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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING THE SPECIFICATION OF PROCEDURES FOR THE RATIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTIONS.

### **Bill Summary**

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <a href="http://leg.colorado.gov">http://leg.colorado.gov</a>.)

The bill provides a statutory procedure for the ratification or validation of corporate actions that may not have been properly authorized and for shares that may not have been properly issued. The statutory ratification procedure supplements common-law ratification and is available only when the board of directors specifies the nature of the defective authorization. Prompt judicial review and validation of the

ratification process is available when a listed person claims to be substantially and adversely affected by the ratification.

1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado: 2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 7-103-106 as 3 follows: 4 7-103-106. Ratification of defective corporate actions -5 definitions. (1) Defective corporate actions. (a) A DEFECTIVE 6 CORPORATE ACTION IS NOT VOID OR VOIDABLE IF RATIFIED IN 7 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION OR VALIDATED IN 8 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (7) OF THIS SECTION. 9 (b) RATIFICATION UNDER SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION OR 10 VALIDATION UNDER SUBSECTION (7) OF THIS SECTION IS NOT THE 11 EXCLUSIVE MEANS OF RATIFYING OR VALIDATING ANY DEFECTIVE 12 CORPORATE ACTION, AND THE ABSENCE OR FAILURE OF RATIFICATION OR 13 VALIDATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION DOES NOT, OF ITSELF, 14 AFFECT THE VALIDITY OR EFFECTIVENESS OF ANY CORPORATE ACTION 15 PROPERLY RATIFIED UNDER COMMON LAW OR OTHERWISE, NOR DOES IT 16 CREATE A PRESUMPTION THAT ANY SUCH CORPORATE ACTION IS OR WAS 17 A DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION OR VOID OR VOIDABLE. 18 (c) IN THE CASE OF AN OVERISSUE, PUTATIVE SHARES ARE VALID 19 SHARES EFFECTIVE AS OF THE DATE ORIGINALLY ISSUED OR PURPORTEDLY 20 ISSUED UPON: 21 (I) THE EFFECTIVENESS UNDER THIS SECTION AND UNDER ARTICLE 22 110 OF THIS TITLE 7 OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF 23 INCORPORATION AUTHORIZING, DESIGNATING, OR CREATING THE SHARES; 24 OR 25 (II) THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ANY OTHER CORPORATE ACTION UNDER

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1	THIS SECTION RATIFYING THE AUTHORIZATION, DESIGNATION, OR										
2	CREATION OF THE SHARES.										
3	(2) Ratification of defective corporate actions. (a) TO RATIFY										
4	A DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION UNDER THIS SECTION OTHER THAN THE										
5	RATIFICATION OF AN ELECTION OF THE INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS										
6	UNDER SUBSECTION (2)(b) OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS										
7	MUST TAKE ACTION RATIFYING THE ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH										
8	SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION, STATING:										
9	(I) THE DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION TO BE RATIFIED AND, IF										
10	THE DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION INVOLVED THE ISSUANCE OF PUTATIVE										
11	SHARES, THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF PUTATIVE SHARES PURPORTEDLY										
12	ISSUED;										
13	(II) THE DATE OF THE DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION;										
14	(III) THE NATURE OF THE FAILURE OF AUTHORIZATION WITH										
15	RESPECT TO THE DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION TO BE RATIFIED; AND										
16	$(IV)\ That\ the\ board\ of\ directors\ approves\ the\ ratification$										
17	OF THE DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION.										
18	(b) IF A DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION TO BE RATIFIED RELATES										
19	TO THE ELECTION OF THE INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNDER SECTION										
20	7-102-105 (1)(a), a majority of the persons who, at the time of the										
21	RATIFICATION, ARE EXERCISING THE POWERS OF DIRECTORS MAY TAKE AN										
22	ACTION STATING:										
23	(I) THE NAME OF THE PERSON OR PERSONS WHO FIRST TOOK										
24	ACTION IN THE NAME OF THE CORPORATION AS THE INITIAL BOARD OF										
25	DIRECTORS;										
26	(II) THE EARLIER OF THE DATE ON WHICH THE PERSONS FIRST TOOK										
27	THE ACTION OR WERE PURPORTED TO HAVE BEEN ELECTED AS THE INITIAL										

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1	BOARD OF DIRECTORS; AND
2	(III) THAT THE RATIFICATION OF THE ELECTION OF THE PERSON OR
3	PERSONS AS THE INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS APPROVED.
4	(c) If any provision of articles $101\mathrm{to}117\mathrm{of}\mathrm{this}\mathrm{title}7$ , the
5	ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OR BYLAWS, OR A CORPORATE RESOLUTION
6	OR ANY PLAN OR AGREEMENT TO WHICH THE CORPORATION IS A PARTY IN
7	EFFECT AT THE TIME ACTION UNDER SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION
8	IS TAKEN REQUIRES SHAREHOLDER APPROVAL OR WOULD HAVE REQUIRED
9	SHAREHOLDER APPROVAL AT THE DATE OF THE OCCURRENCE OF THE
10	DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION, THE RATIFICATION OF THE DEFECTIVE
11	CORPORATE ACTION APPROVED IN THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF
12	DIRECTORS UNDER SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION MUST BE
13	SUBMITTED TO THE SHAREHOLDERS FOR APPROVAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH
14	SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION.
15	(d) UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE
16	BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNDER SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION, AFTER
17	THE ACTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS BEEN TAKEN AND, IF
18	REQUIRED, APPROVED BY THE SHAREHOLDERS, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
19	MAY ABANDON THE RATIFICATION AT ANY TIME BEFORE THE VALIDATION
20	EFFECTIVE TIME WITHOUT FURTHER ACTION OF THE SHAREHOLDERS.
21	(3) Action on ratification. (a) The quorum and voting
22	REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO A RATIFYING ACTION BY THE BOARD OF
23	DIRECTORS UNDER SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION ARE THE QUORUM
24	AND VOTING REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE CORPORATE ACTION
25	PROPOSED TO BE RATIFIED AT THE TIME SUCH RATIFYING ACTION IS TAKEN.
26	(b) IF THE RATIFICATION OF THE DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION
27	REQUIRES APPROVAL BY THE SHAREHOLDERS UNDER SUBSECTION (2)(c)

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1	OF THIS SECTION AND IF THE APPROVAL IS TO BE GIVEN AT A MEETING, THE
2	CORPORATION SHALL NOTIFY EACH HOLDER OF VALID AND PUTATIVE
3	SHARES, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER ENTITLED TO VOTE, AS OF THE RECORD
4	DATE FOR NOTICE OF THE MEETING. THE NOTICE MUST STATE THAT THE
5	PURPOSE, OR ONE OF THE PURPOSES, OF THE MEETING IS TO CONSIDER
6	RATIFICATION OF A DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION AND MUST BE
7	ACCOMPANIED BY:
8	(I) EITHER A COPY OF THE WRITTEN ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD
9	OF DIRECTORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION
10	OR THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS $(2)(a)(I)$ TO $(2)(a)(IV)$
11	OF THIS SECTION; AND
12	(II) A STATEMENT THAT ANY CLAIM THAT THE RATIFICATION OF
13	THE DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION AND ANY PUTATIVE SHARES ISSUED
14	AS A RESULT OF THE DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION SHOULD NOT BE
15	EFFECTIVE, OR SHOULD BE EFFECTIVE ONLY ON CERTAIN CONDITIONS,
16	MUST BE BROUGHT WITHIN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS AFTER THE
17	APPLICABLE VALIDATION EFFECTIVE TIME.
18	(c) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (3)(d) OF THIS SECTION
19	WITH RESPECT TO THE VOTING REQUIREMENTS TO RATIFY THE ELECTION
20	OF A DIRECTOR, THE QUORUM AND VOTING REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO
21	THE APPROVAL BY THE SHAREHOLDERS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (2)(c)
22	OF THIS SECTION ARE THE QUORUM AND VOTING REQUIREMENTS
23	APPLICABLE TO THE CORPORATE ACTION PROPOSED TO BE RATIFIED AT THE
24	TIME OF THE SHAREHOLDER APPROVAL, NOT THE REQUIREMENTS FOR
25	SHAREHOLDER APPROVAL EXISTING AT THE TIME THAT THE DEFECTIVE
26	CORPORATE ACTION REQUIRING THE RATIFICATION WAS ORIGINALLY
27	TAKEN.

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(d) THE APPROVAL BY SHAREHOLDERS TO RATIFY THE ELECTION
OF A DIRECTOR REQUIRES THAT THE VOTES CAST WITHIN THE VOTING
GROUP FAVORING THE RATIFICATION EXCEED THE VOTES CAST OPPOSING
THE RATIFICATION OF THE ELECTION AT A MEETING AT WHICH A QUORUM
IS PRESENT.
(e) HOLDERS OF PUTATIVE SHARES ON THE RECORD DATE FOR

- (e) HOLDERS OF PUTATIVE SHARES ON THE RECORD DATE FOR DETERMINING THE SHAREHOLDERS ENTITLED TO VOTE ON ANY MATTER SUBMITTED TO SHAREHOLDERS UNDER SUBSECTION (2)(c) OF THIS SECTION, AND WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO ANY RATIFICATION OF PUTATIVE SHARES THAT BECOMES EFFECTIVE AS A RESULT OF SUCH VOTE, ARE NOT ENTITLED TO VOTE AND SHALL NOT BE COUNTED FOR QUORUM PURPOSES IN ANY VOTE TO APPROVE THE RATIFICATION OF ANY DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION.
- (f) If the approval under this section of putative shares would result in an overissue, in addition to the approval required by subsection (2) of this section, approval of an amendment to the articles of incorporation under article 110 of this title 7 to increase the number of shares of an authorized class or series or to authorize the creation of a class or series of shares as necessary to preclude an overissue is also required.
- (4) **Notice requirements.** (a) Unless shareholder approval is required under subsection (2)(c) of this section, prompt notice of an action taken under subsection (2) of this section shall be given to each holder of valid and putative shares, regardless of whether entitled to vote, as of:
  - (I) THE DATE OF THE ACTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS; AND
  - (II) THE DATE OF THE DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION RATIFIED;

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1	EXCEPT THAT NOTICE IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE GIVEN TO HOLDERS OF VALID
2	AND PUTATIVE SHARES WHOSE IDENTITIES OR ADDRESSES FOR NOTICE
3	CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM THE RECORDS OF THE CORPORATION.
4	(b) THE NOTICE MUST CONTAIN:
5	(I) EITHER A COPY OF THE WRITTEN ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD
6	OF DIRECTORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (2)(a) OR (2)(b) OF THIS
7	SECTION OR THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (2)(a)(I) TO
8	(2)(a)(IV) or $(2)(b)(I)$ to $(2)(b)(III)$ of this section, as applicable;
9	AND
10	(II) A STATEMENT THAT ANY CLAIM THAT THE RATIFICATION OF
11	THE DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION AND ANY PUTATIVE SHARES ISSUED
12	AS A RESULT OF THE DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION SHOULD NOT BE
13	EFFECTIVE, OR SHOULD BE EFFECTIVE ONLY ON CERTAIN CONDITIONS,
14	MUST BE BROUGHT WITHIN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS AFTER THE
15	APPLICABLE VALIDATION EFFECTIVE TIME.
16	(c) NOTICE UNDER THIS SECTION IS NOT REQUIRED WITH RESPECT
17	TO ANY ACTION REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED TO SHAREHOLDERS FOR
18	APPROVAL UNDER SUBSECTION $(2)(c)$ OF THIS SECTION IF NOTICE IS GIVEN
19	IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (4)(b) OF THIS SECTION.
20	(d) A NOTICE REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION MAY BE GIVEN IN ANY
21	MANNER PERMITTED BY SECTION 7-101-402 AND, FOR ANY CORPORATION
22	SUBJECT TO THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF
23	THE FEDERAL "SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934", AS AMENDED, 15
24	U.S.C. SEC. 78m AND 15 U.S.C. SEC. 78m (d), MAY BE GIVEN BY MEANS
25	OF A FILING OR FURNISHING OF THE NOTICE WITH THE UNITED STATES
26	SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION.
27	(e) THE FAILURE TO GIVE THE NOTICE DOES NOT INVALIDATE THE

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1	RATIFICATION OF THE DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION.
2	(5) <b>Effect of ratification.</b> From and after the validation
3	EFFECTIVE TIME, AND WITHOUT REGARD TO THE
4	ONE-HUNDRED-TWENTY-DAY PERIOD DURING WHICH A CLAIM MAY BE
5	BROUGHT UNDER SUBSECTION (7) OF THIS SECTION:
6	(a) EACH DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION RATIFIED IN
7	ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION IS NOT VOID OR
8	VOIDABLE AS A RESULT OF THE FAILURE OF AUTHORIZATION IDENTIFIED IN
9	THE ACTION TAKEN UNDER SUBSECTION (2)(a) OR (2)(b) OF THIS SECTION
10	AND SHALL BE DEEMED A VALID CORPORATE ACTION EFFECTIVE AS OF THE
11	DATE OF THE DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION;
12	(b) THE ISSUANCE OF EACH PUTATIVE SHARE OR FRACTION OF A
13	PUTATIVE SHARE PURPORTEDLY ISSUED PURSUANT TO A DEFECTIVE
14	CORPORATE ACTION IDENTIFIED IN THE ACTION TAKEN UNDER SUBSECTION
15	(2) OF THIS SECTION IS NOT VOID OR VOIDABLE, AND EACH SUCH PUTATIVE
16	SHARE OR FRACTION OF A PUTATIVE SHARE SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE AN
17	IDENTICAL SHARE OR FRACTION OF A VALID SHARE AS OF THE TIME IT WAS
18	PURPORTEDLY ISSUED; AND
19	(c) ANY CORPORATE ACTION TAKEN AFTER THE DEFECTIVE
20	CORPORATE ACTION RATIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION IN
21	RELIANCE ON THE DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION HAVING BEEN VALIDLY
22	EFFECTED AND ANY SUBSEQUENT DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION
23	RESULTING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY FROM THE ORIGINAL DEFECTIVE
24	CORPORATE ACTION IS VALID AS OF THE TIME TAKEN.
25	(6) <b>Filings.</b> (a) If the defective corporate action ratified
26	UNDER THIS SECTION WOULD HAVE REQUIRED UNDER ANY OTHER SECTION
27	OF ARTICLES 101 TO 117 OF THIS TITLE 7 A FILING IN ACCORDANCE WITH

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1	ARTICLES 101 TO 117 OF THIS TITLE 7, THEN, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER A
2	FILING WAS PREVIOUSLY MADE WITH RESPECT TO THE DEFECTIVE
3	CORPORATE ACTION AND IN LIEU OF A FILING OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY
4	ARTICLES $101$ to $117$ of this title 7, the corporation shall file
5	ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION, AND THE
6	ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT AMEND OR SUBSTITUTE FOR ANY OTHER FILING
7	WITH RESPECT TO THE DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION REQUIRED BY
8	ARTICLES 101 TO 117 OF THIS TITLE 7.
9	(b) The articles of amendment must set forth in an
10	ATTACHMENT TO THE ARTICLES:
11	(I) THE DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF
12	THE ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT INCLUDING, IN THE CASE OF ANY DEFECTIVE
13	CORPORATE ACTION INVOLVING THE ISSUANCE OF PUTATIVE SHARES, THE
14	NUMBER AND TYPE OF PUTATIVE SHARES ISSUED AND THE DATE OR DATES
15	UPON WHICH THE PUTATIVE SHARES WERE PURPORTED TO HAVE BEEN
16	ISSUED;
17	(II) THE DATE OF THE DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION;
18	(III) THE NATURE OF THE FAILURE OF AUTHORIZATION WITH
19	RESPECT TO THE DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION;
20	(IV) A STATEMENT THAT THE DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION WAS
21	RATIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION,
22	INCLUDING THE DATE ON WHICH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RATIFIED THE
23	DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION AND THE DATE, IF ANY, ON WHICH THE
24	SHAREHOLDERS APPROVED THE RATIFICATION OF THE DEFECTIVE
25	CORPORATE ACTION; AND
26	(V) The information required by subsection $(6)(c)$ of this
27	SECTION.

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1	(C) THE ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT MUST ALSO CONTAIN THE
2	FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN AN ATTACHMENT TO THE ARTICLES:
3	(I) IF A FILING WAS PREVIOUSLY MADE WITH RESPECT TO THE
4	DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION AND NO CHANGES TO THE FILING ARE
5	REQUIRED TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE RATIFICATION OF THE DEFECTIVE
6	CORPORATE ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS
7	SECTION, THE ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT MUST SET FORTH:
8	(A) THE NAME, TITLE, AND FILING DATE OF THE FILING PREVIOUSLY
9	MADE AND ANY ARTICLES OF CORRECTION TO THAT FILING; AND
10	(B) A STATEMENT THAT A COPY OF THE FILING PREVIOUSLY MADE,
11	TOGETHER WITH ANY ARTICLES OF CORRECTION TO THAT FILING, IS
12	ATTACHED AS AN EXHIBIT TO THE ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT;
13	(II) IF A FILING WAS PREVIOUSLY MADE WITH RESPECT TO THE
14	DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION AND THE FILING REQUIRES ANY CHANGE
15	TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE RATIFICATION OF THE DEFECTIVE CORPORATE
16	ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION (6)(c), THE ARTICLES OF
17	AMENDMENT MUST SET FORTH:
18	(A) THE NAME, TITLE, DOCUMENT NUMBER, AND FILING DATE OF
19	THE FILING PREVIOUSLY MADE AND ANY ARTICLES OF CORRECTION TO
20	THAT FILING;
21	(B) A STATEMENT THAT A FILING CONTAINING ALL OF THE
22	INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE INCLUDED UNDER THE APPLICABLE
23	SECTION OR SECTIONS OF ARTICLES 101 TO 117 OF THIS TITLE 7 TO GIVE
24	EFFECT TO THE DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION IS ATTACHED AS AN
25	EXHIBIT TO THE ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT; AND
26	(C) THE DATE AND TIME THAT THE FILING IS DEEMED TO HAVE
27	BECOME EFFECTIVE; OR

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1	(III) IF A FILING WAS NOT PREVIOUSLY MADE WITH RESPECT TO THE
2	DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION AND THE DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION
3	RATIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION WOULD HAVE REQUIRED
4	A FILING UNDER ANY OTHER SECTION OF ARTICLES 101 TO 117 OF THIS
5	TITLE 7, THE ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT MUST SET FORTH:
6	(A) A STATEMENT THAT A FILING CONTAINING ALL OF THE
7	INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE INCLUDED UNDER THE APPLICABLE
8	SECTION OR SECTIONS OF ARTICLES $101$ to $117$ of this title $7$ to give
9	EFFECT TO THE DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION IS ATTACHED AS AN
10	EXHIBIT TO THE ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT; AND
11	(B) THE DATE AND TIME THAT THE FILING IS DEEMED TO HAVE
12	BECOME EFFECTIVE.
13	(7) Judicial proceedings regarding validity of corporate
14	actions. (a) Upon application by the corporation, any successor
15	ENTITY TO THE CORPORATION, A DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATION, ANY
16	BENEFICIAL OWNER OF THE CORPORATION, INCLUDING ANY SUCH
17	BENEFICIAL OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE DEFECTIVE CORPORATE
18	ACTION RATIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION $(2)$ OF THIS SECTION, OR ANY OTHER
19	PERSON CLAIMING TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY AND ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY
20	A RATIFICATION UNDER SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, THE COURT
21	AUTHORIZED TO ACT UNDER SECTION 7-107-103 MAY:
22	(I) DETERMINE THE VALIDITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF ANY
23	CORPORATE ACTION OR DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION;
24	(II) DETERMINE THE VALIDITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF ANY
25	RATIFICATION UNDER SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION;
26	(III) DETERMINE THE VALIDITY OF ANY PUTATIVE SHARES; AND
27	(IV) MODIFY OR WAIVE ANY OF THE PROCEDURES SPECIFIED IN

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1	SUBSECTION	(2)	OR	(3)	OF	THIS	SECTION	ТО	RATIFY	A	DEFECTIVE
2	CORPORATE A	ACTI(	ON.								

- (b) IN CONNECTION WITH AN ACTION UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COURT MAY MAKE SUCH FINDINGS OR ORDERS, AND TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ANY FACTORS OR CONSIDERATIONS, REGARDING SUCH MATTERS AS IT DEEMS PROPER UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.
- (c) SERVICE OF PROCESS OF THE APPLICATION UNDER SUBSECTION (7)(a) OF THIS SECTION ON THE CORPORATION MAY BE MADE IN ANY MANNER PROVIDED BY STATUTE OF THIS STATE OR BY RULE OF THE APPLICABLE COURT FOR SERVICE ON THE CORPORATION, AND NO OTHER PARTY NEED BE JOINED IN ORDER FOR THE COURT TO ADJUDICATE THE MATTER. IN AN ACTION FILED BY THE CORPORATION, THE COURT MAY REQUIRE NOTICE OF THE ACTION BE PROVIDED TO OTHER PERSONS SPECIFIED BY THE COURT AND PERMIT SUCH OTHER PERSONS TO INTERVENE IN THE ACTION.
  - (d) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION OR OTHERWISE UNDER APPLICABLE LAW, ANY ACTION ASSERTING THAT THE RATIFICATION OF A DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION AND ANY PUTATIVE SHARES ISSUED AS A RESULT OF THE DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION SHOULD NOT BE EFFECTIVE, OR SHOULD BE EFFECTIVE ONLY ON CERTAIN CONDITIONS, MUST BE BROUGHT WITHIN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS AFTER THE VALIDATION EFFECTIVE TIME.

### (8) **Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

(a) "CORPORATE ACTION" MEANS ANY ACTION TAKEN BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE CORPORATION, INCLUDING ANY ACTION TAKEN BY THE INCORPORATOR, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, A COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AN OFFICER OR AGENT OF THE CORPORATION, OR THE

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1	SHAREHOLDERS.
2	(b) "DATE OF THE DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION" MEANS THE
3	DATE, OR THE APPROXIMATE DATE IF THE EXACT DATE IS UNKNOWN, ON
4	WHICH THE DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION WAS PURPORTED TO HAVE
5	BEEN TAKEN.
6	(c) "DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION" MEANS:
7	(I) ANY CORPORATE ACTION PURPORTEDLY TAKEN THAT IS, AND
8	AT THE TIME THE CORPORATE ACTION WAS PURPORTEDLY TAKEN WOULD
9	HAVE BEEN, WITHIN THE POWER OF THE CORPORATION, WITHOUT REGARD
10	TO THE FAILURE OF AUTHORIZATION IDENTIFIED IN SUBSECTION $(2)(a)$ OF
11	THIS SECTION, BUT IS VOID OR VOIDABLE DUE TO A FAILURE OF
12	AUTHORIZATION; AND
13	(II) AN OVERISSUE.
14	(d) "FAILURE OF AUTHORIZATION" MEANS THE FAILURE TO
15	AUTHORIZE, APPROVE, OR OTHERWISE EFFECT A CORPORATE ACTION IN
16	COMPLIANCE WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING, IF AND TO THE EXTENT THE
17	FAILURE WOULD RENDER THE CORPORATE ACTION VOID OR VOIDABLE:
18	(I) Articles 101 to 117 of this title 7;
19	(II) THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OR BYLAWS;
20	(III) A CORPORATE RESOLUTION OR ANY PLAN OR AGREEMENT TO
21	WHICH THE CORPORATION IS A PARTY; OR
22	(IV) THE DISCLOSURE SET FORTH IN ANY PROXY OR CONSENT
23	SOLICITATION STATEMENT.
24	(e) "OVERISSUE" MEANS THE PURPORTED ISSUANCE OF:
25	(I) SHARES OF A CLASS OR SERIES IN EXCESS OF THE NUMBER OF
26	SHARES OF A CLASS OR SERIES THE CORPORATION HAS THE POWER TO ISSUE
27	UNDER SECTION 7-106-101 AT THE TIME OF THE ISSUANCE; OR

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1	(II) SHARES OF ANY CLASS OR SERIES THAT ARE NOT THEN
2	AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE BY THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.
3	(f) "PUTATIVE SHARES" MEANS THE SHARES OF ANY CLASS OR
4	SERIES, INCLUDING SHARES ISSUED UPON THE EXERCISE OF RIGHTS,
5	OPTIONS, WARRANTS, OR OTHER SECURITIES CONVERTIBLE INTO SHARES
6	OF THE CORPORATION, OR INTERESTS WITH RESPECT TO THE SHARES, THAT
7	WERE CREATED OR ISSUED AS A RESULT OF A DEFECTIVE CORPORATE
8	ACTION, THAT:
9	(I) BUT FOR ANY FAILURE OF AUTHORIZATION, WOULD CONSTITUTE
10	VALID SHARES; OR
11	(II) CANNOT BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO BE
12	VALID SHARES.
13	(g) (I) "VALIDATION EFFECTIVE TIME", WITH RESPECT TO ANY
14	DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTION RATIFIED UNDER THIS SECTION, MEANS
15	THE LATER OF:
16	(A) THE TIME AT WHICH THE RATIFICATION OF THE DEFECTIVE
17	CORPORATE ACTION IS APPROVED BY THE SHAREHOLDERS OR, IF APPROVAL
18	OF SHAREHOLDERS IS NOT REQUIRED, THE TIME AT WHICH THE NOTICE
19	REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION TAKES EFFECT IN
20	ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7-101-402; AND
21	(B) THE TIME AT WHICH ANY ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT FILED IN
22	ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION $(6)$ OF THIS SECTION BECOME EFFECTIVE.
23	(II) THE VALIDATION EFFECTIVE TIME IS NOT AFFECTED BY THE
24	FILING OR PENDENCY OF A JUDICIAL PROCEEDING UNDER SUBSECTION (7)
25	OF THIS SECTION OR OTHERWISE, UNLESS OTHERWISE ORDERED BY THE
26	COURT.
27	(h) "VALID SHARES" MEANS THE SHARES OF ANY CLASS OR SERIES

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1	THAT HAVE BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED AND VALIDLY ISSUED IN
2	ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLES $101\ \mathrm{To}\ 117\ \mathrm{of}\ \mathrm{THIS}\ \mathrm{TITLE}\ 7$ , including as
3	A RESULT OF RATIFICATION OR VALIDATION UNDER THIS SECTION.
4	SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date -
5	applicability. (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following
6	the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the
7	general assembly (August 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6,
8	2020); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1
9	(3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,
10	or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part
11	will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election
12	to be held in November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the
13	date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.
14	(2) This act applies to conduct occurring on or after the applicable
15	effective date of this act.

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