967 c 235 s 65;
- 35 (43) RCW 87.56.070 (Qualifications, duties, compensation of
- 36 receiver) and 1925 ex.s. c 124 s 8;
- 37 (44) RCW 87.56.080 (Notice to creditors) and 1985 c 469 s 93 & 1925
- 38 ex.s. c 124 s 9;

- 1 (45) RCW 87.56.085 (Notice to creditors--Contents) and 1925 ex.s.
- 2 c 124 s 10;
- 3 (46) RCW 87.56.090 (Unfiled claims barred--Effect of not filing
- 4 claim of bond lien) and 1925 ex.s. c 124 s 11;
- 5 (47) RCW 87.56.110 (Collection and disbursement of funds) and 1925
- 6 ex.s. c 124 s 13;
- 7 (48) RCW 87.56.120 (Receiver's report--Plan of liquidation) and
- 8 1925 ex.s. c 124 s 14;
- 9 (49) RCW 87.56.130 (Time for hearing receiver's report to be
- 10 fixed--Notice) and 1985 c 469 s 94 & 1925 ex.s. c 124 s 15;
- 11 (50) RCW 87.56.135 (Time for hearing receiver's report to be
- 12 fixed--Contents) and 1925 ex.s. c 124 s 16;
- 13 (51) RCW 87.56.140 (Objections to report) and 1925 ex.s. c 124 s
- 14 17;
- 15 (52) RCW 87.56.145 (Objections to report--Fee) and 1925 ex.s. c 124
- 16 s 18;
- 17 (53) RCW 87.56.150 (Hearing--Court's powers and duties) and 1925
- 18 ex.s. c 124 s 19; and
- 19 (54) RCW 87.56.155 (Decree--Plan of liquidation) and 1925 ex.s. c
- 20 124 s 20.
  - \*Sec. 47 was partially vetoed. See message at end of chapter.
- 21 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 48.** Captions used in this act are not part of
- 22 the law.

Passed by the Senate March 10, 2004.

Passed by the House March 5, 2004.

Approved by the Governor March 26, 2004, with the exception of certain items that were vetoed.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State March 26, 2004.

Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

"I am returning herewith, without my approval as to sections 47 (40), 47 (41) and 47 (42), Substitute Senate Bill No. 6189 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to receiverships;"

This bill develops a body of statutes to govern receivership proceedings and consolidates these laws into one chapter.

In creating this chapter, it was necessary to repeal duplicative or inconsistent statutes. These statutes are repealed in section 47. Section 47 (40) repeals RCW 24.03.310; section 47 (41) repeals RCW 24.03.315; and section 47 (42) repeals RCW 24.03.320. All three statutes deal with foreign corporations, and have no connection with receivership proceedings. These statutes were included in error, as the statutes that were meant to be repealed are RCW 24.06.310, RCW 24.06.315, and RCW 24.06.320.

For these reasons, I have vetoed sections 47 (40), 47 (41) and 47 (42) of Substitute Senate Bill No. 6189.

With the exception of sections  $47\ (40)$ ,  $47\ (41)$  and  $47\ (42)$ , Substitute Senate Bill No. 6189 is approved."