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1	NONPROFIT CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENTS
2	2015 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	Chief Sponsor: Lyle W. Hillyard
5	House Sponsor: V. Lowry Snow
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7	LONG TITLE
8	General Description:
9	This bill amends the Utah Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act.
10	Highlighted Provisions:
11	This bill:
12	<ul><li>modifies definition provisions;</li></ul>
13	<ul> <li>provides for use of electronic transmissions;</li> </ul>
14	<ul><li>addresses private foundations;</li></ul>
15	<ul><li>addresses incorporation;</li></ul>
16	<ul> <li>provides for mutual benefit corporations to purchase memberships;</li> </ul>
17	<ul> <li>modifies provision addressing no property rights;</li> </ul>
18	▶ addresses action without meeting $\hat{\mathbf{H}}$ → [and action by written ballot] ← $\hat{\mathbf{H}}$ ;
19	<ul> <li>modifies provision related to voting entitlement;</li> </ul>
20	<ul> <li>modifies provisions related to board of directors;</li> </ul>
21	<ul> <li>addresses authorized actions of a committee of the board;</li> </ul>
22	<ul> <li>modifies provisions related to conflicting interest transactions;</li> </ul>
23	<ul> <li>modifies provisions related to court-ordered indemnification of a director;</li> </ul>
24	<ul> <li>addresses provisions related to articles of incorporation;</li> </ul>
25	<ul> <li>provides for voting members to vote on amendment to convert to a corporation;</li> </ul>
26	<ul> <li>modifies effect of dissolution provision; and</li> </ul>
27	makes technical and conforming changes.



28	Money Appropriated in this Bill:
29	None
30	Other Special Clauses:
31	None
32	<b>Utah Code Sections Affected:</b>
33	AMENDS:
34	16-6a-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 386
35	16-6a-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 388
36	16-6a-116, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2002, Chapter 197
37	16-6a-203, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2000, Chapter 300
38	16-6a-610, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2000, Chapter 300
39	16-6a-611, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 315
40	16-6a-705, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2000, Chapter 300
41	16-6a-707, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2002, Chapter 197
42	Ĥ→ [—16-6a-709, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 378] ←Ĥ
43	16-6a-711, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 315
44	16-6a-712, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2000, Chapter 300
45	16-6a-801, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2000, Chapter 300
46	16-6a-807, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2000, Chapter 300
47	16-6a-808, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 160
48	16-6a-813, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2000, Chapter 300
49	16-6a-814, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 388
50	16-6a-815, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2006, Chapter 228
51	16-6a-817, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2001, Chapter 127
52	16-6a-825, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 315
53	16-6a-905, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2006, Chapter 228
54	16-6a-1002, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 364
55	16-6a-1003, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2000, Chapter 300
56	16-6a-1006, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2000, Chapter 300
57	16-6a-1008, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 386
58	16-6a-1302, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 386

524	(c) If the nonprofit corporation has received written consents in accordance with
525	Subsection (1) signed by all members entitled to vote with respect to the action, the effective
526	date of the member action may be any date that is specified in all the written consents as the
527	effective date of the member action.
528	[(d) Unless otherwise provided by the bylaws, a written consent under this Subsection
529	(4) may be received by the nonprofit corporation by electronically transmitted facsimile or
530	other form of communication providing the nonprofit corporation with a complete copy of the
531	written consent, including a copy of the signature to the written consent.]
532	(d) (i) Unless otherwise provided by the bylaws, a member may deliver a written
533	consent under this section by an electronic transmission that provides the nonprofit corporation
534	with a complete copy of the written consent.
535	(ii) An electronic transmission consenting to an action under this section is considered
536	to be written, signed, and dated for purposes of this section if the electronic transmission is
537	delivered with information from which the corporation can determine:
538	(A) that the electronic transmission is transmitted by the member; and
539	(B) the date on which the electronic transmission is transmitted.
540	(iii) The date on which an electronic transmission is transmitted is considered the date
541	on which a consent is signed.
542	(5) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), directors may not be elected by written consent
543	except by unanimous written consent of all members entitled to vote for the election of
544	directors.
545	(6) If not otherwise determined under Section 16-6a-703 or 16-6a-706, the record date
546	for determining the members entitled to take action without a meeting or entitled to be given
547	notice under Subsection (2) of action taken without a meeting is the date the first member
548	delivers to the nonprofit corporation a writing upon which the action is taken pursuant to
549	Subsection (1).
550	(7) Action taken under this section has the same effect as action taken at a meeting of
551	members and may be so described in any document.
552	Ĥ→ [Section 9. Section 16-6a-709 is amended to read:
553	16-6a-709. Action by written ballot.
554	(1) Unless otherwise provided by the bylaws, any action that may be taken at any • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •

555	• annual, regular, or special meeting of members may be taken without a meeting if the nonprof
556	corporation delivers a written ballot to every member entitled to vote on the matter.
557	(2) A written ballot described in Subsection (1) shall:
558	(a) set forth each proposed action; and
559	(b) provide an opportunity to vote for or against each proposed action.
560	(3) (a) Approval by written ballot pursuant to this section shall be valid only when:
561	(i) the time, as determined under Subsection [(8)] (7), by which all ballots must be
562	received by the nonprofit corporation has passed so that a quorum can be determined; and
563	(ii) the number of approvals equals or exceeds the number of votes that would be
564	required to approve the matter at a meeting at which the total number of votes cast was the
565	same as the number of votes cast by ballot.
566	(b) Unless otherwise provided in this chapter or in accordance with Section 16-6a-716,
567	for purposes of taking action by written ballot the number of votes cast by written ballot
568	pursuant to this section constitute a quorum for action on the matter.
569	(4) All solicitations for votes by written ballot shall:
570	(a) indicate the number of responses needed to meet the quorum requirements;
571	(b) state the percentage of approvals necessary to approve each matter other than
572	election of directors;
573	(c) specify the time by which a ballot must be received by the nonprofit corporation in
574	order to be counted; and
575	(d) be accompanied by written information sufficient to permit each person casting the
<b>576</b>	ballot to reach an informed decision on the matter.
577	(5) Unless otherwise provided by the bylaws, a written ballot may not be revoked.
578	(6) Action taken under this section has the same effect as action taken at a meeting of
579	members and may be described as such in any document.
580	[(7) Unless otherwise provided by the bylaws, a written ballot delivered to every
581	member entitled to vote on the matter or matters therein, as described in this section, may also
582	be used in connection with any annual, regular, or special meeting of members, thereby
583	allowing members the choice of either voting in person or by written ballot delivered by a
584	member to the nonprofit corporation in lieu of attendance at such meeting. Any written ballot
585	shall comply with the requirements of Subsection (2) and shall be counted equally with the

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- <del>votes of members in attendance at any meeting for every purpose, including satisfaction of</del>
quorum requirement.]
[(8)] (7) (a) Members shall be provided a fair and reasonable amount of time before the
day on which the nonprofit corporation must receive ballots.
(b) An amount of time is considered to be fair and reasonable if:
(i) members are given at least 15 days from the day on which the notice is mailed, if
the notice is mailed by first-class or registered mail;
(ii) members are given at least 30 days from the day on which the notice is mailed, if
the notice is mailed by other than first-class or registered mail; or
(iii) considering all the circumstances, the amount of time is otherwise reasonable.] ←H
Section $\hat{\mathbf{H}} \rightarrow [10] \ \underline{9} \leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{H}}$ . Section 16-6a-711 is amended to read:
16-6a-711. Voting entitlement generally.
(1) Unless otherwise provided by the bylaws:
(a) only voting members may vote with respect to any matter required or permitted
under this chapter to be submitted to a vote of the members;
(b) all references in this chapter to votes of or voting by the members permit voting
only by the voting members; and
(c) voting members may vote with respect to all matters required or permitted under
this chapter to be submitted to a vote of the members.
(2) Unless otherwise provided by the [articles of incorporation] bylaws, each member
entitled to vote may cast:
(a) one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of members for nonprofit corporations
other than those in Subsection (2)(b); and
(b) one vote for each share held by the member on each matter submitted for a vote of
members if the nonprofit corporation issues shares to its members.
(3) Unless otherwise provided by the bylaws, if a membership stands of record in the
names of two or more persons, the membership's acts with respect to voting have the following
effect:
(a) If only one votes, the act binds all of the persons whose membership is jointly held.
(b) If more than one votes, the vote is divided on a pro-rata basis.

Section  $\hat{H} \rightarrow [11] \underline{10} \leftarrow \hat{H}$  . Section 16-6a-712 is amended to read:

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648	(b) signing and delivering to the secretary or other officer or agent authorized to
649	tabulate proxy votes:
650	(i) a writing stating that the appointment of the proxy is revoked; or
651	(ii) a subsequent appointment form.
652	(7) The death or incapacity of the member appointing a proxy does not affect the right
653	of the nonprofit corporation to accept the proxy's authority unless notice of the death or
654	incapacity is received by the secretary or other officer or agent authorized to tabulate votes
655	before the proxy exercises the proxy's authority under the appointment.
656	(8) Subject to Section 16-6a-713 and to any express limitation on the proxy's authority
657	appearing on the appointment form, a nonprofit corporation is entitled to accept the proxy's
658	vote or other action as that of the member making the appointment.
659	Section 12. Section <b>16-6a-801</b> is amended to read:
660	16-6a-801. Requirement for board of directors.
661	(1) A nonprofit corporation shall have a board of directors.
662	(2) (a) Except as <u>may otherwise be</u> provided in this chapter [or], including Subsection
663	(2)(b), all corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business
664	and affairs of the nonprofit corporation managed under the direction of, the board of directors.
665	(b) (i) The articles of incorporation may authorize one or more persons to exercise
666	some or all of the powers that would otherwise be exercised by the board of directors.
667	(ii) To the extent the articles of incorporation authorize a person other than the board of
668	directors to have the authority and perform a duty of the board of directors, the directors shall
669	be relieved to that extent from such authority and duty.
670	(3) The board of directors may be divided into classes, each with such respective rights
671	and duties as the articles of incorporation or bylaws may provide.
672	(4) The board of directors and the directors may be known by any other name
673	designated in the bylaws.
674	Section 13. Section <b>16-6a-807</b> is amended to read:
675	16-6a-807. Resignation of directors.
676	(1) A director may resign at any time by giving written notice of resignation to the
677	[nonprofit corporation] \$→ [board of directors, the] ←\$ board's chair, \$→ [or] ←\$ the nonprofit
677a	<u>corporation's</u>
678	secretary $\hat{S} \rightarrow ,$ or as otherwise provided in the bylaws $\leftarrow \hat{S}$ .

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710	(f) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(f)(ii), a director elected by the board of
711	directors may be removed with or without cause by the vote of a majority of the directors then
712	in office or such greater number as is set forth in the bylaws.
713	(ii) A director elected by the board of directors to fill the vacancy of a director elected
714	by the voting members may be removed without cause by the voting members but not the
715	board of directors.
716	[(g) Notwithstanding Subsections (1)(a) through (f), if provided in the bylaws, any
717	director no longer qualified to serve, under standards set forth in the bylaws, may be removed
718	by a vote of a majority of the directors then in office or such greater number as set forth in the
719	<del>bylaws.</del> ]
720	[(h)] (g) A director who is removed pursuant to this section may deliver to the division
721	for filing a statement to that effect pursuant to Section 16-6a-1608.
722	(2) Unless otherwise provided in the bylaws:
723	(a) an appointed director may be removed without cause by the person appointing the
724	director;
725	(b) the person described in Subsection (2)(a) shall remove the director by giving
726	written notice of the removal to:
727	(i) the director; and
728	(ii) the nonprofit corporation; and
729	(c) unless the written notice described in Subsection (2)(b) specifies a future effective
730	date, a removal is effective when the notice is received by both:
731	(i) the director to be removed; and
732	(ii) the nonprofit corporation.
733	(3) A designated director, as provided in Subsection 16-6a-804(5), may be removed by
734	an amendment to the bylaws deleting or changing the designation.
735	(4) Removal of a director under this section is not affected by Subsection 16-6a-805(5).
736	Section 15. Section 16-6a-813 is amended to read:
737	16-6a-813. Action without meeting.
738	(1) $\$ \rightarrow (a) \leftarrow \$$ Unless otherwise provided in the bylaws, any action required or permitted
738a	by this
739	chapter to be taken at a board of directors' meeting may be taken without a meeting if $\$ \rightarrow $ [each and
<b>740</b>	every member] all members ←\$ of the board \$→ consent to the action ←\$ in writing \$→[

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742	(b) (i) (A) votes against the action; or
743	(B) abstains from voting; and
744	(ii) waives the right to demand that action not be taken without a meeting.
745	(2) Action is taken under this section only if the affirmative vote for the action equals
<b>746</b>	or exceeds the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to take the action at a
747	meeting at which all of the directors then in office were present and voted.
748	(3) (a) An action taken pursuant to this section may not be effective unless the
749	nonprofit corporation receives writings:
<b>750</b>	(i) describing the action taken;
<b>751</b>	(ii) otherwise satisfying the requirements of Subsection (1);
752	(iii) signed by all directors; and
<b>753</b>	(iv) not revoked pursuant to Subsection (4).
<b>754</b>	[(b) Unless otherwise provided by the bylaws, a writing described in Subsection (3)(a)
755	may be received by the nonprofit corporation by electronically transmitted facsimile or other
<b>756</b>	form of wire or wireless communication providing the nonprofit corporation with a complete
757	copy of the document, including a copy of the signature on the document.]
758	(b) (i) Unless otherwise provided by the bylaws, a director may deliver a written
759	consent under this section by an electronic transmission that provides the nonprofit corporation
760	with a complete copy of the written consent.
<b>761</b>	(ii) An electronic transmission consenting to an action under this section is considered
762	to be written, signed, and dated for purposes of this section if the electronic transmission is
763	delivered with information from which the corporation can determine:
764	(A) that the electronic transmission is transmitted by the director; and
765	(B) the date on which the electronic transmission is transmitted.
766	(iii) The date on which an electronic transmission is transmitted is considered the date
767	on which the consent is signed.
768	(c) A director's right to demand that action not be taken without a meeting shall be
769	considered to have been waived if the nonprofit corporation receives a writing satisfying the
770	requirements of Subsection (1) that has been signed by the director and not revoked pursuant to
771	Subsection (4). ♥

• (d) Action taken pursuant to this section shall be effective when the last writing necessary to effect the action is received by the nonprofit corporation, unless the writings describing the action taken set forth a different effective date.  (4) If the writing is received by the nonprofit corporation before the last writing necessary to effect the action is received by the nonprofit corporation, any director who has signed a writing pursuant to this section may revoke the writing by a writing signed and dated
describing the action taken set forth a different effective date.  (4) If the writing is received by the nonprofit corporation before the last writing necessary to effect the action is received by the nonprofit corporation, any director who has
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by the director:
(a) describing the action; and
(b) stating that the director's prior vote with respect to the writing is revoked.
(5) Action taken pursuant to this section:
(a) has the same effect as action taken at a meeting of directors; and
(b) may be described as an action taken at a meeting of directors in any document.]
(b) Action is taken under Subsection (1)(a) at the time the last director signs a writing
describing the action taken, unless, before that time, any director revokes a consent by a
writing signed by the director and received by the secretary or any other person authorized by
the bylaws or the board of directors to receive the revocation.
(c) Action under Subsection (1)(a) is effective at the time it is taken under Subsection (1)(a)
unless the board of directors establishes a different effective date.
(2)(a) If provided in the bylaws, any action required or permitted by this chapter to be taken
at a board of directors' meeting may be taken without a meeting if notice is transmitted in
writing to each member of the board and each member of the board by the time stated in the
notice:
(i)(A) signs a writing for such action; or
(B) signs a writing against such action, abstains in writing from voting, or fails to respond or
vote; and
(ii) fails to demand in writing that action not be taken without a meeting.
(b) The notice required by Subsection (1) shall state:
(i) the action to be taken;
(ii) the time by which a director must respond to the notice;
(iii) that failure to respond by the time stated in the notice will have the same effect as:
(A) abstaining in writing by the time stated in the notice; and
(B) failing to demand in writing by the time stated in the notice that action not be taken
without a meeting; and

(c) Action is taken under this Subsection (2) only if at the end of the time stated in the •

(iv) any other matters the nonprofit corporation determines to include.

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- 783x notice transmitted pursuant to Subsection (2)(a):
- 783y (i) the affirmative votes in writing for the action received by the nonprofit corporation and not
- 783z revoked pursuant to Subsection (2)(e) equal or exceed the minimum number of votes that
- 783aa would be necessary to take such action at a meeting at which all of the directors then in office
- 783ab were present and voted; and
- 783ac (ii) the nonprofit corporation has not received a written demand by a director that the action
- 783ad not be taken without a meeting other than a demand that has been revoked pursuant to
- 783ae **Subsection (2)(e).**
- 783af (d) A director's right to demand that action not be taken without a meeting shall be
- 783ag considered to have been waived unless the nonprofit corporation receives such demand from
- 783ah the director in writing by the time stated in the notice transmitted pursuant to Subsection
- 783ai (2)(a) and the demand has not been revoked pursuant to Subsection (2)(e).
- 783aj (e) A director who in writing has voted, abstained, or demanded action not be taken without a
- 783ak meeting pursuant to this Subsection (2) may revoke the vote, abstention, or demand in writing
- 783al received by the nonprofit corporation by the time stated in the notice transmitted pursuant to
- 783am **Subsection (2)(a).**
- 783an (f) Unless the notice transmitted pursuant to Subsection (2)(a) states a different effective date,
- 783ao action taken pursuant to this Subsection (2) is effective at the end of the time stated in the
- 783ap <u>notice transmitted pursuant to Subsection (2)(a).</u>
- 783aq (3)(a) Unless otherwise provided by the bylaws, a communication under this section may be
- 783ar delivered by an electronic transmission.
- 783as (b) An electronic transmission communicating a vote, abstention, demand, or revocation under
- 783at Subsection (2) is considered to be written, signed, and dated for purposes of this section if the
- 783au <u>electronic transmission is delivered with information from which the nonprofit corporation</u>
- 783av can determine:
- 783aw (i) that the electronic transmission is transmitted by the director; and
- 783ax (ii) the date on which the electronic transmission is transmitted.
- 783ay (c) The date on which an electronic transmission is transmitted is considered the date on which
- 783az the vote, abstention, demand, or revocation is signed.
- 783ba (d) For purposes of this section, communications to the nonprofit corporation are not effective
- 783bb until received.
- 783bc (4) Action taken pursuant to this section:
- 783bd (a) has the same effect as action taken at a meeting of directors; and
- 783be (b) may be described as an action taken at a meeting of directors in any document.  $\leftarrow \hat{S}$

803	(c) elect, appoint, or remove a director,
866	(d) amend articles of incorporation;
867	(e) adopt, amend, or repeal bylaws;
868	(f) approve a plan of conversion or a plan of merger not requiring member approval; or
869	(g) approve a sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of all, or substantially all, of its
870	property, with or without goodwill, otherwise than in the usual and regular course of business.
871	(5) The creation of, delegation of authority to, or action by a committee does not alone
872	constitute compliance by a director with the standards of conduct described in Section
873	16-6a-822.
874	(6) (a) Subject to Subsection (6)(b), nothing in this part shall prohibit or restrict a
875	nonprofit corporation from establishing in its bylaws or by action of the board of directors or
876	otherwise one or more committees, advisory boards, auxiliaries, or other bodies of any kind:
877	(i) having the members and rules of procedure as the bylaws or board of directors may
878	provide;
879	(ii) established to provide the advice, service, and assistance to the nonprofit
880	corporation as may be specified in the bylaws or by the board of directors; and
881	(iii) established to carry out the duties and responsibilities for the nonprofit
882	corporation, as may be specified in the bylaws or by the board of directors.
883	(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (6)(a), if any committee or other body established
884	under Subsection (6)(a) has one or more members who are entitled to vote on committee
885	matters and who are not then also directors, the committee or other body may not exercise any
886	power or authority reserved to the board of directors, in this chapter or in the bylaws.
887	Section 19. Section <b>16-6a-825</b> is amended to read:
888	16-6a-825. Conflicting interest transaction.
889	(1) As used in this section $\hat{S} \rightarrow [f]$ , "conflicting $[f] \leftarrow \hat{S} : \hat{S} \rightarrow [f]$
890	(a) "Conflicting
891	relationship between a nonprofit corporation and:
892	$\hat{S} \rightarrow [f]$ (a) $[f] \leftarrow \hat{S}$ a director of the nonprofit corporation;
893	$\mathbf{\hat{S}} \rightarrow [\mathbf{f}]$ (b) $[\mathbf{f}] \leftarrow \mathbf{\hat{S}}$ a party related to a director; or
894	$\hat{S} \rightarrow [f]$ (c) $[\frac{1}{1}] \leftarrow \hat{S}$ an entity in which a director of the nonprofit corporation:
895	$\hat{S} \rightarrow [f]$ (i) $[\frac{1}{A}] \leftarrow \hat{S}$ is a director or officer; or

$\hat{S} \rightarrow [f]$ (ii) $[f] \leftarrow \hat{S}$ has a financial interest.
$\hat{S} \rightarrow [\underline{(b)}  "Natural person related to a director or officer" means one of the following in$
regards to a director or officer:
(i) a spouse;
(ii) a descendent;
(iii) an ancestor;
(iv) a sibling;
(v) the spouse or descendent of a sibling; or
(vi) the spouse of a descendent. ←\$
(2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, upon the finding of a conflicting
interest transaction, in an action properly brought before it, a court may:
(a) rule that the conflicting interest transaction is void or voidable;
(b) enjoin or set aside the conflict of interest transaction; or
(c) determine that the conflicting interest transaction gives rise to an award of damages
or other sanctions.
(3) (a) A loan may not be made <u>directly or indirectly</u> by a nonprofit corporation to:
(i) a director or officer of the nonprofit corporation; [or]
(ii) a natural person related to a director or officer[-]; or
(iii) an entity in which a director, officer, or natural person related to a director or
officer has any ownership, management right, or financial interest.
(b) A director or officer who assents to or participates in the making of a loan in
violation of Subsection (3)(a) shall be liable to the nonprofit corporation for the amount of the
loan until the repayment of the loan.
(4) (a) If the conditions of Subsection (4)(b) are met, a conflicting interest transaction
may not be void or voidable or be enjoined, set aside, or give rise to an award of damages or
other sanctions in a proceeding by a member or by or in the right of the nonprofit corporation,
solely because:
(i) the conflicting interest transaction involves:
(A) a director of the nonprofit corporation;
(B) a party related to a director; or
(C) an entity in which a director of the nonprofit corporation is a director or officer or