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1 2 An act relating to the Department of State; amending 3 s. 15.16, F.S.; authorizing the Department of State to use electronic transmission to notify and communicate 4 5 in the performance of its duties; authorizing the 6 department to collect e-mail addresses and require 7 filers and registrants to furnish such e-mail 8 addresses for presenting documents and filing; 9 repealing ss. 265.2861, 265.2862, 265.289, 265.608, 10 265.609, 265.702, and 265.708, F.S., relating to the Cultural Institutions Program and Trust Fund, general 11 12 support program for cultural institutions, audit information and admission fees for state theater 13 contract organizations, science museums and grants, 14 15 youth and children's museum and grants, regional 16 cultural facilities, and historical museum grants; 17 amending s. 265.281, F.S.; renaming the "Florida Fine Arts Act of 1980" as the "Florida Arts and Culture 18 19 Act"; amending s. 265.282, F.S.; revising legislative intent to include the promotion of activities 20 21 involving arts and culture; providing support for 22 museums and nonprofit organizations; amending s. 265.283, F.S.; revising and providing definitions; 23 2.4 amending s. 265.284, F.S.; revising the duties and 25 responsibilities of the Division of Cultural Affairs within the department to administer funds, sponsor 26 27 events encouraging arts and cultural programs, and 28 enter into certain contracts; requiring that the 29 division adopt rules; amending s. 265.285, F.S.;

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30 renaming the "Florida Arts Council" as the "Florida Council on Arts and Culture"; requiring that the 31 32 council meet at the request of the division; deleting 33 provisions authorizing the Secretary of State to 34 appoint review panels; revising the duties of the council; amending s. 265.286, F.S.; authorizing the 35 36 Secretary of State to appoint review panels 37 representing arts and cultural disciplines and programs to assist the council in the grant review 38 39 process; providing membership; providing terms; providing duties and responsibilities; requiring that 40 the council review grant application lists; requiring 41 42 that the secretary review the council's recommendations and submit approved lists to the 43 44 Legislature by a specified date; establishing 45 procedures for the awarding and funding of grants; authorizing the division to provide funding for 46 47 certain programs and areas; requiring that the division adopt rules establishing eligibility 48 49 criteria, grant programs, and the panel review 50 process; requiring that the division award grants 51 under certain circumstances; establishing eligibility 52 requirements for grantees; limiting grant awards to 53 one recipient per grant cycle; providing exceptions; 54 providing a formula for the distribution of matching 55 and nonmatching funds; providing for certain in-kind 56 funds; deleting provisions relating to the division's 57 authority to expend appropriated funds for grants; 58 deleting provisions establishing criteria for such

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59 grants; amending ss. 607.1420 and 607.1421, F.S.; 60 revising provisions relating to the administrative 61 dissolution of a corporation by the department to 62 conform to changes made by the act; amending ss. 63 607.1530 and 607.1531, F.S.; revising provisions relating to revocation of a certificate of authority 64 65 to conform to changes made by the act; amending ss. 66 608.448 and 608.4481, F.S.; revising provisions 67 relating to administrative dissolution of a limited 68 liability company to conform to changes made by the act; amending ss. 608.512 and 608.513, F.S.; revising 69 70 provisions relating to the revocation of a certificate of authority of a foreign limited liability company to 71 72 conform to changes made by the act; amending ss. 617.1420, 617.1421, 617.1530, 617.1531, 620.1809, 73 74 620.1906, and 620.9003, F.S.; conforming provisions to 75 changes made by the act; amending s. 679.525, F.S., relating to processing fees; requiring an additional 76 77 fee for filing an initial financing statement; 78 providing for deposit of receipts into the General 79 Revenue Fund; prohibiting inclusion of receipts for 80 calculating contractor's compensation for performing services; amending s. 865.09, F.S.; revising 81 82 provisions relating to notice of the expiration of a 83 fictitious name registration; requiring that the department serve such notice by electronic 84 85 transmission if the owner or registrant of the 86 fictitious name has provided an electronic mail 87 address to the department; providing an effective

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88	date.
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90	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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92	Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 15.16, Florida
93	Statutes, is amended to read:
94	15.16 Reproduction of records; admissibility in evidence;
95	electronic receipt and transmission of records; certification;
96	acknowledgment
97	(3) The Department of State may cause to be received
98	electronically any records that are required to be filed with it
99	pursuant to chapter 55, <u>chapter 117, chapter 118, chapter 495,</u>
100	chapter 606, chapter 607, chapter 608, <u>chapter 610,</u> chapter 617,
101	chapter 620, chapter 621, chapter 679, chapter 713, or chapter
102	865, through facsimile or other electronic transfers, for the
103	purpose of filing such records. The originals of all such
104	electronically transmitted records must be executed in the
105	manner provided in paragraph (5)(b). The receipt of such
106	electronic transfer constitutes delivery to the department as
107	required by law. The department may use electronic transmissions
108	for purposes of notice in the administration of chapters 55,
109	117, 118, 495, 606, 607, 608, 610, 617, 620, 621, 679 and 713
110	and s. 865.09. The Department of State may collect e-mail
111	addresses for purposes of notice and communication in the
112	performance of its duties and may require filers and registrants
113	to furnish such e-mail addresses when presenting documents for
114	filing.
115	Section 2. <u>Sections 265.2861, 265.2862, 265.289, 265.608,</u>
116	265.609, 265.702, and 265.708, Florida Statutes, are repealed.

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20091780er 117 Section 3. Section 265.281, Florida Statutes, is amended to 118 read: 119 265.281 Florida Fine Arts and Culture Act; short title.-120 Sections 265.281-265.709 265.281-265.286 shall be known and may 121 be cited as the "Florida Fine Arts and Culture Act of 1980." Section 4. Section 265.282, Florida Statutes, is amended to 122 123 read: 265.282 Legislative intent.-The Legislature recognizes the 124 125 vast cultural resources available in Florida the state for the 126 development, promotion, and enjoyment of arts and culture the 127 fine arts. It is the intent of the Legislature by enactment of this legislation to provide for maximum efficiency in providing 128 129 state support for, and to gain gaining national and 130 international recognition of, the efforts, works, and performances of Florida artists, and art agencies, museums, and 131 132 nonprofit organizations. Furthermore, it is the intent of the 133 Legislature shall to foster and ensure, through the state arts administrative agency programs authorized in this act, that arts 134 135 and culture have a significant and positive effect on Florida residents created hereunder, the development of a receptive 136 climate for the fine arts; to enrich culturally and benefit the 137 138 citizens of this state in their daily lives; to make Florida 139 visits and vacations all the more appealing to the world; and to 140 attract to Florida residency additional outstanding creators in 141 the fields of fine arts through appropriate programs of 142 publicity, education, coordination, grants, and activities, such as sponsorship of art lectures and exhibitions and central 143 compilation and dissemination of information on the progress of 144 145 the fine arts in Florida.

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146	Section 5. Section 265.283, Florida Statutes, is amended to
147	read:
148	265.283 Definitions relating to Florida Fine Arts Act of
149	1980.—The following definitions shall apply to ss. <u>265.281-</u>
150	<u>265.709</u> 265.281-265.286 :
151	(1) "Council" means the Florida Arts Council <u>on Arts and</u>
152	<u>Culture</u> .
153	(2) "Department" means the Department of State.
154	(3) "Director" means the Director of the Division of
155	Cultural Affairs of the Department of State.
156	(4) "Division" means the Division of Cultural Affairs of
157	the Department of State.
158	(5) "Panel" means a grant review panel.
159	(6) "Secretary" means the Secretary of State.
160	(7) <u>"Arts and cultural disciplines"</u> "The arts" means any
161	and all artistic disciplines, which include, but are not limited
162	to, music, dance, <u>theatre</u> drama, theater programs , creative
163	writing, literature, architecture, painting, sculpture, folk
164	arts, photography, crafts, and public media <u>arts</u> , <u>visual arts,</u>
165	programs of museums, and the execution and exhibition of other
166	such allied, major art forms.
167	(8) "Local arts agency" means a public or private nonprofit
168	organization located in Florida and operating on a permanent
169	basis for the primary purpose of strengthening, supporting, and
170	stabilizing the activities of one or more county art and
171	cultural constituencies.
172	(9) "Historical museum" means a department or agency of
173	state or local government or a public or private nonprofit
174	organization located in Florida and operating on a permanent

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175	basis for the primary purpose of sponsoring, producing, and
176	exhibiting educational programs that are related to the
177	historical resources of Florida.
178	(10) "Science museum" means a public or private nonprofit
179	organization located in Florida and operating on a permanent
180	basis for the primary purpose of sponsoring, producing, and
181	exhibiting programs for the observation and study of various
182	types of natural science and science technology.
183	(11) "Youth and children's museum" means a public or
184	private nonprofit organization located in Florida and operating
185	on a permanent basis for the primary purpose of sponsoring,
186	producing, and exhibiting multidisciplinary and participatory
187	programs for visitors who are 6 months to 15 years old, and
188	their families, teachers, and caregivers.
189	(12) "State service organization" means a public or private
190	nonprofit organization located in Florida operating on a
191	permanent basis for the primary purpose of implementing programs
192	that have cultural significance and that emphasize American
193	creativity and the maintenance and encouragement of professional
194	excellence.
195	(13) "Arts in education grants" means grants used to
196	cultivate the learning and artistic development of all students
197	and teachers by promoting, encouraging, and supporting arts and
198	culture as an integral part of education and lifelong learning
199	for residents and visitors.
200	(14) "Cultural support grants" means grants that provide
201	support for general programs and specific cultural projects.
202	(15) "State touring program grants" means grants used to
203	provide performances, activities, and exhibitions by Florida

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204	artists to communities.
205	(16) "Underserved arts community assistance program grants"
206	means grants used by qualified organizations under the Rural
207	Economic Development Initiative, pursuant to ss. 288.0656 and
208	288.06561, for the purpose of economic and organizational
209	development for underserved cultural organizations.
210	(17) "Culture Builds Florida grants" means grants used for
211	the purpose of connecting the arts to key areas of the
212	division's long-term strategic plan.
213	Section 6. Section 265.284, Florida Statutes, is amended to
214	read:
215	265.284 Chief cultural officer; director of division;
216	powers and duties
217	(1) The Secretary of State is the chief cultural officer of
218	the state, and the Division of Cultural Affairs is designated as
219	the state arts administrative agency.
220	(2) The division is the state arts administrative agency
221	and Division of Cultural Affairs of the Department of State
222	shall be headed by a director who shall serve at the pleasure of
223	the secretary of State .
224	(3) The division of Cultural Affairs shall <u>directly</u>
225	administer and oversee have direct administrative authority and
226	responsibility for all of the programs authorized by this act.
227	In furtherance thereof, the division shall have the authority
228	to:
229	(a) Accept and administer state and federal funds
230	appropriated by the Legislature or funds received from other
231	public or private sources provided for the fine arts, the
232	grants, and any program authorized by this act.

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(b) Advance funds for grants on a quarterly basis.
(c) (b) Subject to the approval of the Secretary of State,
Enter into agreements for awarding grants or other such
contracts with any person, firm, performing arts company,
educational institution, arts organization, corporation, or
governmental agency as may be necessary or advisable to carry
out its functions under this act.

(c) Seek, and help assure, a uniformity of artwork within state buildings and review all art content of existing public buildings or buildings of state ownership for the purpose of making recommendations to the Department of Management Services as to matters of installation, relocation, restoration, removal, or any other disposition of such works of art.

246 (d) Upon On request, or at its own initiative, consult with and advise other individuals, groups, organizations, or state 247 248 agencies and officials, particularly the Governor and the 249 Cabinet, concerning the acquisition by gift or purchase of fine 250 art works, the appropriate use and display of state-owned art 251 treasures for maximum public benefit, and the suitability of any structures or fixtures, including framing, primarily intended 252 253 for ornamental or decorative purposes in the interior of public 254 buildings.

(e) Accept on behalf of the state donations of money,
property, art objects, and antiquities. Such donations of money
and any cash income which may be received by the division or
which were previously received by the Florida Fine Arts Council
from the disposal of any donations of property, art objects, or
antiquities, which shall be deposited into the Florida Fine Arts
a separate Trust Fund and are hereby appropriated for to the use

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20091780er 262 by of the division for the purposes authorized in of this act. 263 (f) Sponsor performances and exhibits; promote and 264 encourage the study and appreciation of arts and culture; and 265 collect, publish, and print pamphlets, papers, newsletters, and other materials related to arts and cultural programs available 266 267 throughout the state. 268 (g) Conduct and support cultural programs and cultural 269 exchanges by coordinating with the appropriate state agencies 270 and other organizations. 271 (h) Accept funding and other forms of support for the 272 purposes in this act. 273 (i) Notwithstanding s. 287.022 or s. 287.025(1)(e), enter 274 into contracts to insure museum collections, artifacts, relics, 275 and fine arts to which it holds title or which are on loan to 276 the division. 277 (j) Adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to 278 implement this subsection. 279 (4) There is created the Florida Fine Arts Trust Fund to be 280 administered by the department and which of State for the purposes set forth by law. The Florida Fine Arts Trust Fund 281 282 shall consist of moneys appropriated by the Legislature or and 283 moneys contributed to the fund from any other source. 284 (5) The division is further authorized to: 285 (a) Accept and administer moneys appropriated by the 286 Legislature, and moneys received from the Federal Government or 287 from other public or private sources, for the development of 288 nationally recognized Florida performing arts groups through a 289 state touring program. The division shall develop and establish 290 a selection procedure which will ensure maximum opportunity for

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291	selection of and participation by Florida performing arts groups
292	in the state touring program.
293	(b) Sponsor performances and exhibits; promote and
294	encourage the study and appreciation of fine arts; and collect,
295	publish, and print pamphlets, papers, newsletters, and other
296	materials relating to fine arts programs available throughout
297	the state.
298	(c) Conduct and support cultural programs and cultural
299	exchanges in conjunction with the appropriate state agencies,
300	including the acceptance of funding, technical assistance, and
301	other forms of support for such purposes.
302	(d) Adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to
303	implement provisions of law conferring duties on it.
304	(6) Notwithstanding any provision of s. 287.022 or s.
305	287.025(1)(e), the division may enter into contracts to insure
306	museum collections, artifacts, relics, and fine arts to which it
307	holds title.
308	Section 7. Section 265.285, Florida Statutes, is amended to
309	read:
310	265.285 Florida Arts Council <u>on Arts and Culture</u> ;
311	membership, duties
312	(1)(a) The Florida Arts Council <u>on Arts and Culture</u> is
313	created within $rac{in}{in}$ the department as an advisory body, as defined
314	in s. 20.03(7), <u>consisting</u> to consist of 15 members. Seven
315	members shall be appointed by the Governor, four members shall
316	be appointed by the President of the Senate, and four members
317	shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
318	Representatives. The appointments, to be made in consultation
319	with the Secretary of State, shall recognize the need for

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20091780er 320 geographical representation. Council members appointed by the 321 Governor shall be appointed for 4-year terms beginning on 322 January 1 of the year of appointment. Council members appointed 323 by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be appointed for 2-year terms beginning on 324 325 January 1 of the year of appointment. A member of the council 326 who serves two 4-year terms or two 2-year terms is not eligible 327 for reappointment for 1 year following the expiration of the 328 member's second term. A member whose term has expired shall continue to serve on the council until such time as a 329 330 replacement is appointed. Any vacancy on the council shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same 331 332 manner as for the original appointment. Members should have a 333 substantial history of community service in the performing or visual arts, which includes, but is not limited to, theatre, 334 335 dance, folk arts, music, architecture, photography, and 336 literature, and media arts, or in the areas of science, history, 337 or children's museums. In addition, it is desirable that members 338 have successfully served on boards of cultural institutions such 339 as museums and performing arts centers or are recognized as 340 patrons of the arts.

(b) The members shall elect a chair from their number 341 annually. The council shall meet at the call of its chair, at 342 343 the request of the division department, or at such times as may 344 be prescribed by its rules. A majority of the members of the 345 council constitutes a quorum, and a meeting may not be held with 346 less than a quorum present. The affirmative vote of a majority 347 of the members of the council present is necessary for any 348 official action by the council.

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349	(c) The Secretary of State may appoint review panels
350	representing various artistic disciplines to assist the Florida
351	Arts Council in the grant review process. Review panel members
352	shall serve for 1-year terms. Each panel shall include
353	practicing artists or other persons actively involved in the
354	specific discipline for which the panel is to review grants. The
355	panels shall review grant applications and make recommendations
356	to the council concerning the relative merits of the applicants.
357	The division shall, by rule, establish criteria for reviewing
358	grant applications to ensure compliance with applicable federal
359	and state laws relating to discrimination and conflicts of
360	interest.

361 (d) The council and panels shall provide a forum for public 362 comment prior to voting on any art grant application.

363 <u>(c) (e)</u> Members of the council and panels <u>may shall</u> not 364 receive any compensation for their services but shall be 365 reimbursed for travel and expenses incurred in the performance 366 of their duties, as provided in s. 112.061.

367 <u>(d) (f)</u> If a member of the council is absent from two 368 consecutive meetings or any two regularly scheduled meetings in 369 any calendar year, the council member's appointment shall be 370 terminated unless the original appointing authority determines 371 that extenuating circumstances exist.

372 <u>(e) (g)</u> The original appointing authority may remove any of 373 his or her appointees from the council for misconduct or 374 malfeasance in office, neglect of duty, incompetence, or 375 permanent inability to perform official duties or if there has 376 been an adjudication that the member is guilty of a felony. 377 (2) The duties of the council shall be to:

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20091780er 378 (a) Advocate for arts and culture by encouraging the study 379 and presentation of arts and cultural activities that are of 380 public interest and encourage participation in such activities 381 throughout the state. 382 (b) (a) Advise the secretary of State in all matters pertaining to arts and cultural art, specifically with respect 383 to any programs and grants administered operated by the division 384 385 department as authorized hereunder. 386 (b) Stimulate and encourage throughout the state the study 387 and presentation of the arts and public interest and 388 participation therein. (c) Make such surveys as may be advisable of public and 389 390 private institutions which are engaged within the state in 391 artistic and cultural activities. 392 (c) (d) Encourage the participation in and appreciation of 393 the arts and culture to meet the needs and aspirations of 394 persons in all parts of the state. 395 (d) (e) Encourage public interest in the state's cultural 396 heritage of this state and expand its the cultural resources of 397 the state. 398 (e) (f) Encourage and assist freedom of artistic expression that is essential for the well-being of the arts. 399 (f) (g) Advise the secretary of State in all matters 400 concerning the awarding of grants for the arts and culture as 401 402 authorized in under this act. 403 (h) Promote the enhancement and beautification of the interiors of the Capitol Building and other public buildings and 404 405 advise appropriate state officers, state agencies, and the 406 Department of Management Services in this regard.

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407	(g) (i) Review applications for grants for the acquisition,
408	renovation, or construction of cultural facilities and recommend
409	a priority for the receipt of such grants, as provided in s.
410	265.701.
411	Section 8. Section 265.286, Florida Statutes, is amended to
412	read:
413	(Substantial rewording of section. See
414	s. 265.286, F.S., for present text.)
415	265.286 Art and cultural grants
416	(1) The secretary may appoint review panels consisting of
417	members from various art and cultural disciplines and programs
418	to assist the council in the grant review process. Each panel
419	member shall be appointed to a 1-year term. Each panel shall
420	consist of practicing artists or other professionals actively
421	involved in the specific discipline or program for which the
422	panel has been appointed. Each panel shall review and score
423	grant applications and recommend to the council the applicants
424	to which grants should be awarded. The panels shall submit lists
425	of eligible applicants by score. The division shall adopt rules
426	establishing a formula for such scoring.
427	(2) The council and each panel shall provide a forum for
428	public comment before voting on any grant application.
429	(3) After the council reviews the lists of eligible
430	applicants submitted by each review panel, it shall develop two
431	lists, one of which must consist of eligible applicants for
432	general program support funding and one of which must consist of
433	eligible applicants for specific cultural project funding, and
434	submit the lists to the secretary. The secretary shall review
435	the council's recommendations and, beginning July 1, 2010,

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436	include the lists of approved applicants in the department's
437	legislative budget request submitted to the Legislature.
438	(4) Project grants shall be funded from the secretary's
439	approved list by score until all appropriated funds are
440	depleted. If specific project grant funds are returned to the
441	division, it shall award such funds to the next grant applicant
442	on the secretary's list of approved applicants. General program
443	support grants shall be awarded to applicants on the secretary's
444	list in amounts determined by rule.
445	(5) The division shall fund:
446	(a) Grants for general program support for science museums,
447	youth and children's museums, historical museums, local arts
448	agencies, state service organizations, and organizations that
449	have cultural program activities in any of the art and cultural
450	disciplines defined in s. 265.283(7).
451	(b) Grants for specific cultural projects for arts in
452	education, museums, Culture Builds Florida, or nonprofit public
453	or private organizations having cultural project activity in any
454	of the art and cultural disciplines.
455	(c) Grants for a touring program that has a selection
456	procedure that ensures the maximum opportunity for Florida
457	artists and cultural groups.
458	(d) An individual artist fellowship program. The division
459	shall establish a selection procedure that identifies individual
460	artists of exceptional talent and demonstrated ability and
461	distribute grant appropriations as provided by rule.
462	(e) Other programs consistent with the purpose of this act.
463	(6) The division shall adopt rules establishing:
464	(a) Eligibility criteria for the award of grants, which may
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465	include, but need not be limited to, application requirements,
466	program quality, artistic quality, creativity, potential public
467	exposure and benefit, the ability to properly administer grant
468	funds, professional excellence, fiscal stability, state or
469	regional impact, matching requirements, and other requirements
470	to further the purposes of this act.
471	(b) Particular grant programs, categories of grants, and
472	procedures necessary for the prudent administration of the grant
473	programs.
474	(c) The panel review process, including, but not limited
475	to, criteria for reviewing grant applications to ensure
476	compliance with applicable federal and state law, including
477	those related to discrimination and conflicts of interest. The
478	division may not award any new grant that will, in whole or in
479	part, inure to the personal benefit of any council or review
480	panel member during the member's term of office if the council
481	or panel member participated in the vote of the council or panel
482	recommending the award. This paragraph does not prohibit the
483	division from awarding a grant to an entity with which a council
484	or panel member is associated.
485	(7) The division shall award grants:
486	(a) To supplement the financial support of artistic and
487	cultural activities and programs that, without the assistance,
488	may otherwise be unavailable to Florida residents.
489	(b) To activities and programs that have substantial
490	artistic and cultural significance and emphasize creativity and
491	professional excellence.
492	(c) To activities and programs that meet the professional
493	standards or standards of authenticity of significant merit,

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494	regardless of origin.
495	(d) For other reasons consistent with this act.
496	(8) Eligible grantees must:
497	(a) Be a nonprofit, tax-exempt Florida corporation; or
498	(b) A local or state governmental entity, school district,
499	community college, college, university, agency of state
500	government, or artist engaged in or concerned with arts and
501	cultural activities.
502	(9) In order to equitably distribute limited state funding,
503	applicants may apply for and be awarded only one grant per
504	annual grant cycle, except for cultural facilities, a cultural
505	endowment, or touring program grants and individual artist
506	fellowships.
507	(10) Of the total amount of grant funds available from all
508	sources for grants, except cultural facilities and cultural
509	endowments, 70 percent shall be awarded on at least a dollar-to-
510	dollar matching basis. Up to 50 percent of the grantee's match
511	may consist of in-kind funds. Up to 30 percent of all grant
512	funds may be awarded on a nonmatching basis, including
513	individual fellowships.
514	(11) The division shall adopt rules to administer and
515	implement this section.
516	Section 9. Subsection (1) of section 607.1420, Florida
517	Statutes, is amended to read:
518	607.1420 Grounds for administrative dissolution
519	(1) The Department of State may commence a proceeding under
520	s. 607.1421 to administratively dissolve a corporation if:
521	(a) The corporation has failed to file its annual report
522	and or pay the annual report filing fee <u>by 5 p.m. Eastern Time</u>
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20091780er 523 on the third Friday in September within the time required by 524 this act; 525 (b) The corporation is without a registered agent or 526 registered office in this state for 30 days or more; 527 (c) The corporation does not notify the Department of State within 30 days that its registered agent or registered office 528 529 has been changed, that its registered agent has resigned, or that its registered office has been discontinued; 530 531 (d) The corporation has failed to answer truthfully and 532 fully, within the time prescribed by this act, interrogatories 533 propounded by the Department of State; or (e) The corporation's period of duration stated in its 534 535 articles of incorporation has expired. 536 Section 10. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 607.1421, 537 Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 538 607.1421 Procedure for and effect of administrative 539 dissolution.-540 (1) If the Department of State determines that one or more 541 grounds exist under s. 607.1420 for dissolving a corporation, it 542 shall serve the corporation with written notice of its intention 543 to administratively dissolve the corporation determination under s. 607.0504(2), stating the grounds therefor. If the corporation 544 545 has provided the department with an electronic mail address, 546 such notice shall be by electronic transmission. Administrative 547 dissolution for failure to file an annual report shall occur on the fourth Friday in September of each year. The Department of 548 549 State shall issue a certificate of dissolution to each dissolved 550 corporation. Issuance of the certificate of dissolution may be 551 by electronic transmission to any corporation that has provided

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20091780er 552 the department with an electronic mail address. 553 (2) If the corporation does not correct each ground for 554 dissolution under s. 607.1420(1)(b), (c), (d), or (e) or 555 demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the Department of 556 State that each ground determined by the department does not 557 exist within 60 days of issuance of the notice, the department 558 shall administratively dissolve the corporation by issuing a 559 certificate of dissolution that recites the ground or grounds 560 for dissolution and its effective date. Issuance of the 561 certificate of dissolution may be by electronic transmission to 562 any corporation that has provided the department with an electronic mail address. 563 564 Section 11. Subsection (1) of section 607.1530, Florida 565 Statutes, is amended to read: 607.1530 Grounds for revocation of authority to transact 566 567 business.-The Department of State may commence a proceeding 568 under s. 607.1531 to revoke the certificate of authority of a 569 foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this 570 state if: 571 (1) The foreign corporation has failed to file its annual 572 report with the Department of State by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on 573 the third Friday in September within the time required by this 574 act. 575 Section 12. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 607.1531, 576 Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 607.1531 Procedure for and effect of revocation.-577 578 (1) If the Department of State determines that one or more 579 grounds exist under s. 607.1530 for revocation of a certificate 580 of authority, the Department of State shall serve the foreign

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581 corporation with written notice of its intent to revoke the 582 foreign corporation's certificate of authority such 583 determination under s. 607.15101. If the foreign corporation has 584 provided the department with an electronic mail address, such notice shall be by electronic transmission. Revocation for 585 586 failure to file an annual report shall occur on the fourth Friday in September of each year. The department shall issue a 587 588 certificate of revocation to each revoked corporation. Issuance of the certificate of revocation may be by electronic 589 590 transmission to any corporation that has provided the department with an electronic mail address. 591 592 (2) If the foreign corporation does not correct each ground 593 for revocation under s. 607.1530(2) - (7) or demonstrate to the 594 reasonable satisfaction of the Department of State that each 595 ground determined by the Department of State does not exist within 60 days after issuance of notice is perfected under s. 596 597 607.15101, the Department of State shall revoke the foreign 598 corporation's certificate of authority by issuing signing a 599 certificate of revocation that recites the ground or grounds for 600 revocation and its effective date. Issuance of the certificate 601 of revocation may be by electronic transmission to any foreign

602 <u>corporation that has provided the department with an electronic</u>603 mail address.

604 Section 13. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 605 608.448, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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608.448 Grounds for administrative dissolution.-

607 (1) The Department of State may commence a proceeding under
608 s. 608.4481 to administratively dissolve a limited liability
609 company if:

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20091780er 610 (a) The limited liability company has failed to file its 611 annual report and or pay the annual report filing fee by 5 p.m. 612 Eastern Time on the third Friday in September within the time 613 required by this chapter. 614 Section 14. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 608.4481, 615 Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 616 608.4481 Procedure for and effect of administrative 617 dissolution.-618 (1) If the Department of State determines that one or more 619 grounds exist under s. 608.448 for dissolving a limited 620 liability company, it shall serve the limited liability company with written notice of its intent to administratively dissolve 621 622 the limited liability company determination, stating the grounds 623 therefor. If the limited liability company has provided the department with an electronic mail address, such notice shall be 624 625 by electronic transmission. Administrative dissolution for 626 failure to file an annual report shall occur on the fourth 627 Friday in September of each year. The Department of State shall 628 issue a certificate of dissolution to each dissolved limited 629 liability company. Issuance of the certificate of dissolution 630 may be by electronic transmission to any limited liability company that has provided the department with an electronic mail 631 632 address. 633 (2) If the limited liability company does not correct each 634 ground for dissolution under s. 608.448(1)(b), (c), (d), or (e) 635 or demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the Department 636 of State that each ground determined by the Department of State

637 does not exist within 60 days after issuance of the notice, the 638 Department of State shall administratively dissolve the limited

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639	liability company by issuing a certificate of dissolution that
640	recites the ground or grounds for dissolution and its effective
641	date. Issuance of the certificate of dissolution may be by
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643	electronic transmission to any limited liability company that
644 644	has provided the department with an electronic mail address.
	Section 15. Subsection (1) of section 608.512, Florida
645	Statutes, is amended to read:
646	608.512 Grounds for revocation of authority to transact
647	businessThe Department of State may commence a proceeding
648	under s. 608.513 to revoke the certificate of authority of a
649	foreign limited liability company authorized to transact
650	business in this state if:
651	(1) The foreign limited liability company has failed to
652	file its annual report with the Department of State by 5 p.m.
653	Eastern Time on the third Friday in September within the time
654	required by this chapter.
655	Section 16. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 608.513,
656	Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
657	608.513 Procedure for and effect of revocation
658	(1) If the Department of State determines that one or more
659	grounds exist under s. 608.512 for revocation of a certificate
660	of authority, the Department of State shall serve the foreign
661	limited liability company with written notice of <u>its intent to</u>
662	revoke the foreign limited liability company's certificate of
663	authority such determination under s. 608.5101. If the foreign
664	limited liability company has provided the department with an
665	electronic mail address, such notice shall be by electronic
666	transmission. Revocation for failure to file an annual report
667	shall occur on the fourth Friday in September of each year. The

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20091780er 668 Department of State shall issue a certificate of revocation to 669 each revoked foreign limited liability company. Issuance of the 670 certificate of revocation may be by electronic transmission to 671 any foreign limited liability company that has provided the 672 department with an electronic mail address. 673 (2) If the foreign limited liability company does not 674 correct each ground for revocation under s. 608.512(2)-(9) or 675 demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the Department of 676 State that each ground determined by the Department of State 677 does not exist within 60 days after issuance of notice is perfected under s. 608.5101, the Department of State shall 678 679 revoke the foreign limited liability company's certificate of 680 authority by issuing signing a certificate of revocation that 681 recites the ground or grounds for revocation and its effective date. Issuance of the certificate of revocation may be by 682 683 electronic transmission to any foreign limited liability company 684 that has provided the department with an electronic mail 685 address. 686 Section 17. Subsection (1) of section 617.1420, Florida 687 Statutes, is amended to read: 617.1420 Grounds for administrative dissolution.-688 (1) The Department of State may commence a proceeding under 689 s. 617.1421 to administratively dissolve a corporation if: 690 691 (a) The corporation has failed to file its annual report 692 and or pay the annual report filing fee by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on the third Friday in September within the time required by 693 694 this act; 695 (b) The corporation is without a registered agent or 696 registered office in this state for 30 days or more;

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20091780er 697 (c) The corporation does not notify the Department of State 698 within 30 days after its registered agent or registered office 699 has been changed, after its registered agent has resigned, or 700 after its registered office has been discontinued; 701 (d) The corporation has failed to answer truthfully and 702 fully, within the time prescribed by this act, interrogatories 703 propounded by the Department of State; or 704 (e) The corporation's period of duration stated in its 705 articles of incorporation has expired. Section 18. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 617.1421, 706 707 Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 708 617.1421 Procedure for and effect of administrative 709 dissolution.-710 (1) If the Department of State determines that one or more 711 grounds exist under s. 617.1420 for administratively dissolving 712 a corporation, it shall serve the corporation with written notice of its intent determination under s. 617.0504(2) to 713 714 administratively dissolve the corporation, stating the grounds 715 therefor. If the corporation has provided the department with an electronic mail address, such notice shall be by electronic 716 717 transmission. Administrative dissolution for failure to file an 718 annual report shall occur on the fourth Friday in September of 719 each year. The Department of State shall issue a certificate of 720 dissolution to each dissolved corporation. Issuance of the 721 certificate of dissolution may be by electronic transmission to any corporation that has provided the department with an 722 723 electronic mail address. 724 (2) If the corporation does not correct each ground for 725 dissolution under s. 617.1420(1)(b), (c), (d), or (e) or

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20091780er demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the Department of 726 727 State that each ground determined by the department does not 728 exist within 60 days after issuance of the notice, the 729 department shall administratively dissolve the corporation by 730 issuing a certificate of dissolution that recites the ground or 731 grounds for dissolution and its effective date. Issuance of the 732 certificate of dissolution may be by electronic transmission to 733 any corporation that has provided the department with an 734 electronic mail address. Section 19. Subsection (1) of section 617.1530, Florida 735 736 Statutes, is amended to read: 737 617.1530 Grounds for revocation of authority to conduct 738 affairs.-The Department of State may commence a proceeding under 739 s. 617.1531 to revoke the certificate of authority of a foreign 740 corporation authorized to conduct its affairs in this state if: (1) The foreign corporation has failed to file its annual 741 742 report with the Department of State by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on 743 the third Friday in September within the time required by this 744 act. Section 20. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 617.1531, 745 746 Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 617.1531 Procedure for and effect of revocation.-747 (1) If the Department of State determines that one or more 748 749 grounds exist under s. 617.1530 for revocation of a certificate 750 of authority, the Department of State shall serve the foreign 751 corporation with written notice of its intent to revoke the 752 foreign corporation's certificate of authority such determination under s. 617.1510. If the foreign corporation has 753 754 provided the department with an electronic mail address, such

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20091780er 755 notice shall be by electronic transmission. Revocation for 756 failure to file an annual report shall occur on the fourth 757 Friday in September of each year. The Department of State shall 758 issue a certificate of revocation to each revoked corporation. Issuance of the certificate of revocation may be by electronic 759 760 transmission to any foreign corporation that has provided the 761 department with an electronic mail address. 762 (2) If the foreign corporation does not correct each ground 763 for revocation under s. 617.1530(2) - (7) or demonstrate to the 764 reasonable satisfaction of the Department of State that each ground determined by the Department of State does not exist 765 766 within 60 days after issuance of notice is perfected under s. 767 617.1510, the Department of State shall revoke the foreign 768 corporation's certificate of authority by issuing signing a 769 certificate of revocation that recites the ground or grounds for revocation and its effective date. Issuance of the certificate 770 of revocation may be by electronic transmission to any foreign 771 772 corporation that has provided the department with an electronic 773 mail address. 774 Section 21. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section 775 620.1809, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 776 620.1809 Administrative dissolution.-777 (1) The Department of State may dissolve a limited 778 partnership administratively if the limited partnership does 779 not, within 60 days after the due date: 780 (a) Pay any fee or penalty due to the Department of State 781 under this act or other law; 782 (b) Deliver its annual report to the Department of State by 783 5 p.m. Eastern Time on the third Friday in September;

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20091780er 784 (c) Appoint and maintain a registered agent as required by 785 s. 620.1114; or 786 (d) Deliver for filing a statement of a change under s. 787 620.1115 within 30 days after a change has occurred in the name of the registered agent or the registered office address. 788 789 (2) If the Department of State determines that a ground 790 exists for administratively dissolving a limited partnership, 791 the Department of State shall serve notice on the limited 792 partnership of its intent to administratively dissolve the 793 limited partnership file a record of the determination and send 794 a copy to the limited partnership. If the limited partnership 795 has provided the department with an electronic mail address, 796 such notice shall be by electronic transmission. Administrative 797 dissolution for failure to file an annual report shall occur on 798 the fourth Friday in September of each year. The Department of 799 State shall issue a certificate of dissolution to each dissolved 800 limited partnership. Issuance of the certificate of dissolution 801 may be by electronic transmission to any limited partnership 802 that has provided the department with an electronic mail 803 address. 804 (3) If within 60 days after sending notice of dissolution, 805 the copy the limited partnership does not correct each ground 806 for dissolution under s. 620.1809(1)(a), (c), or (d) or

demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the Department of State that each ground determined by the Department of State does not exist, the Department of State shall administratively dissolve the limited partnership <u>and issue a certificate</u> by preparing, signing, and filing a declaration of dissolution that states the grounds for dissolution. Issuance of the certificate

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20091780er 813 of dissolution may be by electronic transmission to any limited 814 partnership that has provided the department with an electronic 815 mail address. The Department of State shall send the limited 816 partnership a copy of the filed declaration. 817 Section 22. Section 620.1906, Florida Statutes, is amended 818 to read: 620.1906 Revocation of certificate of authority.-819 820 (1) A certificate of authority of a foreign limited 821 partnership to transact business in this state may be revoked by the Department of State in the manner provided in subsections 822 (2) and (3) if the foreign limited partnership does not: 823 824 (a) Pay, within 60 days after the due date, any fee or 825 penalty due to the Department of State under this act or other 826 law; 827 (b) Deliver, within 60 days after the due date, its annual 828 report to the Department of State by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on the 829 third Friday in September required under s. 620.1210; 830 (c) Appoint and maintain an agent for service of process as 831 required by s. 620.1114(2); or (d) Deliver for filing a statement of a change under s. 832 833 620.1115 within 30 days after a change has occurred in the name 834 or address of the agent. 835 (2) If the Department of State determines that one or more grounds exist under s. 620.1906 for revocation of a foreign 836 837 limited partnership, it shall notify the foreign limited 838 partnership of its intent to revoke the foreign limited 839 partnership's certificate of authority. If the foreign limited 840 partnership has provided the department with an electronic mail address, such notice shall be by electronic transmission. 841

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20091780er 842 Revocation for failure to file an annual report shall occur on 843 the fourth Friday in September of each year. The Department of 844 State shall issue a certificate of revocation to each revoked 845 foreign limited partnership. Issuance of the certificate of revocation may be by electronic transmission to any foreign 846 847 limited partnership that has provided the department with an electronic mail address. In order to revoke a certificate of 848 authority, the Department of State must prepare, sign, and file 849 850 a notice of revocation and send a copy to the foreign limited partnership. The notice must state: 851 852 (a) The effective date of the revocation, which must be at least 60 days after the date the Department of State sends the 853 854 copy. 855 (b) The foreign limited partnership's failures to comply 856 with subsection (1) which are the reason for the revocation. 857 (3) If within 60 days after sending a notice of revocation, 858 the foreign limited partnership does not correct each ground for 859 revocation under s. 620.1906(1)(a), (c), or (d), or demonstrate 860 to the reasonable satisfaction of the Department of State that 861 each ground determined by the department does not exist, the 862 department shall revoke the foreign limited partnership's 863 authority to transact business in this state and issue a 864 certificate of revocation that states the grounds for 865 revocation. Issuance of the certificate of revocation may be by 866 electronic transmission to any foreign limited partnership that 867 has provided the department with an electronic mail address. (4) (3) The authority of the foreign limited partnership to 868 869 transact business in this state ceases on the effective date of 870 the certificate notice of revocation unless before that date the

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20091780er 871 foreign limited partnership cures each failure to comply with 872 subsection (1) stated in the notice. If the foreign limited 873 partnership cures the failures, the Department of State shall so 874 indicate on the filed notice. Section 23. Subsection (3) of section 620.9003, Florida 875 876 Statutes, is amended to read: 877 620.9003 Annual report.-878 (3) The Department of State may administratively revoke the 879 statement of qualification of a partnership that fails to file 880 its annual report and pay the required filing fee by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on the third Friday in September. The Department of 881 882 State shall serve 60-day notice on the limited liability 883 partnership of its intent to revoke the statement of 884 qualification. If the partnership has provided the department 885 with an electronic mail address, such notice shall be by electronic transmission. Revocation for failure to file an 886 887 annual report shall occur on the fourth Friday in September of 888 each year. The Department of State shall issue a certificate of 889 revocation of the statement of qualification to each revoked partnership. Issuance of the certificate of revocation of the 890 891 statement of qualification may be by electronic transmission to 892 any partnership that has provided the department with an 893 electronic mail address. The Secretary of State may 894 administratively revoke the statement of qualification of a 895 partnership that fails to file an annual report when due or to pay the required filing fee. The Secretary of State shall 896 provide the partnership at least 60 days' written notice of 897 898 intent to revoke the statement. The notice is effective 5 days 899 after it is deposited in the United States mail addressed to the

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20091780er 900 partnership at its chief executive office set forth in the last 901 filed statement of qualification or annual report. The notice 902 must specify the annual report that has not been filed, the fee 903 that has not been paid, and the date on or after which the revocation will become effective. The revocation is not 904 905 effective if the annual report is filed and the fee is paid 906 before the effective date of the revocation. Section 24. Subsection (1) of section 679.525, Florida 907 908 Statutes, is amended to read: 909 679.525 Processing fees.-(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3), the 910 nonrefundable processing fee for filing and indexing a record 911 912 under this part, other than an initial financing statement of the kind described in s. 679.5021(3), is: 913 (a) For filing an initial financing statement, \$25 for the 914 915 first page, which shall include the cost of filing a termination 916 statement for the financing statement; 917 (b) For filing an amendment, \$12 for the first page; 918 (c) For indexing by additional debtor, secured party, or assignee, \$3 per additional name indexed; 919 920 (d) For use of a nonapproved form, \$5; 921 (e) For each additional page attached to a record, \$3; 922 (f) For a certified copy of a financing statement and any and all associated amendments, \$30; and 923 924 (g) For a photocopy of a filed record, \$1 per page; and. (h) For filing an initial financing statement, an 925 926 additional \$10 for the first page. Receipts from this fee shall 927 be deposited into the General Revenue Fund and are not included 928 in the receipts for purposes of calculating the contractor's

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929	compensation for performing services regarding the Florida
930	Secured Transaction Registry.
931	Section 25. Paragraph (b) of subsection (6) of section
932	865.09, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
933	865.09 Fictitious name registration
934	(6) RENEWAL
935	(b) In the last year of the registration, the division
936	shall notify the owner or registrant of the expiration of the
937	fictitious name mail to the last reported mailing address or to
938	the address of any registered owner of a name a statement of
939	renewal. If the owner or registrant of the fictitious name has
940	provided the department with an electronic mail address, such
941	notice shall be by electronic transmission.
942	Section 26. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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