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	CHAMBER ACTION
	<u>Senate</u> <u>House</u>
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1	Representative Geller offered the following:
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3	Amendment to Amendment (826750) (with title amendment)
4	Remove lines 199-1676 of the amendment and insert:
5	Section 3. Present subsections (1) through (30) of section
6	718.103, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (2)
7	through (31), respectively, and a new subsection (1) is added to
8	that section, to read:
9	718.103 DefinitionsAs used in this chapter, the term:
10	(1) "Alternative funding method" means an alternative to
11	funding a reserve account which is approved by the division and
12	which may reasonably be expected to fully satisfy the
13	association's budgetary obligations for deferred maintenance,
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14	capital expenditure, and any item for which reserves are
15	otherwise required, including, but not limited to, payments by a
16	developer and the incorporation into the budget of expenses for
17	deferred maintenance, capital expenditure, and any item for
18	which reserves are otherwise required. The term also includes
19	any other alternative approved by the division.
20	Section 4. Paragraphs (a), (c), and (g) of subsection (12)
21	and subsection (13) of section 718.111, Florida Statutes, are
22	amended to read:
23	718.111 The association
24	(12) OFFICIAL RECORDS
25	(a) From the inception of the association, the association
26	shall maintain each of the following items, if applicable, which
27	constitutes the official records of the association:
28	1. A copy of the plans, permits, warranties, and other
29	items provided by the developer under s. 718.301(4).
30	2. A photocopy of the recorded declaration of condominium
31	of each condominium operated by the association and each
32	amendment to each declaration.
33	3. A photocopy of the recorded bylaws of the association
34	and each amendment to the bylaws.
35	4. A certified copy of the articles of incorporation of
36	the association, or other documents creating the association,
37	and each amendment thereto.
38	5. A copy of the current rules of the association.
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39 6. A book or books that contain the minutes of all
40 meetings of the association, the board of administration, and
41 the unit owners.

42 7. A current roster of all unit owners and their mailing 43 addresses, unit identifications, voting certifications, and, if known, telephone numbers. The association shall also maintain 44 45 the e-mail addresses and facsimile numbers of unit owners consenting to receive notice by electronic transmission. The e-46 47 mail addresses and facsimile numbers are not accessible to unit owners if consent to receive notice by electronic transmission 48 is not provided in accordance with sub-subparagraph (c)3.e. 49 50 However, the association is not liable for an inadvertent 51 disclosure of the e-mail address or facsimile number for 52 receiving electronic transmission of notices.

8. All current insurance policies of the association andcondominiums operated by the association.

9. A current copy of any management agreement, lease, or other contract to which the association is a party or under which the association or the unit owners have an obligation or responsibility.

59 10. Bills of sale or transfer for all property owned by60 the association.

61 11. Accounting records for the association and separate
62 accounting records for each condominium that the association
63 operates. Any person who knowingly or intentionally defaces or
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64 destroys such records, or who knowingly or intentionally fails 65 to create or maintain such records, with the intent of causing 66 harm to the association or one or more of its members, is 67 personally subject to a civil penalty pursuant to s. 68 718.501(1)(d). The accounting records must include, but are not 69 limited to:

Accurate, itemized, and detailed records of allreceipts and expenditures.

b. A current account and a monthly, bimonthly, or quarterly statement of the account for each unit designating the name of the unit owner, the due date and amount of each assessment, the amount paid on the account, and the balance due.

76 c. All audits, reviews, accounting statements, <u>reserve</u> 77 <u>studies and reserve funding plans</u>, and financial reports of the 78 association or condominium.

d. All contracts for work to be performed. Bids for work to be performed are also considered official records and must be maintained by the association for at least 1 year after receipt of the bid.

Ballots, sign-in sheets, voting proxies, and all other papers and electronic records relating to voting by unit owners, which must be maintained for 1 year from the date of the election, vote, or meeting to which the document relates, notwithstanding paragraph (b).

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88	13. All rental records if the association is acting as
89	agent for the rental of condominium units.
90	14. A copy of the current question and answer sheet as
91	described in s. 718.504.
92	15. A copy of the inspection <u>reports</u> report as described
93	in ss. 553.899 and 718.301(4)(p) and any other inspection report
94	relating to a structural or life safety inspection of
95	condominium property. Such record must be maintained by the
96	association for 15 years after receipt of the report s.
97	718.301(4)(p) .
98	16. Bids for materials, equipment, or services.
99	17. All affirmative acknowledgments made pursuant to s.
100	718.121(4)(c).
101	18. All other written records of the association not
102	specifically included in the foregoing which are related to the
103	operation of the association.
104	(c)1. The official records of the association are open to
105	inspection by any association member or the authorized
106	representative of such member at all reasonable times. The right
107	to inspect the records includes the right to make or obtain
108	copies, at the reasonable expense, if any, of the member or
109	authorized representative of such member. A renter of a unit has
110	a right to inspect and copy only the declaration of condominium $_{\underline{\textit{\prime}}}$
111	and the association's bylaws and rules, and the inspection
112	reports described in ss. 553.899 and 718.301(4)(p). The
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113 association may adopt reasonable rules regarding the frequency, time, location, notice, and manner of record inspections and 114 115 copying but may not require a member to demonstrate any purpose or state any reason for the inspection. The failure of an 116 117 association to provide the records within 10 working days after receipt of a written request creates a rebuttable presumption 118 119 that the association willfully failed to comply with this paragraph. A unit owner who is denied access to official records 120 121 is entitled to the actual damages or minimum damages for the 122 association's willful failure to comply. Minimum damages are \$50 per calendar day for up to 10 days, beginning on the 11th 123 124 working day after receipt of the written request. The failure to 125 permit inspection entitles any person prevailing in an 126 enforcement action to recover reasonable attorney fees from the 127 person in control of the records who, directly or indirectly, 128 knowingly denied access to the records.

129 2. Any person who knowingly or intentionally defaces or 130 destroys accounting records that are required by this chapter to 131 be maintained during the period for which such records are 132 required to be maintained, or who knowingly or intentionally fails to create or maintain accounting records that are required 133 134 to be created or maintained, with the intent of causing harm to 135 the association or one or more of its members, is personally 136 subject to a civil penalty pursuant to s. 718.501(1)(d).

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1.37 3. The association shall maintain an adequate number of copies of the declaration, articles of incorporation, bylaws, 138 139 and rules, and all amendments to each of the foregoing, as well 140 as the question and answer sheet as described in s. 718.504 and 141 year-end financial information required under this section, on 142 the condominium property to ensure their availability to unit 143 owners and prospective purchasers, and may charge its actual 144 costs for preparing and furnishing these documents to those 145 requesting the documents. An association shall allow a member or 146 his or her authorized representative to use a portable device, 147 including a smartphone, tablet, portable scanner, or any other technology capable of scanning or taking photographs, to make an 148 electronic copy of the official records in lieu of the 149 150 association's providing the member or his or her authorized 151 representative with a copy of such records. The association may 152 not charge a member or his or her authorized representative for 153 the use of a portable device. Notwithstanding this paragraph, 154 the following records are not accessible to unit owners:

155 Any record protected by the lawyer-client privilege as a. described in s. 90.502 and any record protected by the work-156 product privilege, including a record prepared by an association 157 158 attorney or prepared at the attorney's express direction, which 159 reflects a mental impression, conclusion, litigation strategy, 160 or legal theory of the attorney or the association, and which was prepared exclusively for civil or criminal litigation or for 161 831295

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adversarial administrative proceedings, or which was prepared in anticipation of such litigation or proceedings until the conclusion of the litigation or proceedings.

b. Information obtained by an association in connection with the approval of the lease, sale, or other transfer of a unit.

168 c. Personnel records of association or management company 169 employees, including, but not limited to, disciplinary, payroll, 170 health, and insurance records. For purposes of this sub-171 subparagraph, the term "personnel records" does not include 172 written employment agreements with an association employee or 173 management company, or budgetary or financial records that 174 indicate the compensation paid to an association employee.

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d. Medical records of unit owners.

176 Social security numbers, driver license numbers, credit е. 177 card numbers, e-mail addresses, telephone numbers, facsimile 178 numbers, emergency contact information, addresses of a unit owner other than as provided to fulfill the association's notice 179 180 requirements, and other personal identifying information of any 181 person, excluding the person's name, unit designation, mailing address, property address, and any address, e-mail address, or 182 facsimile number provided to the association to fulfill the 183 184 association's notice requirements. Notwithstanding the 185 restrictions in this sub-subparagraph, an association may print and distribute to unit owners a directory containing the name, 186 831295

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187 unit address, and all telephone numbers of each unit owner. 188 However, an owner may exclude his or her telephone numbers from 189 the directory by so requesting in writing to the association. An 190 owner may consent in writing to the disclosure of other contact 191 information described in this sub-subparagraph. The association 192 is not liable for the inadvertent disclosure of information that 193 is protected under this sub-subparagraph if the information is 194 included in an official record of the association and is 195 voluntarily provided by an owner and not requested by the 196 association.

197 f. Electronic security measures that are used by the 198 association to safeguard data, including passwords.

199 g. The software and operating system used by the 200 association which allow the manipulation of data, even if the 201 owner owns a copy of the same software used by the association. 202 The data is part of the official records of the association.

h. All affirmative acknowledgments made pursuant to s.718.121(4)(c).

(g)1. By January 1, 2019, an association managing a condominium with 150 or more units which does not contain timeshare units shall post digital copies of the documents specified in subparagraph 2. on its website or make such documents available through an application that can be downloaded on a mobile device.

211 a. The association's website or application must be: 831295

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(I) An independent website, application, or web portalwholly owned and operated by the association; or

(II) A website, application, or web portal operated by a third-party provider with whom the association owns, leases, rents, or otherwise obtains the right to operate a web page, subpage, web portal, collection of subpages or web portals, or an application which is dedicated to the association's activities and on which required notices, records, and documents may be posted or made available by the association.

b. The association's website or application must be accessible through the Internet and must contain a subpage, web portal, or other protected electronic location that is inaccessible to the general public and accessible only to unit owners and employees of the association.

c. Upon a unit owner's written request, the association must provide the unit owner with a username and password and access to the protected sections of the association's website or application which contain any notices, records, or documents that must be electronically provided.

231 2. A current copy of the following documents must be 232 posted in digital format on the association's website or 233 application:

a. The recorded declaration of condominium of each
condominium operated by the association and each amendment to
each declaration.

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2.37 The recorded bylaws of the association and each b. 238 amendment to the bylaws. 239 The articles of incorporation of the association, or с. 240 other documents creating the association, and each amendment to 241 the articles of incorporation or other documents. The copy 242 posted pursuant to this sub-subparagraph must be a copy of the 243 articles of incorporation filed with the Department of State. 244 The rules of the association. d. 245 e. A list of all executory contracts or documents to which 246 the association is a party or under which the association or the unit owners have an obligation or responsibility and, after 247 248 bidding for the related materials, equipment, or services has 249 closed, a list of bids received by the association within the 250 past year. Summaries of bids for materials, equipment, or 251 services which exceed \$500 must be maintained on the website or 252 application for 1 year. In lieu of summaries, complete copies of 253 the bids may be posted. 254 The annual budget required by s. 718.112(2)(f) and any f. 255 proposed budget to be considered at the annual meeting. 256 The financial report required by subsection (13) and q. 257 any monthly income or expense statement to be considered at a 258 meeting. 259 h. The certification of each director required by s. 260 718.112(2)(d)4.b. 831295

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i. All contracts or transactions between the association
and any director, officer, corporation, firm, or association
that is not an affiliated condominium association or any other
entity in which an association director is also a director or
officer and financially interested.

266 j. Any contract or document regarding a conflict of 267 interest or possible conflict of interest as provided in ss. 268 468.436(2)(b)6. and 718.3027(3).

269 k. The notice of any unit owner meeting and the agenda for 270 the meeting, as required by s. 718.112(2)(d)3., no later than 14 271 days before the meeting. The notice must be posted in plain view 272 on the front page of the website or application, or on a 273 separate subpage of the website or application labeled "Notices" 274 which is conspicuously visible and linked from the front page. 275 The association must also post on its website or application any 276 document to be considered and voted on by the owners during the 277 meeting or any document listed on the agenda at least 7 days 278 before the meeting at which the document or the information 279 within the document will be considered.

1. Notice of any board meeting, the agenda, and any other document required for the meeting as required by s. 718.112(2)(c), which must be posted no later than the date required for notice under s. 718.112(2)(c).

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284	m. The inspection reports described in ss. 553.899 and
285	718.301(4)(p) and any other inspection report relating to a
286	structural or life safety inspection of condominium property.
287	n. The reserve study required under s. 718.112(2).
288	3. The association shall ensure that the information and
289	records described in paragraph (c), which are not allowed to be
290	accessible to unit owners, are not posted on the association's
291	website or application. If protected information or information
292	restricted from being accessible to unit owners is included in
293	documents that are required to be posted on the association's
294	website or application, the association shall ensure the
295	information is redacted before posting the documents.
296	Notwithstanding the foregoing, the association or its agent is
297	not liable for disclosing information that is protected or
298	restricted under this paragraph unless such disclosure was made
299	with a knowing or intentional disregard of the protected or
300	restricted nature of such information.
301	4. The failure of the association to post information
302	required under subparagraph 2. is not in and of itself
303	sufficient to invalidate any action or decision of the
304	association's board or its committees.

305 (13) FINANCIAL REPORTING.-Within 90 days after the end of 306 the fiscal year, or annually on a date provided in the bylaws, 307 the association shall prepare and complete, or contract for the 308 preparation and completion of, a financial report for the 831295

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preceding fiscal year. Within 21 days after the final financial 309 310 report is completed by the association or received from the 311 third party, but not later than 120 days after the end of the 312 fiscal year or other date as provided in the bylaws, the 313 association shall mail to each unit owner at the address last 314 furnished to the association by the unit owner, or hand deliver 315 to each unit owner, a copy of the most recent financial report or a notice that a copy of the most recent financial report will 316 317 be mailed or hand delivered to the unit owner, without charge, 318 within 5 business days after receipt of a written request from the unit owner. The division shall adopt rules setting forth 319 320 uniform accounting principles and standards to be used by all 321 associations and addressing the financial reporting requirements 322 for multicondominium associations. The rules must include, but 323 not be limited to, standards for presenting a summary of 324 association reserves, including a good faith estimate disclosing 325 the annual amount of reserve funds that would be necessary for the association to fully fund reserves for each reserve item 326 327 based on the straight-line accounting method or to fully fund 328 reserves based on the pooling method. This disclosure is not applicable to reserves funded via the pooling method. In 329 330 adopting such rules, the division shall consider the number of 331 members and annual revenues of an association. Financial reports 332 shall be prepared as follows:

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(a) An association that meets the criteria of this paragraph shall prepare a complete set of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The financial statements must be based upon the association's total annual revenues, as follows:

338 1. An association with total annual revenues of \$150,000 339 or more, but less than \$300,000, shall prepare compiled 340 financial statements.

341 2. An association with total annual revenues of at least 342 \$300,000, but less than \$500,000, shall prepare reviewed 343 financial statements.

344 3. An association with total annual revenues of \$500,000
345 or more shall prepare audited financial statements.

(b)1. An association with total annual revenues of less than \$150,000 shall prepare a report of cash receipts and expenditures.

349 2. A report of cash receipts and disbursements must 350 disclose the amount of receipts by accounts and receipt 351 classifications and the amount of expenses by accounts and 352 expense classifications, including, but not limited to, the 353 following, as applicable: costs for security, professional and management fees and expenses, taxes, costs for recreation 354 355 facilities, expenses for refuse collection and utility services, 356 expenses for lawn care, costs for building maintenance and repair, insurance costs, administration and salary expenses, and 357 831295

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358 reserves accumulated and expended for capital expenditures, 359 deferred maintenance, and any other category for which the 360 association maintains reserves.

361 (c) An association may prepare, without a meeting of or 362 approval by the unit owners:

363 1. Compiled, reviewed, or audited financial statements, if 364 the association is required to prepare a report of cash receipts 365 and expenditures;

366 2. Reviewed or audited financial statements, if the 367 association is required to prepare compiled financial 368 statements; or

369 3. Audited financial statements if the association is370 required to prepare reviewed financial statements.

(d) If approved by a majority of the voting interests present at a properly called meeting of the association, an association may prepare:

A report of cash receipts and expenditures in lieu of a
 compiled, reviewed, or audited financial statement;

376 2. A report of cash receipts and expenditures or a 377 compiled financial statement in lieu of a reviewed or audited 378 financial statement; or

379 3. A report of cash receipts and expenditures, a compiled
380 financial statement, or a reviewed financial statement in lieu
381 of an audited financial statement.

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383 Such meeting and approval must occur before the end of the fiscal year and is effective only for the fiscal year in which 384 385 the vote is taken, except that the approval may also be 386 effective for the following fiscal year. If the developer has 387 not turned over control of the association, all unit owners, 388 including the developer, may vote on issues related to the 389 preparation of the association's financial reports, from the 390 date of incorporation of the association through the end of the 391 second fiscal year after the fiscal year in which the 392 certificate of a surveyor and mapper is recorded pursuant to s. 393 718.104(4)(e) or an instrument that transfers title to a unit in 394 the condominium which is not accompanied by a recorded 395 assignment of developer rights in favor of the grantee of such 396 unit is recorded, whichever occurs first. Thereafter, all unit 397 owners except the developer may vote on such issues until 398 control is turned over to the association by the developer. Any 399 audit or review prepared under this section shall be paid for by 400 the developer if done before turnover of control of the 401 association.

(e) A unit owner may provide written notice to the division of the association's failure to mail or hand deliver him or her a copy of the most recent financial report within 5 business days after he or she submitted a written request to the association for a copy of such report. If the division determines that the association failed to mail or hand deliver a 831295

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408 copy of the most recent financial report to the unit owner, the 409 division shall provide written notice to the association that 410 the association must mail or hand deliver a copy of the most 411 recent financial report to the unit owner and the division 412 within 5 business days after it receives such notice from the 413 division. An association that fails to comply with the 414 division's request may not waive the financial reporting 415 requirement provided in paragraph (d) for the fiscal year in 416 which the unit owner's request was made and the following fiscal 417 year. A financial report received by the division pursuant to 418 this paragraph shall be maintained, and the division shall 419 provide a copy of such report to an association member upon his 420 or her request.

421 Section 5. Paragraphs (d) and (f) of subsection (2) of 422 section 718.112, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph 423 (p) is added to that subsection, to read:

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718.112 Bylaws.-

425 (2) REQUIRED PROVISIONS.—The bylaws shall provide for the 426 following and, if they do not do so, shall be deemed to include 427 the following:

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(d) Unit owner meetings.-

1. An annual meeting of the unit owners must be held at the location provided in the association bylaws and, if the bylaws are silent as to the location, the meeting must be held within 45 miles of the condominium property. However, such 831295

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distance requirement does not apply to an association governinga timeshare condominium.

2. 435 Unless the bylaws provide otherwise, a vacancy on the 436 board caused by the expiration of a director's term must be 437 filled by electing a new board member, and the election must be 438 by secret ballot. An election is not required if the number of 439 vacancies equals or exceeds the number of candidates. For 440 purposes of this paragraph, the term "candidate" means an 441 eligible person who has timely submitted the written notice, as 442 described in sub-subparagraph 4.a., of his or her intention to 443 become a candidate. Except in a timeshare or nonresidential 444 condominium, or if the staggered term of a board member does not 445 expire until a later annual meeting, or if all members' terms 446 would otherwise expire but there are no candidates, the terms of 447 all board members expire at the annual meeting, and such members 448 may stand for reelection unless prohibited by the bylaws. Board 449 members may serve terms longer than 1 year if permitted by the bylaws or articles of incorporation. A board member may not 450 451 serve more than 8 consecutive years unless approved by an 452 affirmative vote of unit owners representing two-thirds of all votes cast in the election or unless there are not enough 453 454 eligible candidates to fill the vacancies on the board at the 455 time of the vacancy. Only board service that occurs on or after 456 July 1, 2018, may be used when calculating a board member's term limit. If the number of board members whose terms expire at the 457 831295

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458 annual meeting equals or exceeds the number of candidates, the 459 candidates become members of the board effective upon the 460 adjournment of the annual meeting. Unless the bylaws provide 461 otherwise, any remaining vacancies shall be filled by the 462 affirmative vote of the majority of the directors making up the 463 newly constituted board even if the directors constitute less 464 than a quorum or there is only one director. In a residential 465 condominium association of more than 10 units or in a 466 residential condominium association that does not include 467 timeshare units or timeshare interests, co-owners of a unit may not serve as members of the board of directors at the same time 468 469 unless they own more than one unit or unless there are not 470 enough eligible candidates to fill the vacancies on the board at 471 the time of the vacancy. A unit owner in a residential 472 condominium desiring to be a candidate for board membership must 473 comply with sub-subparagraph 4.a. and must be eligible to be a 474 candidate to serve on the board of directors at the time of the 475 deadline for submitting a notice of intent to run in order to 476 have his or her name listed as a proper candidate on the ballot 477 or to serve on the board. A person who has been suspended or 478 removed by the division under this chapter, or who is delinquent 479 in the payment of any assessment due to the association, is not 480 eligible to be a candidate for board membership and may not be 481 listed on the ballot. For purposes of this paragraph, a person is delinquent if a payment is not made by the due date as 482 831295

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483 specifically identified in the declaration of condominium, 484 bylaws, or articles of incorporation. If a due date is not 485 specifically identified in the declaration of condominium, 486 bylaws, or articles of incorporation, the due date is the first 487 day of the assessment period. A person who has been convicted of 488 any felony in this state or in a United States District or 489 Territorial Court, or who has been convicted of any offense in 490 another jurisdiction which would be considered a felony if 491 committed in this state, is not eligible for board membership 492 unless such felon's civil rights have been restored for at least 493 5 years as of the date such person seeks election to the board. 494 The validity of an action by the board is not affected if it is 495 later determined that a board member is ineligible for board 496 membership due to having been convicted of a felony. This 497 subparagraph does not limit the term of a member of the board of 498 a nonresidential or timeshare condominium.

499 The bylaws must provide the method of calling meetings 3. 500 of unit owners, including annual meetings. Written notice of an 501 annual meeting must include an agenda; be mailed, hand 502 delivered, or electronically transmitted to each unit owner at 503 least 14 days before the annual meeting; and be posted in a 504 conspicuous place on the condominium property or association 505 property at least 14 continuous days before the annual meeting. 506 Written notice of a meeting other than an annual meeting must include an agenda; be mailed, hand delivered, or electronically 507 831295

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508 transmitted to each unit owner; and be posted in a conspicuous 509 place on the condominium property or association property within 510 the timeframe specified in the bylaws. If the bylaws do not specify a timeframe for written notice of a meeting other than 511 512 an annual meeting, notice must be provided at least 14 513 continuous days before the meeting. Upon notice to the unit 514 owners, the board shall, by duly adopted rule, designate a 515 specific location on the condominium property or association 516 property where all notices of unit owner meetings must be 517 posted. This requirement does not apply if there is no condominium property for posting notices. In lieu of, or in 518 519 addition to, the physical posting of meeting notices, the 520 association may, by reasonable rule, adopt a procedure for 521 conspicuously posting and repeatedly broadcasting the notice and 522 the agenda on a closed-circuit cable television system serving 523 the condominium association. However, if broadcast notice is 524 used in lieu of a notice posted physically on the condominium 525 property, the notice and agenda must be broadcast at least four 526 times every broadcast hour of each day that a posted notice is 527 otherwise required under this section. If broadcast notice is 528 provided, the notice and agenda must be broadcast in a manner 529 and for a sufficient continuous length of time so as to allow an 530 average reader to observe the notice and read and comprehend the 531 entire content of the notice and the agenda. In addition to any of the authorized means of providing notice of a meeting of the 532 831295

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533 board, the association may, by rule, adopt a procedure for 534 conspicuously posting the meeting notice and the agenda on a 535 website serving the condominium association for at least the 536 minimum period of time for which a notice of a meeting is also 537 required to be physically posted on the condominium property. 538 Any rule adopted shall, in addition to other matters, include a 539 requirement that the association send an electronic notice in 540 the same manner as a notice for a meeting of the members, which 541 must include a hyperlink to the website where the notice is 542 posted, to unit owners whose e-mail addresses are included in the association's official records. Unless a unit owner waives 543 544 in writing the right to receive notice of the annual meeting, 545 such notice must be hand delivered, mailed, or electronically 546 transmitted to each unit owner. Notice for meetings and notice 547 for all other purposes must be mailed to each unit owner at the 548 address last furnished to the association by the unit owner, or 549 hand delivered to each unit owner. However, if a unit is owned 550 by more than one person, the association must provide notice to 551 the address that the developer identifies for that purpose and 552 thereafter as one or more of the owners of the unit advise the 553 association in writing, or if no address is given or the owners 554 of the unit do not agree, to the address provided on the deed of 555 record. An officer of the association, or the manager or other 556 person providing notice of the association meeting, must provide an affidavit or United States Postal Service certificate of 557 831295

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558 mailing, to be included in the official records of the 559 association affirming that the notice was mailed or hand 560 delivered in accordance with this provision.

4. The members of the board of a residential condominium shall be elected by written ballot or voting machine. Proxies may not be used in electing the board in general elections or elections to fill vacancies caused by recall, resignation, or otherwise, unless otherwise provided in this chapter. This subparagraph does not apply to an association governing a timeshare condominium.

568 a. At least 60 days before a scheduled election, the 569 association shall mail, deliver, or electronically transmit, by 570 separate association mailing or included in another association 571 mailing, delivery, or transmission, including regularly 572 published newsletters, to each unit owner entitled to a vote, a 573 first notice of the date of the election. A unit owner or other 574 eligible person desiring to be a candidate for the board must 575 give written notice of his or her intent to be a candidate to 576 the association at least 40 days before a scheduled election. 577 Together with the written notice and agenda as set forth in 578 subparagraph 3., the association shall mail, deliver, or 579 electronically transmit a second notice of the election to all 580 unit owners entitled to vote, together with a ballot that lists 581 all candidates not less than 14 days or more than 34 days before the date of the election. Upon request of a candidate, an 582

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583 information sheet, no larger than 8 1/2 inches by 11 inches, 584 which must be furnished by the candidate at least 35 days before 585 the election, must be included with the mailing, delivery, or 586 transmission of the ballot, with the costs of mailing, delivery, 587 or electronic transmission and copying to be borne by the 588 association. The association is not liable for the contents of 589 the information sheets prepared by the candidates. In order to 590 reduce costs, the association may print or duplicate the 591 information sheets on both sides of the paper. The division 592 shall by rule establish voting procedures consistent with this 593 sub-subparagraph, including rules establishing procedures for 594 giving notice by electronic transmission and rules providing for 595 the secrecy of ballots. Elections shall be decided by a 596 plurality of ballots cast. There is no quorum requirement; 597 however, at least 20 percent of the eligible voters must cast a 598 ballot in order to have a valid election. A unit owner may not 599 authorize any other person to vote his or her ballot, and any 600 ballots improperly cast are invalid. A unit owner who violates 601 this provision may be fined by the association in accordance 602 with s. 718.303. A unit owner who needs assistance in casting the ballot for the reasons stated in s. 101.051 may obtain such 603 604 assistance. The regular election must occur on the date of the 605 annual meeting. Notwithstanding this sub-subparagraph, an 606 election is not required unless more candidates file notices of intent to run or are nominated than board vacancies exist. 607 831295

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b. Within 90 days after being elected or appointed to the
board of an association of a residential condominium, each newly
elected or appointed director shall <u>do both of the following:</u>

(I) Certify in writing to the secretary of the association 611 612 that he or she has read the association's declaration of 613 condominium, articles of incorporation, bylaws, and current 614 written policies; that he or she will work to uphold such 615 documents and policies to the best of his or her ability; and 616 that he or she will faithfully discharge his or her fiduciary 617 responsibility to the association's members. In lieu of this written certification, within 90 days after being elected or 618 619 appointed to the board, the newly elected or appointed director 620 may

(II) Submit a certificate of having satisfactorily
completed the educational curriculum administered by a divisionapproved condominium education provider within 1 year before or
90 days after the date of election or appointment. The written
certification <u>and</u> or educational certificate <u>are</u> is valid and <u>do</u>
does not have to be resubmitted as long as the director serves
on the board without interruption.

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A director of an association of a residential condominium who fails to timely file the written certification and or educational certificate is suspended from service on the board until he or she complies with this sub-subparagraph. The board 831295

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may temporarily fill the vacancy during the period of 633 634 suspension. The secretary shall require cause the association to 635 retain a director's written certification and or educational certificate for inspection by the members for 5 years after a 636 637 director's election or the duration of the director's uninterrupted tenure, whichever is longer. Failure to have such 638 639 written certification and or educational certificate on file 640 does not affect the validity of any board action.

641 c. Any challenge to the election process must be commenced642 within 60 days after the election results are announced.

643 Any approval by unit owners called for by this chapter 5. 644 or the applicable declaration or bylaws, including, but not 645 limited to, the approval requirement in s. 718.111(8), must be 646 made at a duly noticed meeting of unit owners and is subject to 647 all requirements of this chapter or the applicable condominium 648 documents relating to unit owner decisionmaking, except that 649 unit owners may take action by written agreement, without 650 meetings, on matters for which action by written agreement 651 without meetings is expressly allowed by the applicable bylaws or declaration or any law that provides for such action. 652

6. Unit owners may waive notice of specific meetings if
allowed by the applicable bylaws or declaration or any law.
Notice of meetings of the board of administration, unit owner
meetings, except unit owner meetings called to recall board
members under paragraph (j), and committee meetings may be given
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by electronic transmission to unit owners who consent to receive notice by electronic transmission. A unit owner who consents to receiving notices by electronic transmission is solely responsible for removing or bypassing filters that block receipt of mass e-mails sent to members on behalf of the association in the course of giving electronic notices.

7. Unit owners have the right to participate in meetings
of unit owners with reference to all designated agenda items.
However, the association may adopt reasonable rules governing
the frequency, duration, and manner of unit owner participation.

8. A unit owner may tape record or videotape a meeting of
the unit owners subject to reasonable rules adopted by the
division.

671 9. Unless otherwise provided in the bylaws, any vacancy 672 occurring on the board before the expiration of a term may be 673 filled by the affirmative vote of the majority of the remaining 674 directors, even if the remaining directors constitute less than 675 a quorum, or by the sole remaining director. In the alternative, 676 a board may hold an election to fill the vacancy, in which case 677 the election procedures must conform to sub-subparagraph 4.a. 678 unless the association governs 10 units or fewer and has opted out of the statutory election process, in which case the bylaws 679 680 of the association control. Unless otherwise provided in the 681 bylaws, a board member appointed or elected under this section shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term of the seat being 682 831295

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683 filled. Filling vacancies created by recall is governed by paragraph (j) and rules adopted by the division. 684 685 10. This chapter does not limit the use of general or 686 limited proxies, require the use of general or limited proxies, 687 or require the use of a written ballot or voting machine for any 688 agenda item or election at any meeting of a timeshare 689 condominium association or nonresidential condominium 690 association. 691 692 Notwithstanding subparagraph (b)2. and sub-subparagraph 4.a., an 693 association of 10 or fewer units may, by affirmative vote of a 694 majority of the total voting interests, provide for different 695 voting and election procedures in its bylaws, which may be by a 696 proxy specifically delineating the different voting and election 697 procedures. The different voting and election procedures may 698 provide for elections to be conducted by limited or general 699 proxy. 700 (f) Annual budget.-701 The proposed annual budget of estimated revenues and 1. 702 expenses must be detailed and must show the amounts budgeted by

702 expenses must be detailed and must show the amounts budgeted by 703 accounts and expense classifications, including, at a minimum, 704 any applicable expenses listed in s. 718.504(21). The board 705 shall adopt the annual budget at least 14 days prior to the 706 start of the association's fiscal year. In the event that the 707 board fails to timely adopt the annual budget a second time, it 831295

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708 shall be deemed a minor violation and the prior year's budget 709 shall continue in effect until a new budget is adopted. A 710 multicondominium association shall adopt a separate budget of 711 common expenses for each condominium the association operates 712 and shall adopt a separate budget of common expenses for the association. In addition, if the association maintains limited 713 714 common elements with the cost to be shared only by those 715 entitled to use the limited common elements as provided for in 716 s. 718.113(1), the budget or a schedule attached to it must show 717 the amount budgeted for this maintenance. If, after turnover of 718 control of the association to the unit owners, any of the 719 expenses listed in s. 718.504(21) are not applicable, they need 720 not be listed.

721 2.a. In addition to annual operating expenses, the budget 722 must include reserve accounts for capital expenditures and 723 deferred maintenance. These accounts must include, but are not 724 limited to, the maintenance and replacement of the condominium 725 property identified in s. 718.301(4)(p) which are the 726 maintenance responsibility of the association pursuant to the 727 declaration roof replacement, building painting, and pavement 728 resurfacing, regardless of the amount of deferred maintenance 729 expense or replacement cost, and any other item that has a 730 deferred maintenance expense or replacement cost that exceeds 731 \$10,000. The amount to be reserved must be computed using a formula based upon estimated remaining useful life and estimated 732 831295

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733 replacement cost or deferred maintenance expense of each reserve 734 item. The association may adjust replacement reserve assessments 735 annually to take into account any changes in estimates or 736 extension of the useful life of a reserve item caused by 737 deferred maintenance. This subsection does not apply to an 738 adopted budget in which the members of an association have 739 determined, by a two-thirds majority vote of all the voting 740 interests, voting in person or by proxy at a duly called meeting 741 of the association, to provide no reserves or less reserves than required by this subsection. An annual budget adopted on or 742 743 after January 1, 2024, must, at minimum: 744 (I) Identify all items for which reserves are or will be

745 established;

746 <u>(II) Provide an estimate of the maintenance, repair, and</u> 747 <u>replacement costs for the structural components for which an</u> 748 <u>estimate of useful life may be determined;</u>

749 (III) Identify any structural component for which a 750 reserve account is not established or reserves are not funded, 751 because the useful life of the component cannot be determined; 752 (IV) As of the beginning of the fiscal year for which the 753 budget is prepared, identify the estimated current amount of 754 accumulated funds for each reserve component or, if the pooling 755 method is used, the estimated current amount of the accumulated 756 pooled funds;

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757 (V) Provide a description of the manner in which the 758 association plans to fund reserves, including the use of regular 759 assessments, special assessments, and any other alternative 760 funding method; and 761 (VI) Provide a description of the procedures used for 762 estimating the funding of reserves pursuant to this paragraph, 763 including, as applicable, the identity of any independent third 764 party who conducted the reserve study on behalf of the 765 association and the extent to which the association is funding 766 its reserve obligations consistent with the reserve study currently in <u>effect.</u> 767 768 b. Before turnover of control of an association by a 769 developer to unit owners other than a developer pursuant to s. 770 718.301, the developer may not vote the voting interests allocated to its units to waive the reserves or reduce the 771 772 funding of reserves. through the period expiring at the end of 773 the second fiscal year after the fiscal year in which the 774 certificate of a surveyor and mapper is recorded pursuant to s. 775 718.104(4)(c) or an instrument that transfers title <u>a unit</u> 776 the condominium which is not accompanied by a recorded 777 assignment of developer rights in favor of the grantee of such 778 unit is recorded, whichever occurs first, after which time 779 Reserves may be waived or reduced only upon the vote of two-780 thirds a majority of all nondeveloper voting interests, voting 781 in person or by limited proxy at a duly called meeting of the 831295

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782 association. If a meeting of the unit owners has been called to 783 determine whether to waive or reduce the funding of reserves and 784 no such result is achieved or a quorum is not attained, the 785 reserves included in the budget shall go into effect. After the 786 turnover, the developer may vote its voting interest to waive or 787 reduce the funding of reserves.

3. Effective January 1, 2024, an association with a 788 789 residential condominium building that is three stories or more 790 in height and subject to the milestone inspection requirements 791 in s. 553.899 must conduct a study of the amount of reserve 792 funds needed to fund reserves for the maintenance, repair, 793 replacement, and restoration of the condominium property. The 794 reserve study must be conducted at least every 5 years. The 795 board shall review the results of such study at least annually 796 to determine if reserves are sufficient to meet the 797 association's reserve obligations and to make any adjustments 798 the board deems necessary to maintain reserves, as appropriate. 799 The division shall adopt rules setting forth uniform financial 800 standards and forms for reserve studies. The reserve study must include, without limitation: 801 a. A visual inspection by a licensed architect, engineer, 802 803 or other independent professional with demonstrated experience 804 or knowledge preparing reserve studies for the purpose of 805 estimating the useful life and estimated replacement cost or deferred maintenance expense. The visual inspection shall be 806 831295

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807	performed on or before January 1, 2024, and at least once every
808	10 years thereafter. The inspection may be the milestone
809	inspection required under s. 553.899;
810	b. A summary of any inspection of the major components of
811	the condominium property identified in sub-subparagraph a. and
812	any other portion of the condominium property for which the
813	association is required to establish a reserve account or
814	accounts;
815	c. If applicable, a summary of the findings and
816	recommendations of the milestone inspection report required
817	under s. 553.899 and any other structural or life safety
818	inspection of the condominium property considered in the reserve
819	study;
820	d. An identification of the structural components of the
821	building for which necessary reserves may be reasonably
822	projected and an identification of the structural components of
823	the building with an indefinite useful life for which a
824	reasonable determination of necessary reserves may not be
825	estimated;
826	e. An estimate of the useful life of the structural
827	components of the building identified in sub-subparagraph a. for
828	which an estimate of useful life may be determined as attested
829	to by a licensed architect or engineer in the turnover
830	inspection required under s. 718.301(4)(p), a milestone
831	inspection, or any other structural or life safety inspection of
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832	the condominium property by a licensed architect or engineer,
833	whichever is most recent;
834	f. An estimate of the remaining useful life of any other
835	portion of the condominium property for which the association is
836	required to establish a reserve account or accounts;
837	g. An estimate of the cost of maintenance, repair,
838	replacement, or restoration of each major component of the
839	condominium property identified in s. 718.301(4)(p) and any
840	other portion of the condominium property identified pursuant to
841	sub-subparagraph d.;
842	h. An estimate of the total annual assessment that may be
843	necessary to cover the cost of maintaining, repairing,
844	replacing, or restoring the major components of the condominium
845	property identified in sub-subparagraph a. and any other portion
846	of the condominium property identified pursuant to sub-
847	subparagraph f.;
848	i. A description of the funding plan, including any
849	alternative funding method, to provide adequate funding for the
850	required reserves; and
851	j. A schedule for the full funding of reserves. A reserve
852	account is fully funded when the actual or projected reserve
853	balance in the reserve account is equal in direct proportion to
854	the fraction of useful life that has expired for a given
855	component or components multiplied by the current replacement
856	costs for the component or components.
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857 4.3. Reserve funds and any interest accruing thereon shall 858 remain in the reserve account or accounts, and may be used only 859 for authorized reserve expenditures unless their use for other 860 purposes is approved in advance by a two-thirds majority vote of 861 all voting interests, voting in person or by limited proxy at a duly called meeting of the association; provided that the use of 862 863 reserve funds for a purpose other than authorized reserve 864 expenditures is authorized in the exercise of the association's 865 emergency powers under s. 718.1265. Before turnover of control 866 of an association by a developer to unit owners other than the 867 developer pursuant to s. 718.301, the developer-controlled 868 association may not vote to use reserves for purposes other than 869 those for which they were intended without the approval of two-870 thirds a majority of all nondeveloper voting interests, voting 871 in person or by limited proxy at a duly called meeting of the 872 association.

873 5.a.4. The only voting interests that are eligible to vote 874 on questions that involve waiving or reducing the funding of 875 reserves, or using existing reserve funds for purposes other 876 than purposes for which the reserves were intended, are the voting interests of the units subject to assessment to fund the 877 878 reserves in question. Proxy questions relating to waiving or 879 reducing the funding of reserves or using existing reserve funds 880 for purposes other than purposes for which the reserves were intended must contain the following statement in capitalized, 881 831295

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bold letters in a font size larger than any other used on the face of the proxy ballot: WAIVING OF RESERVES, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, OR ALLOWING ALTERNATIVE USES OF EXISTING RESERVES MAY RESULT IN UNIT OWNER LIABILITY FOR PAYMENT OF UNANTICIPATED SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS REGARDING THOSE ITEMS.

887 b. If the association has voted to waive reserves or to 888 use existing reserve funds for purposes other than the purposes 889 for which the reserves were intended, the budget must contain 890 the following statement in conspicuous type: THE OWNERS HAVE 891 ELECTED TO WAIVE RESERVES, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, OR ALLOWED 892 ALTERNATIVE USES OF EXISTING RESERVES UNDER SECTION 893 718.112(2)(f), FLORIDA STATUTES. THE WAIVING OR ALTERNATIVE USE 894 OF RESERVE FUNDS MAY RESULT IN UNIT OWNER LIABILITY FOR PAYMENT 895 OF UNANTICIPATED SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS REGARDING THOSE ITEMS.

896 c. On or after January 1, 2026, if the association is 897 required to perform a reserve study under this paragraph and the 898 budget of the association does not fund the association's 899 reserve obligations consistent with the reserve study currently 900 in effect, the budget must also contain the following statement 901 in conspicuous type: THE ASSOCIATION'S LAST RESERVE STUDY IS 902 DATED THE RESERVE AMOUNT BUDGETED AND/OR COLLECTED IS LESS 903 THAN REQUIRED BY THE RESERVE STUDY SCHEDULE. FAILURE TO FUND 904 RESERVES CONSISTENT WITH THE ASSOCIATION'S RESERVE STUDY MAY 905 RESULT IN UNANTICIPATED SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS REGARDING THOSE 906 ITEMS.

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907	(p) Mandatory milestone inspectionsIf an association is
908	required to have a milestone inspection performed pursuant to s.
909	553.899, the association must arrange for the milestone
910	inspection to be performed and is responsible for ensuring
911	compliance with the requirements of s. 553.899. The association
912	is responsible for all costs associated with the inspection. If
913	the officers or directors of an association willfully and
914	knowingly fail to have a milestone inspection performed pursuant
915	to s. 553.899, such failure is a breach of the officers' and
916	directors' fiduciary relationship to the unit owners under s.
917	718.111(1)(a). Upon completion of a phase one or phase two
918	milestone inspection and receipt of the inspector-prepared
919	summary of the inspection report from the architect or engineer
920	who performed the inspection, the association must distribute a
921	copy of the inspector-prepared summary of the inspection report
922	to each unit owner, regardless of the findings or
923	recommendations in the report, by United States mail or personal
924	delivery and by electronic transmission to unit owners who
925	previously consented to receive notice by electronic
926	transmission; must post a copy of the inspector-prepared summary
927	in a conspicuous place on the condominium property; and must
928	publish the full report and inspector-prepared summary on the
929	association's website, if the association is required to have a
930	website.

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931 Section 6. Present subsections (4) through (9) of section 932 718.113, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (5) 933 through (10), respectively, a new subsection (4) is added to 934 that section, and subsections (1) and (2) of that section are 935 amended, to read:

936 718.113 Maintenance; limitation upon improvement; display 937 of flag; hurricane shutters and protection; display of religious 938 decorations.-

939 (1)Maintenance of the common elements is the 940 responsibility of the association, except for any maintenance responsibility for limited common elements assigned to the unit 941 942 owner by the declaration. The association shall provide for the 943 maintenance, repair, and replacement of the condominium property 944 for which it bears responsibility. After turnover of control of 945 the association to the unit owners, the association must perform 946 any required maintenance identified by the developer pursuant to 947 s. 718.301(4)(p) until the association obtains new maintenance 948 protocols from a licensed professional engineer or architect. 949 The declaration may provide that certain limited common elements 950 shall be maintained by those entitled to use the limited common elements or that the association shall provide the maintenance, 951 952 either as a common expense or with the cost shared only by those 953 entitled to use the limited common elements. If the maintenance 954 is to be by the association at the expense of only those entitled to use the limited common elements, the declaration 955 831295

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956 shall describe in detail the method of apportioning such costs 957 among those entitled to use the limited common elements, and the 958 association may use the provisions of s. 718.116 to enforce 959 payment of the shares of such costs by the unit owners entitled 960 to use the limited common elements.

961 (2) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, there 962 shall be no material alteration or substantial additions to the 963 common elements or to real property which is association 964 property, except in a manner provided in the declaration as 965 originally recorded or as amended under the procedures provided 966 therein. If the declaration as originally recorded or as amended 967 under the procedures provided therein does not specify the 968 procedure for approval of material alterations or substantial 969 additions, 75 percent of the total voting interests of the 970 association must approve the alterations or additions before the 971 material alterations or substantial additions are commenced. 972 This paragraph is intended to clarify existing law and applies 973 to associations existing on July 1, 2018.

974 There shall not be any material alteration of, or (b) 975 substantial addition to, the common elements of any condominium 976 operated by a multicondominium association unless approved in 977 the manner provided in the declaration of the affected 978 condominium or condominiums as originally recorded or as amended 979 under the procedures provided therein. If a declaration as originally recorded or as amended under the procedures provided 980 831295

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981 therein does not specify a procedure for approving such an 982 alteration or addition, the approval of 75 percent of the total 983 voting interests of each affected condominium is required before 984 the material alterations or substantial additions are commenced. 985 This subsection does not prohibit a provision in any 986 declaration, articles of incorporation, or bylaws as originally 987 recorded or as amended under the procedures provided therein 988 requiring the approval of unit owners in any condominium 989 operated by the same association or requiring board approval 990 before a material alteration or substantial addition to the 991 common elements is permitted. This paragraph is intended to 992 clarify existing law and applies to associations existing on July 1, 2018. 993

994 There shall not be any material alteration or (C) 995 substantial addition made to association real property operated 996 by a multicondominium association, except as provided in the 997 declaration, articles of incorporation, or bylaws as originally recorded or as amended under the procedures provided therein. If 998 999 the declaration, articles of incorporation, or bylaws as 1000 originally recorded or as amended under the procedures provided 1001 therein do not specify the procedure for approving an alteration 1002 or addition to association real property, the approval of 75 1003 percent of the total voting interests of the association is required before the material alterations or substantial 1004 additions are commenced. This paragraph is intended to clarify 1005 831295

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1006 existing law and applies to associations existing on July 1, 1007 2018. 1008 (d) The necessary maintenance, repair, or replacement of 1009 condominium property is not a material alteration or substantial 1010 addition requiring unit owner approval. 1011 (4) The association is not liable for alternative housing 1012 costs, lost rent, or other expenses if a unit must be vacated in 1013 whole or in part or if access to a common element is denied for 1014 necessary maintenance, repair, or replacement of condominium 1015 property. Section 7. Subsections (1) and (5) of section 718.1255, 1016 1017 Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 718.1255 Alternative dispute resolution; mediation; 1018 1019 nonbinding arbitration; applicability.-1020 DEFINITIONS.-As used in this section, the term (1)1021 "dispute" means any disagreement between two or more parties 1022 that involves: 1023 The authority of the board of directors, under this (a) 1024 chapter or association document, to: 1025 1. Require any owner to take any action, or not to take 1026 any action, involving that owner's unit or the appurtenances 1027 thereto. 1028 2. Alter or add to a common area or element. 1029 (b) The failure of a governing body, when required by this chapter or an association document, to: 1030 831295 Approved For Filing: 3/10/2022 12:50:31 PM

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1031	1. Properly conduct elections.
1032	2. Give adequate notice of meetings or other actions.
1033	3. Properly conduct meetings.
1034	4. Allow inspection of books and records.
1035	(c) A plan of termination pursuant to s. 718.117.
1036	(d) The failure of a governing body, when required by this
1037	chapter or an association document, to:
1038	1. Perform a structural or life safety inspection,
1039	including the milestone inspection required under s. 553.899.
1040	2. Perform a reserve study as required by law or the
1041	declaration, articles of incorporation, or bylaws.
1042	3. Fund reserves as required by law or the declaration,
1043	articles of incorporation, or bylaws.
1044	4. Make or provide necessary maintenance or repairs of
1045	condominium property.
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1047	"Dispute" does not include any disagreement that primarily
1048	involves: title to any unit or common element; the
1049	interpretation or enforcement of any warranty; the levy of a fee
1050	or assessment, or the collection of an assessment levied against
1051	a party; the eviction or other removal of a tenant from a unit;
1052	alleged breaches of fiduciary duty by one or more directors; or
1053	claims for damages to a unit based upon the alleged failure of
1054	the association to maintain the common elements or condominium
1055	property.
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1056 (5)PRESUIT MEDIATION.-In lieu of the initiation of 1057 nonbinding arbitration as provided in subsections (1) - (4), a 1058 party may submit a dispute to presuit mediation in accordance 1059 with s. 720.311; however, election and recall disputes are not 1060 eligible for mediation and such disputes must be arbitrated by 1061 the division or filed in a court of competent jurisdiction. 1062 Disputes identified in paragraph (1)(d) are not subject to 1063 nonbinding arbitration under subsections (1) - (4) and must be 1064 submitted to presuit mediation in accordance with s. 720.311. 1065 Section 8. Paragraph (p) of subsection (4) of section 1066 718.301, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (r) is 1067 added to that subsection, to read: 1068 718.301 Transfer of association control; claims of defect 1069 by association.-1070 At the time that unit owners other than the developer (4) 1071 elect a majority of the members of the board of administration 1072 of an association, the developer shall relinquish control of the 1073 association, and the unit owners shall accept control. 1074 Simultaneously, or for the purposes of paragraph (c) not more 1075 than 90 days thereafter, the developer shall deliver to the association, at the developer's expense, all property of the 1076 1077 unit owners and of the association which is held or controlled 1078 by the developer, including, but not limited to, the following 1079 items, if applicable, as to each condominium operated by the association: 1080

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1081	(p) Notwithstanding when the certificate of occupancy was
1082	issued or the height of the building, a milestone inspection
1083	report <u>in compliance with s. 553.899</u> included in the official
1084	records, under seal of an architect or engineer authorized to
1085	practice in this state, <u>and</u> attesting to required maintenance,
1086	condition, useful life, and replacement costs of the following
1087	applicable <u>condominium property</u> common elements comprising a
1088	turnover inspection report:
1089	1. Roof.
1090	2. Structure, including load-bearing walls and primary
1091	structural members and primary structural systems as those terms
1092	are defined in s. 627.706.
1093	3. Fireproofing and fire protection systems.
1094	4. Elevators.
1095	5. Heating and cooling systems.
1096	6. Plumbing.
1097	7. Electrical systems.
1098	8. Swimming pool or spa and equipment.
1099	9. Seawalls.
1100	10. Pavement and parking areas.
1101	11. Drainage systems.
1102	12. Painting.
1103	13. Irrigation systems.
1104	14. Waterproofing.
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1105	(r) A copy of the most recent reserve study required under
1106	s. 718.112(2)(f)3., along with the statements indicating the
1107	status of the reserves required under s. 718.112(2)(f)5., if
1108	applicable, or a statement in conspicuous type indicating that
1109	the association has not completed the required reserve study or
1110	that the association is not required to perform a reserve study,
1111	<u>as applicable.</u>
1112	Section 9. Subsection (3) is added to section 718.501,
1113	Florida Statutes, to read:
1114	718.501 Authority, responsibility, and duties of Division
1115	of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes. $-$
1116	(3)(a) On or before January 1, 2023, condominium
1117	associations existing on or before July 1, 2022, must provide
1118	the following information to the division in writing, by e-mail,
1119	United States Postal Service, commercial delivery service, or
1120	hand delivery, at a physical address or e-mail address provided
1121	by the division and on a form posted on the division's website:
1122	1. The number of buildings on the condominium property
1123	that are three stories or higher in height.
1124	2. The total number of units in all such buildings.
1125	3. The addresses of all such buildings.
1126	4. The counties in which all such buildings are located.
1127	(b) The division must compile a list of the number of
1128	buildings on condominium property that are three stories or
1129	higher in height, which is searchable by county, and must post
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1130	the list on the divisionly vehate. This list must include all
	the list on the division's website. This list must include all
1131	of the following information:
1132	1. The name of each association with buildings on the
1133	condominium property that are three stories or higher in height.
1134	2. The number of such buildings on each association's
1135	property.
1136	3. The addresses of all such buildings.
1137	4. The counties in which all such buildings are located.
1138	(c) An association must provide an update in writing to
1139	the division if there are any changes to the information in the
1140	list under paragraph (b) within 6 months after the change.
1141	Section 10. Present paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection
1142	(2) of section 718.503, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
1143	paragraphs (c) and (d), respectively, a new paragraph (b) is
1144	added to that subsection, and paragraph (b) of subsection (1)
1145	and paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of that section are amended,
1146	to read:
1147	718.503 Developer disclosure prior to sale; nondeveloper
1148	unit owner disclosure prior to sale; voidability
1149	(1) DEVELOPER DISCLOSURE
1150	(b) Copies of documents to be furnished to prospective
1151	buyer or lesseeUntil such time as the developer has furnished
1152	the documents listed below to a person who has entered into a
1153	contract to purchase a residential unit or lease it for more
1154	than 5 years, the contract may be voided by that person,
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1155 entitling the person to a refund of any deposit together with 1156 interest thereon as provided in s. 718.202. The contract may be 1157 terminated by written notice from the proposed buyer or lessee delivered to the developer within 15 days after the buyer or 1158 1159 lessee receives all of the documents required by this section. 1160 The developer may not close for 15 days after following the 1161 execution of the agreement and delivery of the documents to the buyer as evidenced by a signed receipt for documents unless the 1162 1163 buyer is informed in the 15-day voidability period and agrees to 1164 close before prior to the expiration of the 15 days. The developer shall retain in his or her records a separate 1165 1166 agreement signed by the buyer as proof of the buyer's agreement to close before prior to the expiration of the said voidability 1167 1168 period. The developer must retain such Said proof shall be 1169 retained for a period of 5 years after the date of the closing 1170 of the transaction. The documents to be delivered to the prospective buyer are the prospectus or disclosure statement 1171 1172 with all exhibits, if the development is subject to the provisions of s. 718.504, or, if not, then copies of the 1173 1174 following which are applicable:

1175 1. The question and answer sheet described in s. 718.504, 1176 and declaration of condominium, or the proposed declaration if 1177 the declaration has not been recorded, which shall include the 1178 certificate of a surveyor approximately representing the 1179 locations required by s. 718.104.

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1180 2. The documents creating the association. 3. 1181 The bylaws. 1182 4. The ground lease or other underlying lease of the 1183 condominium. 1184 The management contract, maintenance contract, and 5. 1185 other contracts for management of the association and operation 1186 of the condominium and facilities used by the unit owners having 1187 a service term in excess of 1 year, and any management contracts 1188 that are renewable. 1189 6. The estimated operating budget for the condominium and 1190 a schedule of expenses for each type of unit, including fees assessed pursuant to s. 718.113(1) for the maintenance of 1191 limited common elements where such costs are shared only by 1192 1193 those entitled to use the limited common elements. 1194 The lease of recreational and other facilities that 7. 1195 will be used only by unit owners of the subject condominium. The lease of recreational and other common facilities 1196 8. 1197 that will be used by unit owners in common with unit owners of 1198 other condominiums. 1199 9. The form of unit lease if the offer is of a leasehold. 1200 10. Any declaration of servitude of properties serving the 1201 condominium but not owned by unit owners or leased to them or 1202 the association. 1203 If the development is to be built in phases or if the 11. association is to manage more than one condominium, a 1204 831295 Approved For Filing: 3/10/2022 12:50:31 PM Page 49 of 103

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1205 description of the plan of phase development or the arrangements 1206 for the association to manage two or more condominiums.

1207 12. If the condominium is a conversion of existing 1208 improvements, the statements and disclosure required by s. 1209 718.616.

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13. The form of agreement for sale or lease of units.

1211 14. A copy of the floor plan of the unit and the plot plan 1212 showing the location of the residential buildings and the 1213 recreation and other common areas.

1214 15. A copy of all covenants and restrictions <u>that</u> which 1215 will affect the use of the property and which are not contained 1216 in the foregoing.

1217 16. If the developer is required by state or local 1218 authorities to obtain acceptance or approval of any dock or 1219 marina facilities intended to serve the condominium, a copy of 1220 any such acceptance or approval acquired by the time of filing 1221 with the division under s. 718.502(1), or a statement that such 1222 acceptance or approval has not been acquired or received.

1223 17. Evidence demonstrating that the developer has an 1224 ownership, leasehold, or contractual interest in the land upon 1225 which the condominium is to be developed.

122618. A copy of the most recent reserve study required under1227s. 718.112(2)(f)3., along with the statements in the budget1228indicating the status of the reserves required under s.

1229 718.112(2)(f)5., if applicable, or a statement in conspicuous 831295

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1230	type indicating that the association has not completed the
1231	required reserve study or that the association is not required
1232	to perform a reserve study, as applicable.
1233	19. A copy of the inspector-prepared summary of the
1234	milestone inspection report as described in ss. 553.899 and
1235	718.301(4)(p).
1236	(2) NONDEVELOPER DISCLOSURE
1237	(a) Each unit owner who is not a developer as defined by
1238	this chapter <u>must</u> shall comply with the provisions of this
1239	subsection <u>before</u> prior to the sale of his or her unit. Each
1240	prospective purchaser who has entered into a contract for the
1241	purchase of a condominium unit is entitled, at the seller's
1242	expense, to a current copy of <u>all of the following:</u>
1243	<u>1.</u> The declaration of condominium <u>.</u>
1244	2. Articles of incorporation of the association $\underline{\cdot \tau}$
1245	3. Bylaws and rules of the association. $ au$
1246	<u>4.</u> Financial information required by s. 718.111 $_{\cdot \tau}$
1247	5. A copy of the most recent reserve study required under
1248	s. 718.112(2)(f)3., along with the statements in the budget
1249	indicating the status of the reserves required under s.
1250	718.112(2)(f)5., if applicable, or a statement in conspicuous
1251	type indicating that the association has not completed the
1252	required reserve study or that the association is not required
1253	to perform a reserve study, as applicable.

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1254	6. A copy of the inspector-prepared summary of the
1255	milestone inspection report as described in ss. 553.899 and
1256	718.301(4)(p).
1257	7. and The document entitled "Frequently Asked Questions
1258	and Answers" required by s. 718.504.
1259	(b) On and after January 1, 2009, The prospective
1260	purchaser <u>is</u> shall also be entitled to receive from the seller a
1261	copy of a governance form. Such form shall be provided by the
1262	division summarizing governance of condominium associations. In
1263	addition to such other information as the division considers
1264	helpful to a prospective purchaser in understanding association
1265	governance, the governance form shall address the following
1266	subjects:
1267	1. The role of the board in conducting the day-to-day
1268	affairs of the association on behalf of, and in the best
1269	interests of, the owners.
1270	2. The board's responsibility to provide advance notice of
1271	board and membership meetings.
1272	3. The rights of owners to attend and speak at board and
1273	membership meetings.
1274	4. The responsibility of the board and of owners with
1275	respect to maintenance of the condominium property.
1276	5. The responsibility of the board and owners to abide by
1277	the condominium documents, this chapter, rules adopted by the
1278	division, and reasonable rules adopted by the board.
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1279 6. Owners' rights to inspect and copy association records 1280 and the limitations on such rights.

1281 7. Remedies available to owners with respect to actions by 1282 the board which may be abusive or beyond the board's power and 1283 authority.

1284 8. The right of the board to hire a property management 1285 firm, subject to its own primary responsibility for such 1286 management.

9. The responsibility of owners with regard to payment of regular or special assessments necessary for the operation of the property and the potential consequences of failure to pay such assessments.

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10. The voting rights of owners.

1292 11. Rights and obligations of the board in enforcement of 1293 rules in the condominium documents and rules adopted by the 1294 board.

The governance form shall also include the following statement 1296 1297 in conspicuous type: "This publication is intended as an 1298 informal educational overview of condominium governance. In the 1299 event of a conflict, the provisions of chapter 718, Florida Statutes, rules adopted by the Division of Florida Condominiums, 1300 1301 Timeshares, and Mobile Homes of the Department of Business and 1302 Professional Regulation, the provisions of the condominium documents, and reasonable rules adopted by the condominium 1303 831295

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1304 association's board of administration prevail over the contents 1305 of this publication."

1306 Section 11. Paragraph (f) of subsection (24) of section 1307 718.504, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (q) is 1308 added to that subsection, to read:

1309 718.504 Prospectus or offering circular.-Every developer 1310 of a residential condominium which contains more than 20 residential units, or which is part of a group of residential 1311 1312 condominiums which will be served by property to be used in 1313 common by unit owners of more than 20 residential units, shall prepare a prospectus or offering circular and file it with the 1314 1315 Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes 1316 prior to entering into an enforceable contract of purchase and 1317 sale of any unit or lease of a unit for more than 5 years and shall furnish a copy of the prospectus or offering circular to 1318 1319 each buyer. In addition to the prospectus or offering circular, 1320 each buyer shall be furnished a separate page entitled 1321 "Frequently Asked Questions and Answers," which shall be in 1322 accordance with a format approved by the division and a copy of 1323 the financial information required by s. 718.111. This page 1324 shall, in readable language, inform prospective purchasers 1325 regarding their voting rights and unit use restrictions, 1326 including restrictions on the leasing of a unit; shall indicate 1327 whether and in what amount the unit owners or the association is obligated to pay rent or land use fees for recreational or other 1328 831295

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1329 commonly used facilities; shall contain a statement identifying 1330 that amount of assessment which, pursuant to the budget, would 1331 be levied upon each unit type, exclusive of any special assessments, and which shall further identify the basis upon 1332 1333 which assessments are levied, whether monthly, quarterly, or 1334 otherwise; shall state and identify any court cases in which the 1335 association is currently a party of record in which the 1336 association may face liability in excess of \$100,000; and which 1337 shall further state whether membership in a recreational 1338 facilities association is mandatory, and if so, shall identify 1339 the fees currently charged per unit type. The division shall by 1340 rule require such other disclosure as in its judgment will 1341 assist prospective purchasers. The prospectus or offering 1342 circular may include more than one condominium, although not all 1343 such units are being offered for sale as of the date of the 1344 prospectus or offering circular. The prospectus or offering circular must contain the following information: 1345

1346 (24) Copies of the following, to the extent they are1347 applicable, shall be included as exhibits:

(f) The estimated operating budget for the condominium and the required schedule of unit owners' expenses, and the most recent reserve study required under s. 718.112(2)(f)3., along with the statements in the budget indicating the status of the reserves required under s. 718.112(2)(f)5., if applicable, or a statement in conspicuous type indicating that the association 831295

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1354	has not completed the required reserve study or that the
1355	association is not required to perform a reserve study, as
1356	applicable.
1357	(q) A copy of the inspector-prepared summary of the
1358	milestone inspection report as described in ss. 553.899 and
1359	718.301(4)(p).
1360	Section 12. Present subsections (1) through (28) of
1361	section 719.103, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
1362	subsections (2) through (29), respectively, and a new subsection
1363	(1) is added to that section, to read:
1364	719.103 DefinitionsAs used in this chapter:
1365	(1) "Alternative funding method" means an alternative to
1366	funding a reserve account which is approved by the division and
1367	which may reasonably be expected to fully satisfy the
1368	association's budgetary obligations for deferred maintenance,
1369	capital expenditure, and any item for which reserves are
1370	otherwise required, including, but not limited to, payments by a
1371	developer and the incorporation into the budget of expenses for
1372	deferred maintenance, capital expenditure, and any item for
1373	which reserves are otherwise required. The term also includes
1374	any other alternative approved by the division.
1375	Section 13. Present subsections (5) through (11) of
1376	section 719.104, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
1377	subsections (6) through (12), respectively, a new subsection (5)
1378	is added to that section, and paragraphs (a) and (c) of
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1379 subsection (2) and paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of that 1380 section are amended, to read:

1381 719.104 Cooperatives; access to units; records; financial 1382 reports; assessments; purchase of leases.-

1383 (2) OFFICIAL RECORDS.-

(a) From the inception of the association, the association
shall maintain a copy of each of the following, where
applicable, which shall constitute the official records of the
association:

1388 1. The plans, permits, warranties, and other items 1389 provided by the developer pursuant to s. 719.301(4).

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2. A photocopy of the cooperative documents.

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3. A copy of the current rules of the association.

A book or books containing the minutes of all meetings
of the association, of the board of directors, and of the unit
owners.

1395 5. A current roster of all unit owners and their mailing 1396 addresses, unit identifications, voting certifications, and, if 1397 known, telephone numbers. The association shall also maintain 1398 the e-mail addresses and the numbers designated by unit owners 1399 for receiving notice sent by electronic transmission of those 1400 unit owners consenting to receive notice by electronic 1401 transmission. The e-mail addresses and numbers provided by unit 1402 owners to receive notice by electronic transmission shall be removed from association records when consent to receive notice 1403 831295

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1404 by electronic transmission is revoked. However, the association 1405 is not liable for an erroneous disclosure of the e-mail address 1406 or the number for receiving electronic transmission of notices.

6. All current insurance policies of the association.

1408 7. A current copy of any management agreement, lease, or 1409 other contract to which the association is a party or under 1410 which the association or the unit owners have an obligation or 1411 responsibility.

1412 8. Bills of sale or transfer for all property owned by the1413 association.

1414 9. Accounting records for the association and separate 1415 accounting records for each unit it operates, according to good 1416 accounting practices. The accounting records shall include, but 1417 not be limited to:

1418 a. Accurate, itemized, and detailed records of all1419 receipts and expenditures.

b. A current account and a monthly, bimonthly, or quarterly statement of the account for each unit designating the name of the unit owner, the due date and amount of each assessment, the amount paid upon the account, and the balance due.

c. All audits, reviews, accounting statements, <u>reserve</u>
<u>studies and reserve funding plans</u>, and financial reports of the
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1428 d. All contracts for work to be performed. Bids for work 1429 to be performed shall also be considered official records and 1430 shall be maintained for a period of 1 year. 1431 10. Ballots, sign-in sheets, voting proxies, and all other 1432 papers and electronic records relating to voting by unit owners, 1433 which shall be maintained for a period of 1 year after the date 1434 of the election, vote, or meeting to which the document relates. 1435 11. All rental records where the association is acting as 1436 agent for the rental of units. 1437 12. A copy of the current question and answer sheet as 1438 described in s. 719.504. 1439 13. All affirmative acknowledgments made pursuant to s. 1440 719.108(3)(b)3. 1441 14. A copy of the inspection reports as described in ss. 1442 553.899 and 719.301(4) (p) and any other inspection report 1443 relating to a structural or life safety inspection of the 1444 cooperative property. Such record must be maintained by the 1445 association for 15 years after receipt of the report. 1446 15. All other written records of the association not 1447 specifically included in the foregoing which are related to the 1448 operation of the association. 1449 (C) The official records of the association are open to 1450 inspection by any association member or the authorized 1451 representative of such member at all reasonable times. The right to inspect the records includes the right to make or obtain 1452 831295 Approved For Filing: 3/10/2022 12:50:31 PM

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copies, at the reasonable expense, if any, of the association 1453 1454 member. A renter of a unit has a right to inspect and copy only 1455 the association's bylaws and rules and the inspection reports 1456 described in ss. 553.899 and 719.301(4)(p). The association may 1457 adopt reasonable rules regarding the frequency, time, location, 1458 notice, and manner of record inspections and copying, but may 1459 not require a member to demonstrate any purpose or state any 1460 reason for the inspection. The failure of an association to 1461 provide the records within 10 working days after receipt of a 1462 written request creates a rebuttable presumption that the 1463 association willfully failed to comply with this paragraph. A 1464 member who is denied access to official records is entitled to the actual damages or minimum damages for the association's 1465 1466 willful failure to comply. The minimum damages are \$50 per 1467 calendar day for up to 10 days, beginning on the 11th working 1468 day after receipt of the written request. The failure to permit 1469 inspection entitles any person prevailing in an enforcement 1470 action to recover reasonable attorney fees from the person in 1471 control of the records who, directly or indirectly, knowingly 1472 denied access to the records. Any person who knowingly or 1473 intentionally defaces or destroys accounting records that are 1474 required by this chapter to be maintained during the period for 1475 which such records are required to be maintained, or who 1476 knowingly or intentionally fails to create or maintain accounting records that are required to be created or 1477 831295

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1478 maintained, with the intent of causing harm to the association 1479 or one or more of its members, is personally subject to a civil 1480 penalty under s. 719.501(1)(d). The association shall maintain 1481 an adequate number of copies of the declaration, articles of 1482 incorporation, bylaws, and rules, and all amendments to each of 1483 the foregoing, as well as the question and answer sheet as 1484 described in s. 719.504 and year-end financial information 1485 required by the department, on the cooperative property to 1486 ensure their availability to members and prospective purchasers, 1487 and may charge its actual costs for preparing and furnishing 1488 these documents to those requesting the same. An association 1489 shall allow a member or his or her authorized representative to use a portable device, including a smartphone, tablet, portable 1490 1491 scanner, or any other technology capable of scanning or taking 1492 photographs, to make an electronic copy of the official records 1493 in lieu of the association providing the member or his or her 1494 authorized representative with a copy of such records. The 1495 association may not charge a member or his or her authorized 1496 representative for the use of a portable device. Notwithstanding 1497 this paragraph, the following records shall not be accessible to 1498 members:

1499 1. Any record protected by the lawyer-client privilege as 1500 described in s. 90.502 and any record protected by the work-1501 product privilege, including any record prepared by an 1502 association attorney or prepared at the attorney's express 831295

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direction which reflects a mental impression, conclusion, litigation strategy, or legal theory of the attorney or the association, and which was prepared exclusively for civil or criminal litigation or for adversarial administrative proceedings, or which was prepared in anticipation of such litigation or proceedings until the conclusion of the litigation or proceedings.

1510 2. Information obtained by an association in connection 1511 with the approval of the lease, sale, or other transfer of a 1512 unit.

3. Personnel records of association or management company employees, including, but not limited to, disciplinary, payroll, health, and insurance records. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term "personnel records" does not include written employment agreements with an association employee or management company, or budgetary or financial records that indicate the compensation paid to an association employee.

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4. Medical records of unit owners.

1521 Social security numbers, driver license numbers, credit 5. 1522 card numbers, e-mail addresses, telephone numbers, facsimile numbers, emergency contact information, addresses of a unit 1523 1524 owner other than as provided to fulfill the association's notice 1525 requirements, and other personal identifying information of any 1526 person, excluding the person's name, unit designation, mailing address, property address, and any address, e-mail address, or 1527 831295

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1528 facsimile number provided to the association to fulfill the 1529 association's notice requirements. Notwithstanding the 1530 restrictions in this subparagraph, an association may print and 1531 distribute to unit owners a directory containing the name, unit 1532 address, and all telephone numbers of each unit owner. However, 1533 an owner may exclude his or her telephone numbers from the 1534 directory by so requesting in writing to the association. An 1535 owner may consent in writing to the disclosure of other contact 1536 information described in this subparagraph. The association is 1537 not liable for the inadvertent disclosure of information that is 1538 protected under this subparagraph if the information is included 1539 in an official record of the association and is voluntarily 1540 provided by an owner and not requested by the association.

1541 6. Electronic security measures that are used by the 1542 association to safeguard data, including passwords.

1543 7. The software and operating system used by the 1544 association which allow the manipulation of data, even if the 1545 owner owns a copy of the same software used by the association. 1546 The data is part of the official records of the association.

1547 8. All affirmative acknowledgments made pursuant to s.1548 719.108(3)(b)3.

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(4) FINANCIAL REPORT.-

(a) Within 90 days following the end of the fiscal or
calendar year or annually on such date as provided in the bylaws
of the association, the board of administration shall prepare
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1553 and complete, or contract with a third party to prepare and 1554 complete, a financial report covering the preceding fiscal or 1555 calendar year. Within 21 days after the financial report is completed by the association or received from the third party, 1556 1557 but no later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year, 1558 calendar year, or other date provided in the bylaws, the 1559 association shall provide each member with a copy of the annual 1560 financial report or a written notice that a copy of the 1561 financial report is available upon request at no charge to the 1562 member. The division shall adopt rules setting forth uniform accounting principles, standards, and reporting requirements. 1563 1564 The rules must include, but not be limited to, standards for 1565 presenting a summary of association reserves, including a good 1566 faith estimate disclosing the annual amount of reserve funds 1567 that would be necessary for the association to fully fund 1568 reserves for each reserve item based on the straight-line method 1569 or to fully fund reserves based on the pooling method. In 1570 adopting such rules, the division shall consider the number of 1571 members and annual revenues of an association. 1572 (5) MAINTENANCE.-(a) Maintenance of the common areas is the responsibility 1573 1574 of the association, except for any maintenance responsibility 1575 for limited common areas assigned to the unit owner by the 1576 cooperative documents. The association shall provide for the maintenance, repair, and replacement of the cooperative property 1577

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1578	for which it bears responsibility. After turnover of control of
1579	the association to the unit owners, the association must perform
1580	any required maintenance identified by the developer pursuant to
1581	s. 719.301(4)(p) until the association obtains new maintenance
1582	protocols from a licensed professional engineer or architect.
1583	(b) The necessary maintenance, repair, or replacement of
1584	cooperative property is not a material alteration or substantial
1585	addition requiring unit owner approval.
1586	(c) The association is not liable for alternative housing
1587	costs, lost rent, or other expenses if a unit must be vacated in
1588	whole or in part or if access is denied to a common area for
1589	necessary maintenance, repair, or replacement of cooperative
1590	property.
1591	Section 14. Paragraphs (d) and (j) of subsection (1) of
1592	section 719.106, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph
1593	(n) is added to that subsection, to read:
1594	719.106 Bylaws; cooperative ownership
1595	(1) MANDATORY PROVISIONSThe bylaws or other cooperative
1596	documents shall provide for the following, and if they do not,
1597	they shall be deemed to include the following:
1598	(d) Shareholder meetingsThere shall be an annual meeting
1599	of the shareholders. All members of the board of administration
1600	shall be elected at the annual meeting unless the bylaws provide
1601	for staggered election terms or for their election at another
1602	meeting. Any unit owner desiring to be a candidate for board
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1603 membership must comply with subparagraph 1. The bylaws must 1604 provide the method for calling meetings, including annual 1605 meetings. Written notice, which must incorporate an identification of agenda items, shall be given to each unit 1606 1607 owner at least 14 days before the annual meeting and posted in a 1608 conspicuous place on the cooperative property at least 14 1609 continuous days preceding the annual meeting. Upon notice to the 1610 unit owners, the board must by duly adopted rule designate a 1611 specific location on the cooperative property upon which all 1612 notice of unit owner meetings are posted. In lieu of or in 1613 addition to the physical posting of the meeting notice, the 1614 association may, by reasonable rule, adopt a procedure for 1615 conspicuously posting and repeatedly broadcasting the notice and 1616 the agenda on a closed-circuit cable television system serving the cooperative association. However, if broadcast notice is 1617 1618 used in lieu of a posted notice, the notice and agenda must be broadcast at least four times every broadcast hour of each day 1619 1620 that a posted notice is otherwise required under this section. 1621 If broadcast notice is provided, the notice and agenda must be 1622 broadcast in a manner and for a sufficient continuous length of 1623 time to allow an average reader to observe the notice and read 1624 and comprehend the entire content of the notice and the agenda. 1625 In addition to any of the authorized means of providing notice 1626 of a meeting of the shareholders, the association may, by rule, adopt a procedure for conspicuously posting the meeting notice 1627 831295

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1628 and the agenda on a website serving the cooperative association 1629 for at least the minimum period of time for which a notice of a 1630 meeting is also required to be physically posted on the 1631 cooperative property. Any rule adopted shall, in addition to 1632 other matters, include a requirement that the association send 1633 an electronic notice in the same manner as a notice for a 1634 meeting of the members, which must include a hyperlink to the website where the notice is posted, to unit owners whose e-mail 1635 1636 addresses are included in the association's official records. 1637 Unless a unit owner waives in writing the right to receive 1638 notice of the annual meeting, the notice of the annual meeting 1639 must be sent by mail, hand delivered, or electronically transmitted to each unit owner. An officer of the association 1640 1641 must provide an affidavit or United States Postal Service certificate of mailing, to be included in the official records 1642 1643 of the association, affirming that notices of the association meeting were mailed, hand delivered, or electronically 1644 1645 transmitted, in accordance with this provision, to each unit 1646 owner at the address last furnished to the association.

1647 1. The board of administration shall be elected by written 1648 ballot or voting machine. A proxy may not be used in electing 1649 the board of administration in general elections or elections to 1650 fill vacancies caused by recall, resignation, or otherwise 1651 unless otherwise provided in this chapter.

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1652 At least 60 days before a scheduled election, the a. 1653 association shall mail, deliver, or transmit, whether by 1654 separate association mailing, delivery, or electronic 1655 transmission or included in another association mailing, 1656 delivery, or electronic transmission, including regularly 1657 published newsletters, to each unit owner entitled to vote, a 1658 first notice of the date of the election. Any unit owner or 1659 other eligible person desiring to be a candidate for the board 1660 of administration must give written notice to the association at 1661 least 40 days before a scheduled election. Together with the 1662 written notice and agenda as set forth in this section, the 1663 association shall mail, deliver, or electronically transmit a 1664 second notice of election to all unit owners entitled to vote, 1665 together with a ballot that lists all candidates. Upon request 1666 of a candidate, the association shall include an information 1667 sheet, no larger than 8 1/2 inches by 11 inches, which must be 1668 furnished by the candidate at least 35 days before the election, 1669 to be included with the mailing, delivery, or electronic 1670 transmission of the ballot, with the costs of mailing, delivery, 1671 or transmission and copying to be borne by the association. The 1672 association is not liable for the contents of the information 1673 sheets provided by the candidates. In order to reduce costs, the 1674 association may print or duplicate the information sheets on 1675 both sides of the paper. The division shall by rule establish voting procedures consistent with this subparagraph, including 1676 831295

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1677 rules establishing procedures for giving notice by electronic 1678 transmission and rules providing for the secrecy of ballots. 1679 Elections shall be decided by a plurality of those ballots cast. 1680 There is no quorum requirement. However, at least 20 percent of 1681 the eliqible voters must cast a ballot in order to have a valid 1682 election. A unit owner may not permit any other person to vote 1683 his or her ballot, and any such ballots improperly cast are 1684 invalid. A unit owner who needs assistance in casting the ballot 1685 for the reasons stated in s. 101.051 may obtain assistance in 1686 casting the ballot. Any unit owner violating this provision may 1687 be fined by the association in accordance with s. 719.303. The regular election must occur on the date of the annual meeting. 1688 1689 This subparagraph does not apply to timeshare cooperatives. 1690 Notwithstanding this subparagraph, an election and balloting are 1691 not required unless more candidates file a notice of intent to 1692 run or are nominated than vacancies exist on the board. Any 1693 challenge to the election process must be commenced within 60 1694 days after the election results are announced.

b. Within 90 days after being elected or appointed to theboard, each new director shall <u>do both of the following:</u>

(I) Certify in writing to the secretary of the association that he or she has read the association's bylaws, articles of incorporation, proprietary lease, and current written policies; that he or she will work to uphold such documents and policies to the best of his or her ability; and that he or she will 831295

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1702 faithfully discharge his or her fiduciary responsibility to the 1703 association's members. Within 90 days after being elected or 1704 appointed to the board, in lieu of this written certification, 1705 the newly elected or appointed director may

1706 Submit a certificate of having satisfactorily (II)1707 completed the educational curriculum administered by an 1708 education provider as approved by the division pursuant to the 1709 requirements established in chapter 718 within 1 year before or 1710 90 days after the date of election or appointment. The 1711 educational certificate is valid and does not have to be resubmitted as long as the director serves on the board without 1712 1713 interruption.

1715 A director who fails to timely file the written certification and or educational certificate is suspended from service on the 1716 1717 board until he or she complies with this sub-subparagraph. The board may temporarily fill the vacancy during the period of 1718 1719 suspension. The secretary of the association shall require cause 1720 the association to retain a director's written certification and 1721 or educational certificate for inspection by the members for 5 1722 years after a director's election or the duration of the 1723 director's uninterrupted tenure, whichever is longer. Failure to 1724 have such written certification and or educational certificate 1725 on file does not affect the validity of any board action.

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1726 Any approval by unit owners called for by this chapter, 2. 1727 or the applicable cooperative documents, must be made at a duly 1728 noticed meeting of unit owners and is subject to this chapter or the applicable cooperative documents relating to unit owner 1729 1730 decisionmaking, except that unit owners may take action by 1731 written agreement, without meetings, on matters for which action 1732 by written agreement without meetings is expressly allowed by 1733 the applicable cooperative documents or law which provides for 1734 the unit owner action.

1735 3. Unit owners may waive notice of specific meetings if 1736 allowed by the applicable cooperative documents or law. Notice 1737 of meetings of the board of administration, shareholder 1738 meetings, except shareholder meetings called to recall board 1739 members under paragraph (f), and committee meetings may be given 1740 by electronic transmission to unit owners who consent to receive 1741 notice by electronic transmission. A unit owner who consents to receiving notices by electronic transmission is solely 1742 1743 responsible for removing or bypassing filters that may block 1744 receipt of mass emails sent to members on behalf of the 1745 association in the course of giving electronic notices.

4. Unit owners have the right to participate in meetings
of unit owners with reference to all designated agenda items.
However, the association may adopt reasonable rules governing
the frequency, duration, and manner of unit owner participation.

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5. Any unit owner may tape record or videotape meetings of the unit owners subject to reasonable rules adopted by the division.

1753 6. Unless otherwise provided in the bylaws, a vacancy 1754 occurring on the board before the expiration of a term may be 1755 filled by the affirmative vote of the majority of the remaining 1756 directors, even if the remaining directors constitute less than 1757 a quorum, or by the sole remaining director. In the alternative, 1758 a board may hold an election to fill the vacancy, in which case 1759 the election procedures must conform to the requirements of 1760 subparagraph 1. unless the association has opted out of the 1761 statutory election process, in which case the bylaws of the association control. Unless otherwise provided in the bylaws, a 1762 1763 board member appointed or elected under this subparagraph shall 1764 fill the vacancy for the unexpired term of the seat being 1765 filled. Filling vacancies created by recall is governed by paragraph (f) and rules adopted by the division. 1766

Notwithstanding subparagraphs (b)2. and (d)1., an association may, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the total voting interests, provide for a different voting and election procedure in its bylaws, which vote may be by a proxy specifically delineating the different voting and election procedures. The different voting and election procedures may provide for elections to be conducted by limited or general proxy. 831295

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(j) Annual budget.-

1776 1. The proposed annual budget of common expenses shall be 1777 detailed and shall show the amounts budgeted by accounts and expense classifications, including, if applicable, but not 1778 1779 limited to, those expenses listed in s. 719.504(20). The board 1780 of administration shall adopt the annual budget at least 14 days 1781 prior to the start of the association's fiscal year. In the 1782 event that the board fails to timely adopt the annual budget a 1783 second time, it shall be deemed a minor violation and the prior 1784 year's budget shall continue in effect until a new budget is 1785 adopted.

1786 2. In addition to annual operating expenses, the budget 1787 shall include reserve accounts for capital expenditures and 1788 deferred maintenance. These accounts shall include, but not be 1789 limited to, the maintenance and replacement of the cooperative 1790 property identified in s. 719.301(4)(p) which are the 1791 maintenance responsibility of the association pursuant to the declaration roof replacement, building painting, and pavement 1792 1793 resurfacing, regardless of the amount of deferred maintenance 1794 expense or replacement cost, and for any other items for which 1795 the deferred maintenance expense or replacement cost exceeds \$10,000. The amount to be reserved shall be computed by means of 1796 1797 a formula which is based upon estimated remaining useful life 1798 and estimated replacement cost or deferred maintenance expense 1799 of each reserve item. The association may adjust replacement 831295

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reserve assessments annually to take into account any changes in 1800 estimates or extension of the useful life of a reserve item 1801 1802 caused by deferred maintenance. This paragraph shall not apply 1803 to any budget in which the members of an association have, at a 1804 duly called meeting of the association and by a two-thirds vote of all the voting interests, voting in person or by proxy, 1805 1806 determined for a fiscal year to provide no reserves or reserves 1807 less adequate than required by this subsection. An annual budget adopted on or after January 1, 2024, must, at minimum: 1808 1809 a. Identify all items for which reserves are or will be 1810 established; 1811 b. Provide an estimate of the maintenance, repair, and replacement costs for the structural components for which an 1812 1813 estimate of useful life may be determined; 1814 c. Identify any structural component for which a reserve 1815 account is not established or reserves are not funded, because 1816 the useful life of the component cannot be determined; 1817 d. As of the beginning of the fiscal year for which the 1818 budget is prepared, identify the estimated current amount of 1819 accumulated funds for each reserve component or, if the pooling method is used, the estimated current amount of the accumulated 1820 1821 pooled funds; 1822 e. Provide a description of the manner in which the 1823 association plans to fund reserves, including the use of regular

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1824 assessments, special assessments, and any other alternative 1825 funding method; and 1826 f. Provide a description of the procedures used for 1827 estimating the funding of reserves pursuant to this paragraph, 1828 including, as applicable, the identity of any independent third 1829 party who conducted the reserve study on behalf of the 1830 association and the extent to which the association is funding 1831 its reserve obligations consistent with the reserve study 1832 currently in effect. 1833 3. However, Prior to turnover of control of an association 1834 by a developer to unit owners other than a developer pursuant to s. 719.301, the developer may not vote to waive the reserves or 1835 reduce the funding of reserves. for the first 2 years of the 1836 1837 operation of the association after which time Reserves may only 1838 be waived or reduced upon the vote of two-thirds a majority of 1839 all nondeveloper voting interests, voting in person or by 1840 limited proxy at a duly called meeting of the association. If a 1841 meeting of the unit owners has been called to determine to 1842 provide no reserves, or reserves less adequate than required, 1843 and such result is not attained or a quorum is not attained, the 1844 reserves as included in the budget shall go into effect. 4.3. Reserve funds and any interest accruing thereon shall 1845 1846 remain in the reserve account or accounts, and shall be used only for authorized reserve expenditures unless their use for 1847 other purposes is approved in advance by a vote of two-thirds 1848 831295

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the majority of all the voting interests, voting in person or by 1849 limited proxy at a duly called meeting of the association; 1850 1851 provided that the use of reserve funds for a purpose other than 1852 authorized reserve expenditures is authorized in the exercise of 1853 the association's emergency powers under s. 719.128. Prior to 1854 turnover of control of an association by a developer to unit 1855 owners other than the developer under s. 719.301, the developer 1856 may not vote to use reserves for purposes other than that for 1857 which they were intended without the approval of two-thirds a 1858 majority of all nondeveloper voting interests, voting in person 1859 or by limited proxy at a duly called meeting of the association. 1860 5. Effective January 1, 2024, an association with a

residential cooperative building that is three stories or more 1861 1862 in height and subject to the milestone inspection requirements 1863 in s. 553.899 must conduct a study of the amount of reserve 1864 funds needed to fund reserves for the maintenance, repair, 1865 replacement, and restoration of the cooperative property. The 1866 reserve study must be conducted at least every 5 years. The 1867 board shall review the results of such study at least annually to determine if reserves are sufficient to meet the 1868 association's reserve obligations and to make any adjustments 1869 1870 the board deems necessary to maintain reserves, as appropriate. 1871 The division shall adopt rules setting forth uniform financial 1872 standards and forms for reserve studies. The reserve study must include, without limitation: 1873

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1874	a. A visual inspection by a licensed architect, engineer,
1875	or other independent professional with demonstrated experience
1876	or knowledge preparing reserve studies for the purpose of
1877	estimating the useful life and estimated replacement cost or
1878	deferred maintenance expense. The visual inspection shall be
1879	performed on or before January 1, 2024, and at least once every
1880	10 years thereafter. The inspection may be the milestone
1881	inspection required under s. 553.899;
1882	b. A summary of any inspection of the major components of
1883	the cooperative property identified in sub-subparagraph a. and
1884	any other portion of the cooperative property for which the
1885	association is required to establish a reserve account or
1886	accounts;
1887	c. If applicable, a summary of the findings and
1888	recommendations of the milestone inspection report required
1889	under s. 553.899 and any other structural or life safety
1890	inspection of the cooperative property considered in the reserve
1891	study;
1892	d. An identification of the structural components of the
1893	building for which necessary reserves may be reasonably
1894	projected and an identification of the structural components of
1895	the building with an indefinite useful life for which a
1896	reasonable determination of necessary reserves may not be
1897	estimated;

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1898	e. An estimate of the useful life of the structural
1899	components of the building identified in sub-subparagraph a. for
1900	which an estimate of useful life may be determined as attested
1900	to by a licensed architect or engineer in the turnover
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	inspection required under s. 719.301(4)(p), a milestone
1903	inspection, or any other structural or life safety inspection of
1904	the cooperative property by a licensed architect or engineer,
1905	whichever is most recent;
1906	f. An estimate of the remaining useful life of any other
1907	portion of the cooperative property for which the association is
1908	required to establish a reserve account or accounts;
1909	g. An estimate of the cost of maintenance, repair,
1910	replacement, or restoration of each major component of the
1911	condominium property identified in s. 719.301(4)(p) and any
1912	other portion of the condominium property identified pursuant to
1913	<u>sub-subparagraph</u> d.;
1914	h. An estimate of the total annual assessment that may be
1915	necessary to cover the cost of maintaining, repairing,
1916	replacing, or restoring the major components of the cooperative
1917	property identified in sub-subparagraph a. and any other portion
1918	of the cooperative property identified pursuant to sub-
1919	subparagraph f.;
1920	i. A description of the funding plan, including any
1921	alternative funding method, to provide adequate funding for the
1922	required reserves; and
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1923	j. A schedule for the full funding of reserves. A reserve
1924	account is fully funded when the actual or projected reserve
1925	balance in the reserve account is equal in direct proportion to
1926	the fraction of useful life that has expired for a given
1927	component or components multiplied by the current replacement
1928	costs for the component or components.
1929	6. If the association has voted to waive reserves or to
1930	use existing reserve funds for purposes other than the purposes
1931	for which the reserves were intended, the budget must contain
1932	the following statement in conspicuous type: THE OWNERS HAVE
1933	ELECTED TO WAIVE RESERVES, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, OR ALLOWED
1934	ALTERNATIVE USES OF EXISTING RESERVES UNDER SECTION
1935	719.106(1)(j), FLORIDA STATUTES. THE WAIVING OR ALTERNATIVE USE
1936	OF RESERVE FUNDS MAY RESULT IN UNIT OWNER LIABILITY FOR PAYMENT
1937	OF UNANTICIPATED SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS REGARDING THOSE ITEMS.
1938	7. On or after January 1, 2026, if the association is
1939	required to perform a reserve study under this paragraph and the
1940	budget of the association does not fund the association's
1941	reserve obligations consistent with the reserve study currently
1942	in effect, the budget must also contain the following statement
1943	in conspicuous type: THE ASSOCIATION'S LAST RESERVE STUDY IS
1944	DATED THE RESERVE AMOUNT BUDGETED AND/OR COLLECTED IS LESS
1945	THAN REQUIRED BY THE RESERVE STUDY SCHEDULE. THE BUDGET OF THE
1946	ASSOCIATION DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR FULLY FUNDED RESERVE ACCOUNTS
1947	FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND DEFERRED MAINTENANCE CONSISTENT
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	CONSISTENT WITH THE ASSOCIATION'S RESERVE STUDY MAY RESULT IN
1950	UNANTICIPATED SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS REGARDING THOSE ITEMS.
1951	(n) Mandatory milestone inspectionsIf an association is
1952	required to have a milestone inspection performed pursuant to s.
1953	553.899, the association must arrange for the milestone
1954	inspection to be performed and is responsible for ensuring
1955	compliance with the requirements of s. 553.899. The association
1956	is responsible for all costs associated with the inspection. If
1957	the officers or directors of an association willfully and
1958	knowingly fail to have a milestone inspection performed pursuant
1959	to s. 553.899, such failure is a breach of the officers' and
1960	directors' fiduciary relationship to the unit owners under s.
1961	719.104(8)(a). Upon completion of a phase one or phase two
1962	milestone inspection and receipt of the inspector-prepared
1963	summary of the inspection report from the architect or engineer
1964	who performed the inspection, the association must distribute a
1965	copy of the inspector-prepared summary of the inspection report
1966	to each unit owner, regardless of the findings or
1967	recommendations in the report, by United States mail or personal
1968	delivery and by electronic transmission to unit owners who
1969	previously consented to receive notice by electronic
1970	transmission; must post a copy of the inspector-prepared summary
1971	in a conspicuous place on the cooperative property; and must
1972	publish the full report and inspector-prepared summary on the
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1973 association's website, if the association is required to have a 1974 website. 1975 Section 15. Paragraphs (p) and (q) are added to subsection (4) of section 719.301, Florida Statutes, to read: 1976 1977 719.301 Transfer of association control.-1978 When unit owners other than the developer elect a (4) 1979 majority of the members of the board of administration of an 1980 association, the developer shall relinquish control of the 1981 association, and the unit owners shall accept control. 1982 Simultaneously, or for the purpose of paragraph (c) not more 1983 than 90 days thereafter, the developer shall deliver to the 1984 association, at the developer's expense, all property of the 1985 unit owners and of the association held or controlled by the 1986 developer, including, but not limited to, the following items, 1987 if applicable, as to each cooperative operated by the 1988 association: 1989 (p) Notwithstanding when the certificate of occupancy was 1990 issued or the height of the building, a milestone inspection 1991 report in compliance with s. 553.899 included in the official 1992 records, under seal of an architect or engineer authorized to practice in this state, attesting to required maintenance, 1993 1994 condition, useful life, and replacement costs of the following 1995 applicable cooperative property comprising a turnover inspection 1996 report: 1997 1. Roof.

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1998	2. Structure, including load-bearing walls and primary
1999	structural members and primary structural systems as those terms
2000	are defined in s. 627.706.
2001	3. Fireproofing and fire protection systems.
2002	4. Elevators.
2003	5. Heating and cooling systems.
2004	<u>6.</u> Plumbing.
2005	7. Electrical systems.
2006	8. Swimming pool or spa and equipment.
2007	9. Seawalls.
2008	10. Pavement and parking areas.
2009	11. Drainage systems.
2010	12. Painting.
2011	13. Irrigation systems.
2012	14. Waterproofing.
2013	(q) A copy of the most recent reserve study required under
2014	s. 719.106(1)(j), along with the statements indicating the
2015	status of the reserves required under s. 719.106(1)(j)6. and 7.,
2016	if applicable, or a statement in conspicuous type indicating
2017	that the association has not completed the required reserve
2018	study or that the association is not required to perform a
2019	reserve study, as applicable.
2020	Section 16. Subsection (3) is added to section 719.501,
2021	Florida Statutes, to read:
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2022	719.501 Powers and duties of Division of Florida
2023	Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes
2024	(3)(a) On or before January 1, 2023, cooperative
2025	associations existing on or before July 1, 2022, must provide
2026	the following information to the division in writing, by e-mail,
2027	United States Postal Service, commercial delivery service, or
2028	hand delivery, at a physical address or e-mail address provided
2029	by the division and on a form posted on the division's website:
2030	1. The number of buildings on the cooperative property
2031	that are three stories or higher in height.
2032	2. The total number of units in all such buildings.
2033	3. The addresses of all such buildings.
2034	4. The counties in which all such buildings are located.
2035	(b) The division must compile a list of the number of
2036	buildings on cooperative property that are three stories or
2037	higher in height, which is searchable by county, and must post
2038	the list on the division's website. This list must include all
2039	of the following information:
2040	1. The name of each association with buildings on the
2041	cooperative property that are three stories or higher in height.
2042	2. The number of such buildings on each association's
2043	property.
2044	3. The addresses of all such buildings.
2045	4. The counties in which all such buildings are located.
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2046	(c) An association must provide an update in writing to
2047	the division if there are any changes to the information in the
2048	list under paragraph (b) within 6 months after the change.
2049	Section 17. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and paragraph
2050	(a) of subsection (2) of section 719.503, Florida Statutes, are
2051	amended to read:
2052	719.503 Disclosure prior to sale
2053	(1) DEVELOPER DISCLOSURE
2054	(b) Copies of documents to be furnished to prospective
2055	buyer or lesseeUntil such time as the developer has furnished
2056	the documents listed below to a person who has entered into a
2057	contract to purchase a unit or lease it for more than 5 years,
2058	the contract may be voided by that person, entitling the person
2059	to a refund of any deposit together with interest thereon as
2060	provided in s. 719.202. The contract may be terminated by
2061	written notice from the proposed buyer or lessee delivered to
2062	the developer within 15 days after the buyer or lessee receives
2063	all of the documents required by this section. The developer \underline{may}
2064	shall not close for 15 days <u>after</u> following the execution of the
2065	agreement and delivery of the documents to the buyer as
2066	evidenced by a receipt for documents signed by the buyer unless
2067	the buyer is informed in the 15-day voidability period and
2068	agrees to close <u>before</u> prior to the expiration of the 15 days.
2069	The developer shall retain in his or her records a separate
2070	signed agreement as proof of the buyer's agreement to close
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2071 <u>before prior to</u> the expiration of <u>the</u> said voidability period. 2072 <u>The developer must retain such</u> Said proof shall be retained for 2073 a period of 5 years after the date of the closing transaction. 2074 The documents to be delivered to the prospective buyer are the 2075 prospectus or disclosure statement with all exhibits, if the 2076 development is subject to the provisions of s. 719.504, or, if 2077 not, then copies of the following which are applicable:

1. The question and answer sheet described in s. 719.504, and cooperative documents, or the proposed cooperative documents if the documents have not been recorded, which shall include the certificate of a surveyor approximately representing the locations required by s. 719.104.

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2. The documents creating the association.

3. The bylaws.

2085 4. The ground lease or other underlying lease of the 2086 cooperative.

5. The management contract, maintenance contract, and other contracts for management of the association and operation of the cooperative and facilities used by the unit owners having a service term in excess of 1 year, and any management contracts that are renewable.

2092 6. The estimated operating budget for the cooperative and
2093 a schedule of expenses for each type of unit, including fees
2094 assessed to a shareholder who has exclusive use of limited

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2095 common areas, where such costs are shared only by those entitled 2096 to use such limited common areas.

2097 7. The lease of recreational and other facilities that2098 will be used only by unit owners of the subject cooperative.

2099 8. The lease of recreational and other common areas that 2100 will be used by unit owners in common with unit owners of other 2101 cooperatives.

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9. The form of unit lease if the offer is of a leasehold.

2103 10. Any declaration of servitude of properties serving the 2104 cooperative but not owned by unit owners or leased to them or 2105 the association.

2106 11. If the development is to be built in phases or if the 2107 association is to manage more than one cooperative, a 2108 description of the plan of phase development or the arrangements 2109 for the association to manage two or more cooperatives.

2110 12. If the cooperative is a conversion of existing
2111 improvements, the statements and disclosure required by s.
2112 719.616.

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13. The form of agreement for sale or lease of units.

2114 14. A copy of the floor plan of the unit and the plot plan 2115 showing the location of the residential buildings and the 2116 recreation and other common areas.

2117 15. A copy of all covenants and restrictions <u>that</u> which 2118 will affect the use of the property and which are not contained 2119 in the foregoing.

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2120 16. If the developer is required by state or local authorities to obtain acceptance or approval of any dock or marina facilities intended to serve the cooperative, a copy of any such acceptance or approval acquired by the time of filing with the division pursuant to s. 719.502(1) or a statement that such acceptance or approval has not been acquired or received.

2126 17. Evidence demonstrating that the developer has an 2127 ownership, leasehold, or contractual interest in the land upon 2128 which the cooperative is to be developed.

2129 <u>18. A copy of the most recent reserve study required under</u> 2130 <u>s. 719.106(1)(j), along with the statements indicating the</u> 2131 <u>status of the reserves required under s. 719.106(1)(j)6. and 7.,</u> 2132 <u>if applicable, or a statement in conspicuous type indicating</u> 2133 <u>that the association has not completed the required reserve</u> 2134 <u>study or that the association is not required to perform a</u> 2135 reserve study, as applicable.

2136 <u>19. A copy of the inspector-prepared summary of the</u> 2137 <u>milestone inspection report as described in ss. 553.899 and</u> 2138 <u>719.301(4)(p).</u>

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(2) NONDEVELOPER DISCLOSURE.-

(a) Each unit owner who is not a developer as defined by this chapter must comply with the provisions of this subsection <u>before prior to</u> the sale of his or her interest in the association. Each prospective purchaser who has entered into a contract for the purchase of an interest in a cooperative is 831295

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2145	entitled, at the seller's expense, to a current copy of <u>all of</u>
2146	the following:
2147	$1.$ The articles of incorporation of the association. $_{ au au}$
2148	2. The bylaws, and rules of the association.
2149	3. , as well as A copy of the question and answer sheet as
2150	provided in s. 719.504.
2151	4. A copy of the most recent reserve study required under
2152	s. 719.106(1)(j), along with the statements in the budget
2153	indicating the status of the reserves required under s. 719.106
2154	(1)(j)6. and 7., if applicable, or a statement in conspicuous
2155	type indicating that the association has not completed the
2156	required reserve study or that the association is not required
2157	to perform a reserve study, as applicable.
2158	5. A copy of the inspector-prepared summary of the
2159	milestone inspection report as described in ss. 553.899 and
2160	719.301(4)(p).
2161	Section 18. Paragraph (f) of subsection (23) of section
2162	719.504, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (q) is
2163	added to that subsection, to read:
2164	719.504 Prospectus or offering circularEvery developer
2165	of a residential cooperative which contains more than 20
2166	residential units, or which is part of a group of residential
2167	cooperatives which will be served by property to be used in
2168	common by unit owners of more than 20 residential units, shall
2169	prepare a prospectus or offering circular and file it with the
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2170 Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes 2171 prior to entering into an enforceable contract of purchase and 2172 sale of any unit or lease of a unit for more than 5 years and 2173 shall furnish a copy of the prospectus or offering circular to 2174 each buyer. In addition to the prospectus or offering circular, 2175 each buyer shall be furnished a separate page entitled 2176 "Frequently Asked Questions and Answers," which must be in 2177 accordance with a format approved by the division. This page 2178 must, in readable language: inform prospective purchasers 2179 regarding their voting rights and unit use restrictions, 2180 including restrictions on the leasing of a unit; indicate 2181 whether and in what amount the unit owners or the association is 2182 obligated to pay rent or land use fees for recreational or other 2183 commonly used facilities; contain a statement identifying that amount of assessment which, pursuant to the budget, would be 2184 2185 levied upon each unit type, exclusive of any special assessments, and which identifies the basis upon which 2186 2187 assessments are levied, whether monthly, quarterly, or 2188 otherwise; state and identify any court cases in which the 2189 association is currently a party of record in which the 2190 association may face liability in excess of \$100,000; and state 2191 whether membership in a recreational facilities association is 2192 mandatory and, if so, identify the fees currently charged per 2193 unit type. The division shall by rule require such other disclosure as in its judgment will assist prospective 2194 831295

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2195 purchasers. The prospectus or offering circular may include more 2196 than one cooperative, although not all such units are being 2197 offered for sale as of the date of the prospectus or offering 2198 circular. The prospectus or offering circular must contain the 2199 following information:

(23) Copies of the following, to the extent they are applicable, shall be included as exhibits:

2202 The estimated operating budget for the cooperative and (f) 2203 the required schedule of unit owners' expenses, and the most 2204 recent reserve study required under s. 719.106(1)(j), along with 2205 the statements in the budget indicating the status of the 2206 reserves required under s. 719.106(1)(j)6. and 7., if 2207 applicable, or a statement in conspicuous type indicating that 2208 the association has not completed the required reserve study or 2209 that the association is not required to perform a reserve study, 2210 as applicable.

2211 (q) A copy of the inspector-prepared summary of the 2212 milestone inspection report as described in ss. 553.899 and 2213 719.301(4)(p).

2214 Section 19. Subsection (2) of section 558.002, Florida 2215 Statutes, is amended to read:

2216 558.002 Definitions.-As used in this chapter, the term: 2217 (2) "Association" has the same meaning as in <u>s. 718.103(3)</u> 2218 s. 718.103(2), <u>s. 719.103(3)</u> s. 719.103(2), s. 720.301(9), or s. 2219 723.075.

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2220 Section 20. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section 2221 718.115, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 2222 718.115 Common expenses and common surplus.-2223 (1)2224 The expense of installation, replacement, operation, (e) 2225 repair, and maintenance of hurricane shutters, impact glass, 2226 code-compliant windows or doors, or other types of code-2227 compliant hurricane protection by the board pursuant to s. 2228 718.113(6) s. 718.113(5) constitutes a common expense and shall 2229 be collected as provided in this section if the association is 2230 responsible for the maintenance, repair, and replacement of the 2231 hurricane shutters, impact glass, code-compliant windows or 2232 doors, or other types of code-compliant hurricane protection 2233 pursuant to the declaration of condominium. However, if the 2234 maintenance, repair, and replacement of the hurricane shutters, 2235 impact glass, code-compliant windows or doors, or other types of 2236 code-compliant hurricane protection are the responsibility of 2237 the unit owners pursuant to the declaration of condominium, the 2238 cost of the installation of the hurricane shutters, impact 2239 glass, code-compliant windows or doors, or other types of code-2240 compliant hurricane protection is not a common expense and shall 2241 be charged individually to the unit owners based on the cost of 2242 installation of the hurricane shutters, impact glass, code-2243 compliant windows or doors, or other types of code-compliant hurricane protection appurtenant to the unit. Notwithstanding s. 2244 831295

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2245 718.116(9), and regardless of whether or not the declaration 2246 requires the association or unit owners to maintain, repair, or 2247 replace hurricane shutters, impact glass, code-compliant windows or doors, or other types of code-compliant hurricane protection, 2248 2249 a unit owner who has previously installed hurricane shutters in 2250 accordance with s. 718.113(6) s. 718.113(5) that comply with the 2251 current applicable building code shall receive a credit when the 2252 shutters are installed; a unit owner who has previously 2253 installed impact glass or code-compliant windows or doors that 2254 comply with the current applicable building code shall receive a credit when the impact glass or code-compliant windows or doors 2255 2256 are installed; and a unit owner who has installed other types of 2257 code-compliant hurricane protection that comply with the current 2258 applicable building code shall receive a credit when the same 2259 type of other code-compliant hurricane protection is installed, 2260 and the credit shall be equal to the pro rata portion of the 2261 assessed installation cost assigned to each unit. However, such 2262 unit owner remains responsible for the pro rata share of 2263 expenses for hurricane shutters, impact glass, code-compliant 2264 windows or doors, or other types of code-compliant hurricane 2265 protection installed on common elements and association property 2266 by the board pursuant to s. $718.113(6) \pm 718.113(5)$ and remains 2267 responsible for a pro rata share of the expense of the 2268 replacement, operation, repair, and maintenance of such

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2269 shutters, impact glass, code-compliant windows or doors, or 2270 other types of code-compliant hurricane protection.

2271 Section 21. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 2272 718.116, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2273 718.116 Assessments; liability; lien and priority; 2274 interest; collection.-

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(b)1. The liability of a first mortgagee or its successor or assignees who acquire title to a unit by foreclosure or by deed in lieu of foreclosure for the unpaid assessments that became due before the mortgagee's acquisition of title is limited to the lesser of:

2281 a. The unit's unpaid common expenses and regular periodic 2282 assessments which accrued or came due during the 12 months 2283 immediately preceding the acquisition of title and for which 2284 payment in full has not been received by the association; or

b. One percent of the original mortgage debt. The provisions of this paragraph apply only if the first mortgagee joined the association as a defendant in the foreclosure action. Joinder of the association is not required if, on the date the complaint is filed, the association was dissolved or did not maintain an office or agent for service of process at a location which was known to or reasonably discoverable by the mortgagee.

2292 2. An association, or its successor or assignee, that 2293 acquires title to a unit through the foreclosure of its lien for 831295

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2294 assessments is not liable for any unpaid assessments, late fees, 2295 interest, or reasonable attorney's fees and costs that came due 2296 before the association's acquisition of title in favor of any 2297 other association, as defined in <u>s. 718.103(3)</u> s. 718.103(2) or 2298 s. 720.301(9), which holds a superior lien interest on the unit. 2299 This subparagraph is intended to clarify existing law.

2300 Section 22. Subsection (2) of section 718.121, Florida 2301 Statutes, is amended to read:

718.121 Liens.-

2303 Labor performed on or materials furnished to a unit (2)2304 may not be the basis for the filing of a lien under part I of 2305 chapter 713, the Construction Lien Law, against the unit or 2306 condominium parcel of any unit owner not expressly consenting to 2307 or requesting the labor or materials. Labor performed on or 2308 materials furnished for the installation of a natural gas fuel 2309 station or an electric vehicle charging station under s. 2310 718.113(9) s. 718.113(8) may not be the basis for filing a lien 2311 under part I of chapter 713 against the association, but such a 2312 lien may be filed against the unit owner. Labor performed on or 2313 materials furnished to the common elements are not the basis for 2314 a lien on the common elements, but if authorized by the 2315 association, the labor or materials are deemed to be performed 2316 or furnished with the express consent of each unit owner and may 2317 be the basis for the filing of a lien against all condominium

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2318 parcels in the proportions for which the owners are liable for 2319 common expenses.

2320 Section 23. Subsection (3) of section 718.706, Florida 2321 Statutes, is amended to read:

2322 718.706 Specific provisions pertaining to offering of2323 units by a bulk assignee or bulk buyer.-

(3) A bulk assignee, while in control of the board of administration of the association, may not authorize, on behalf of the association:

(a) The waiver of reserves or the reduction of funding of the reserves pursuant to s. 718.112(2)(f)2., unless approved by a majority of the voting interests not controlled by the developer, bulk assignee, and bulk buyer; or

(b) The use of reserve expenditures for other purposes pursuant to <u>s. 718.112(2)(f)4.</u> s. 718.112(2)(f)3., unless approved by a majority of the voting interests not controlled by the developer, bulk assignee, and bulk buyer.

2335 Section 24. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section 2336 720.3085, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2337 720.3085 Payment for assessments; lien claims.-2338 (2)

(d) An association, or its successor or assignee, that acquires title to a parcel through the foreclosure of its lien for assessments is not liable for any unpaid assessments, late fees, interest, or reasonable attorney's fees and costs that 831295

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came due before the association's acquisition of title in favor of any other association, as defined in <u>s. 718.103(3)</u> s. 718.103(2) or s. 720.301(9), which holds a superior lien interest on the parcel. This paragraph is intended to clarify existing law.

2348 Section 25. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment 2349 made by this act to section 718.1255, Florida Statutes, in a 2350 reference thereto, section 719.1255, Florida Statutes, is 2351 reenacted to read:

2352 719.1255 Alternative resolution of disputes.—The Division 2353 of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes of the 2354 Department of Business and Professional Regulation shall provide 2355 for alternative dispute resolution in accordance with s. 2356 718.1255.

TITLE AMENDMENT

2360 Remove lines 1684-1785 of the amendment and insert: 2361 An act relating to community associations; amending s. 2362 468.4334, F.S.; requiring community association 2363 managers and community association management firms to comply with a specified provision under certain 2364 circumstances; creating s. 553.899, F.S.; providing 2365 2366 legislative findings; defining the terms "milestone 2367 inspection" and "substantial structural

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2368 deterioration"; specifying that the purpose of a 2369 milestone inspection is not to determine compliance 2370 with the Florida Building Code or the firesafety code; 2371 requiring condominium associations and cooperative 2372 associations to have milestone inspections performed 2373 on certain buildings at specified times; specifying 2374 that such associations are responsible for costs 2375 relating to milestone inspections; providing 2376 applicability; requiring that initial milestone 2377 inspections for certain buildings be performed before 2378 a specified date; requiring local enforcement agencies 2379 to provide certain written notice to condominium 2380 associations and cooperative associations; requiring 2381 condominium associations and cooperative associations 2382 to complete phase one of a milestone inspection within 2383 a specified timeframe; specifying that milestone 2384 inspections consist of two phases; providing 2385 requirements for each phase of a milestone inspection; 2386 requiring architects and engineers performing a 2387 milestone inspection to submit a sealed copy of the 2388 inspection report and a summary that includes 2389 specified findings and recommendations to certain 2390 entities; providing requirements for such inspection 2391 reports; requiring condominium associations and 2392 cooperative associations to distribute and post a copy 831295

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2393 of each inspection report and summary in a specified 2394 manner; authorizing local enforcement agencies to 2395 prescribe timelines and penalties relating to 2396 milestone inspections; authorizing boards of county 2397 commissioners to adopt certain ordinances relating to 2398 repairs for substantial structural deterioration; 2399 requiring local enforcement agencies to review and 2400 determine if a building is unsafe for human occupancy 2401 under certain circumstances; requiring the Florida 2402 Building Commission to review milestone inspection 2403 requirements and make any recommendations to the 2404 Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; 2405 requiring the commission to consult with the State 2406 Fire Marshal to provide certain recommendations to the 2407 Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; 2408 amending s. 718.103, F.S.; defining the term 2409 "alternative funding method"; amending s. 718.111, 2410 F.S.; revising the types of records that constitute 2411 the official records of a condominium association; 2412 requiring associations to maintain specified records 2413 for a certain timeframe; specifying that renters of a 2414 unit have the right to inspect and copy certain 2415 reports; requiring associations to post a copy of 2416 certain reports and reserve studies on the 2417 association's website; revising rulemaking 831295

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2418 requirements for the Division of Florida Condominiums, 2419 Timeshares, and Mobile Homes of the Department of 2420 Business and Professional Regulation; amending s. 2421 718.112, F.S.; revising certification and education 2422 requirements for directors of association boards; 2423 revising requirements for association budgets; 2424 revising applicability; prohibiting developers from voting the voting interests allocated to its units to 2425 2426 waive the reserves or reduce funding of reserves 2427 before turnover of control of an association; 2428 requiring certain associations to periodically conduct 2429 a study relating to reserves after a specified date; 2430 requiring boards to annually review the results of 2431 such study to determine if reserves are sufficient; 2432 requiring the division to adopt rules; providing 2433 requirements for the reserve study; revising 2434 requirements for approval of using reserve funds for a 2435 purpose other than authorized reserve expenditures; 2436 requiring that budgets include specified disclosures 2437 relating to reserve funds under certain circumstances 2438 on or after a specified date; restating requirements 2439 for associations relating to milestone inspections; 2440specifying that if the officers or directors of a condominium association fail to have a milestone 2441 2442 inspection performed, such failure is a breach of 831295

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2443 their fiduciary relationship to the unit owners; 2444 amending s. 718.113, F.S.; requiring associations to 2445 provide for the maintenance, repair, and replacement 2446 of condominium property; providing an exception; 2447 requiring associations to perform specified required 2448 maintenance under certain circumstances; specifying 2449 that necessary maintenance, repair, or replacement of 2450 condominium property does not require unit owner 2451 approval; specifying that associations are not liable 2452 for certain expenses if a unit is vacated or access to 2453 a common element is denied for specified reasons; 2454 amending s. 718.1255, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "dispute"; specifying that certain disputes 2455 2456 are not subject to certain nonbinding arbitration and 2457 must be submitted to presuit mediation; amending s. 2458 718.301, F.S.; revising reporting requirements 2459 relating to the transfer of association control; amending s. 718.501, F.S.; requiring certain 2460 2461 associations to provide certain information and 2462 updates to the division by a specified date and within 2463 a specified timeframe; requiring the division to 2464 compile a list with certain information and post such 2465 list on its website; amending s. 718.503, F.S.; 2466 revising the documents that must be delivered to a 2467 prospective buyer or lessee of a residential unit; 831295

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2468 revising requirements for nondeveloper disclosures; 2469 amending s. 718.504, F.S.; revising requirements for 2470 prospectuses and offering circulars; amending s. 2471 719.103, F.S.; defining the term "alternative funding 2472 method"; amending s. 719.104, F.S.; revising the types 2473 of records that constitute the official records of a 2474 cooperative association; requiring associations to 2475 maintain specified records for a certain timeframe; 2476 specifying that renters of a unit have the right to 2477 inspect and copy certain reports; revising rulemaking 2478 requirements for the division; specifying that 2479 maintenance of the cooperative property and common 2480 areas is the responsibility of associations; providing 2481 an exception; requiring associations to perform 2482 specified required maintenance under certain 2483 circumstances; specifying that necessary maintenance, 2484 repair, or replacement of cooperative property does 2485 not require unit owner approval; specifying that 2486 associations are not liable for certain expenses if a 2487 unit must be vacated or if access to a common area is 2488 denied for specified reasons; amending s. 719.106, 2489 F.S.; revising certification and education 2490 requirements for directors of association boards; 2491 revising requirements for association budgets; 2492 revising applicability; prohibiting developers from 831295

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2493 voting to waive the reserves or reduce the funding of 2494 reserves before turnover of control of an association; 2495 revising requirements for the use of reserve funds for 2496 a purpose other than authorized reverse expenditures; 2497 requiring certain associations to periodically conduct 2498 a study relating to reserves after a specified date; 2499 requiring boards to annually review the results of 2500 such study to determine if reserves are sufficient; 2501 requiring the division to adopt rules; providing 2502 requirements for the reserve study; requiring that 2503 budgets include specified disclosures relating to 2504 reserve funds under certain circumstances on or after 2505 a specified date; restating requirements for 2506 associations relating to milestone inspections; 2507 specifying that if the officers or directors of a 2508 cooperative association fail to have a milestone 2509 inspection performed, such failure is a breach of 2510 their fiduciary relationship to the unit owners; 2511 amending s. 719.301, F.S.; requiring developers to 2512 deliver a turnover inspection report relating to 2513 cooperative property under certain circumstances; 2514 requiring developers to deliver a copy of certain 2515 reserve studies and statements when relinquishing control of an association; amending s. 719.501, F.S.; 2516 2517 requiring certain associations to provide certain 831295

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2518	information and updates to the division by a specified
2519	date and within a specified time; requiring the
2520	division to compile a list with certain information
2521	and post such list on its website; amending s.
2522	719.503, F.S.; revising the documents that must be
2523	delivered to a prospective buyer or lessee of a
2524	residential unit; revising nondeveloper disclosure
2525	requirements; amending s. 719.504, F.S.; revising
2526	requirements for prospectuses and offering circulars;
2527	amending ss. 558.002, 718.115, 718.116, 718.121,
2528	718.706, and 720.3085, F.S.; conforming cross-
2529	references; reenacting s. 719.1255, F.S., relating to
2530	alternative resolution of disputes, to incorporate the
2531	amendment made to s. 718.1255, F.S., in a reference
2532	thereto;

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