

1 **AMENDMENTS RELATED TO LIMITED**
2 **LIABILITY COMPANIES**

3 1998 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

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6 AN ACT RELATING TO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES; DEFINING TERMS;
7 AMENDING REQUIREMENTS FOR ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION; AMENDING
8 PROVISIONS FOR AMENDING ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION; ADDRESSING
9 MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTION AT TIME THE MEMBER'S INTEREST IS TERMINATED;
10 AND MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

11 This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

12 AMENDS:

13 **48-2b-103**, as last amended by Chapter 159, Laws of Utah 1997

14 **48-2b-104**, as enacted by Chapter 258, Laws of Utah 1991

15 **48-2b-116**, as last amended by Chapter 159, Laws of Utah 1997

16 **48-2b-121**, as last amended by Chapter 176, Laws of Utah 1996

17 **48-2b-126**, as last amended by Chapter 159, Laws of Utah 1997

18 **48-2b-132**, as enacted by Chapter 258, Laws of Utah 1991

19 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

20 Section 1. Section **48-2b-103** is amended to read:

21 **48-2b-103. Formation.**

22 (1) A limited liability company may be formed by delivering to the division articles of
23 organization for the limited liability company:

24 (a) meeting the requirements of Section 48-2b-116; and

25 (b) executed as required by Section 48-2b-134.

26 (2) (a) A limited liability company shall [~~at formation of the limited liability company and~~
27 ~~at all times~~] have at least one member;

- 1 (i) at the time of formation; and
- 2 (ii) at all times after its formation.

3 (b) Any person may be a member of a limited liability company.

4 (c) Failure to maintain at least one member shall be an event of dissolution, subject to
5 Section 48-2b-137.

6 Section 2. Section **48-2b-104** is amended to read:

7 **48-2b-104. Scope -- Definitions.**

8 (1) Except as otherwise provided by the laws of this state, a limited liability company may
9 conduct or promote any lawful business [or purpose which a partnership, general corporation, or
10 professional corporation may conduct or promote].

11 (2) For purposes of this chapter, "business" includes any lawful purpose, activity, or
12 business.

13 Section 3. Section **48-2b-116** is amended to read:

14 **48-2b-116. Articles of organization.**

15 (1) The articles of organization of a limited liability company shall set forth:

16 (a) the name of the limited liability company;

17 (b) the period of its duration, which shall not exceed 99 years from the date of filing with
18 the division;

19 (c) the business purpose or purposes for which the limited liability company is organized;

20 (d) the street address of its registered office in the state;

21 (e) the name and signature of its initial registered agent at that address, as required by

22 Section 48-2b-123;

23 (f) if the limited liability company is to be managed by a manager or managers:

24 (i) a statement that the company is to be managed [~~in that fashion~~] by a manager or
25 managers; and

26 (ii) the names and street addresses of the managers who are to serve until the first meeting
27 of members or until their successors are elected;

28 (g) if the management of a limited liability company is reserved to the members, the names
29 and street addresses of the members; and

30 (h) any other provision, not inconsistent with law, that the members choose to include in
31 the articles of organization for the regulation of the internal affairs of the limited liability company,

1 including any provision that is required or permitted to be included in the operating agreement of
2 the limited liability company under this chapter.

3 (2) It is not necessary to include in the articles of organization any of the powers
4 enumerated in this chapter.

5 (3) If a limited liability company is to be managed by one or more managers, the articles
6 of organization do not need to state the name or address of any member.

7 (4) If the articles of organization of a limited liability company do not specify a period of
8 duration as required by Subsection (1)(b), the period of duration for that limited liability company
9 is 99 years from the date of filing the articles of organization with the division.

10 Section 4. Section **48-2b-121** is amended to read:

11 **48-2b-121. When amendments required.**

12 (1) The articles of organization of a limited liability company shall be amended when:

13 (a) there is a change in the name of the limited liability company;

14 (b) there is a change in the character of the business of the limited liability company
15 specified in the articles of organization;

16 (c) there is a false or erroneous statement in the articles of organization;

17 (d) there is a change in the time~~[-as stated in the articles of organization,]~~ for the
18 dissolution of the limited liability company that is:

19 (i) stated in the articles of organization; or

20 (ii) provided for in Subsection 48-2b-116(4);

21 (e) there is a change in:

22 (i) who is a manager of the limited liability company; or~~[-]~~

23 (ii) if the limited liability company is managed by its members, [a change in] who is a
24 member of the limited liability company; or

25 ~~[(f) the members determine to fix a time, not previously specified in the articles of~~
26 ~~organization, for the dissolution of the limited liability company; or]~~

27 ~~[(g)]~~ (f) the members desire to make a change in any other statement in the articles of
28 organization in order for the articles to accurately represent the agreement among [them] the
29 members.

30 (2) Each limited liability company shall file with the division a copy of any amendment
31 to the articles within 60 days after the adoption of the amendment.

1 Section 5. Section **48-2b-126** is amended to read:

2 **48-2b-126. Operating agreements.**

3 (1) An operating agreement may be adopted with the unanimous consent of the members.

4 (2) An operating agreement may be altered, amended, or repealed as provided in the
5 operating agreement of the limited liability company.

6 (3) The operating agreements may provide for:

7 (a) the regulation and management of the affairs of the limited liability company in any
8 manner not inconsistent with law or the articles of organization;

9 (b) the removal of a manager or managers; and

10 (c) the termination of a member's interest in the limited liability company.

11 [~~(4) If a member's interest in the limited liability company is terminated pursuant to the~~
12 ~~operating agreement, the member may rightfully demand a return of the member's contribution~~
13 ~~pursuant to Section 48-2b-132.~~]

14 [(5)] (4) A written declaration or written guidelines adopted by the sole member of a
15 limited liability company constitutes an operating agreement for purposes of this chapter if:

16 (a) the limited liability company has only one member; and

17 (b) the member designates in the written declaration or guidelines that the written
18 declaration or guidelines is the operating agreement.

19 Section 6. Section **48-2b-132** is amended to read:

20 **48-2b-132. Conditions for distribution of property -- Return of contribution.**

21 (1) A member [~~shall~~] may not receive [~~no~~] a distribution of limited liability company
22 property on account of any member's contribution to capital until:

23 (a) all liabilities of the limited liability company, except liabilities to members on account
24 of their contributions to capital, have been paid or sufficient property of the company remains to
25 pay them; and

26 (b) the consent of all members is obtained, unless the return of the contribution to capital
27 may be rightfully demanded as provided in:

28 (i) this chapter[~~;~~];

29 (ii) the articles of organization[~~;~~]; or

30 (iii) the operating agreement.

31 (2) Subject to Subsection (1), a member may rightfully demand the return of the member's

1 contribution:

2 (a) upon the dissolution of the limited liability company;

3 (b) when the date an event specified in the articles of organization for the return of the
4 contribution has arrived; or

5 (c) [~~after the member has given all other members of the limited liability company six~~
6 ~~months' prior notice in writing, if no other time period is specified in the articles of organization~~
7 ~~for the dissolution of the limited liability company]~~ unless otherwise provided in the operating
8 agreement, if the member's interest in the limited liability company is terminated under the
9 operating agreement.

10 (3) In the absence of a statement in the articles of organization to the contrary or the
11 consent of all members of the limited liability company, a member, irrespective of the nature of
12 the member's contribution, has only the right to demand and receive cash in return for the
13 member's contribution to capital.

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A limited legal review of this bill raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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