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Sub. H. B. No. 349

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ABILL

То	amend sections 111.16, 1775.20, and 1782.433 and to	1
	enact sections 1775.45 to 1745.52, 1782.241, and	2
	1782.242 of the Revised Code to modify the Uniform	3
	Partnership Law relative to the accounting a	4
	partner must make to the partnership and mergers	5
	and consolidations involving a general partnership,	6
	and to modify the Limited Partnerships Law relative	7
	to the standard of care owed a partnership by the	8
	general partners and self-dealing by a partner.	9

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 111.16, 1775.20, and 1782.433 be	10
amended and sections 1775.45, 1775.46, 1775.47, 1775.48, 1775.49,	11
1775.50, 1775.51, 1775.52, 1782.241, and 1782.242 of the Revised	12
Code be enacted to read as follows:	13
Sec. 111.16. The secretary of state shall charge and collect,	14
for the benefit of the state, the following fees:	15
(A) For filing and recording articles of incorporation of a	16
domestic corporation, including designation of agent:	17

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(1) Wherein the corporation shall not be authorized to issue	18
any shares of capital stock, one hundred twenty-five dollars;	19
(2) Wherein the corporation shall be authorized to issue	20
shares of capital stock, with or without par value:	21
(a) Ten cents for each share authorized up to and including	22
one thousand shares;	23
(b) Five cents for each share authorized in excess of one	24
thousand shares up to and including ten thousand shares;	25
(c) Two cents for each share authorized in excess of ten	26
thousand shares up to and including fifty thousand shares;	27
(d) One cent for each share authorized in excess of fifty	28
thousand shares up to and including one hundred thousand shares;	29
(e) One-half cent for each share authorized in excess of one	30
hundred thousand shares up to and including five hundred thousand	31
shares;	32
(f) One-quarter cent for each share authorized in excess of	33
five hundred thousand shares; provided no fee shall be less than	34
one hundred twenty-five dollars or greater than one hundred	35
thousand dollars.	36
(B) For filing and recording a certificate of amendment to or	37
amended articles of incorporation of a domestic corporation, or	38
for filing and recording a certificate of reorganization, a	39
certificate of dissolution, or an amendment to a foreign license	40
application:	41
(1) If the domestic corporation is not authorized to issue	42
any shares of capital stock, fifty dollars;	43
(2) If the domestic corporation is authorized to issue shares	44
of capital stock, fifty dollars, and in case of any increase in	45
the number of shares authorized to be issued, a further sum	46
computed in accordance with the schedule set forth in division	47

(D) For filing and recording a certificate of merger or consolidation, one hundred twenty-five dollars and, in the case of any new corporation resulting from a consolidation or any surviving corporation that has an increased number of shares authorized to be issued resulting from a merger, an additional sum computed in accordance with the schedule set forth in division (A)(2) of this section less a credit computed in the same manner for the number of shares previously authorized to be issued or represented in this state by each of the corporations for which a consolidation or merger is effected by the certificate;

- (E) For filing and recording articles of incorporation of a credit union or the American credit union guaranty association, one hundred twenty-five dollars, and for filing and recording a certificate of increase in capital stock or any other amendment of the articles of incorporation of a credit union or the association, fifty dollars;
- (F) For filing and recording articles of organization of a limited liability company, for filing and recording an application

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to become a registered foreign limited liability company, for	79
filing and recording a registration application to become a	80
domestic limited liability partnership, or for filing and	81
recording an application to become a registered foreign limited	82
liability partnership, one hundred twenty-five dollars;	83
(G) For filing and recording a certificate of limited	84
partnership or an application for registration as a foreign	85
limited partnership, one hundred twenty-five dollars.	86
(H) For filing a copy of papers evidencing the incorporation	87
of a municipal corporation or of annexation of territory by a	88
municipal corporation, five dollars, to be paid by the municipal	89
corporation, the petitioners therefor, or their agent;	90
(I) For filing and recording any of the following:	91
(1) A license to transact business in this state by a foreign	92
corporation for profit pursuant to section 1703.04 of the Revised	93
Code or a foreign nonprofit corporation pursuant to section	94
1703.27 of the Revised Code, one hundred twenty-five dollars;	95
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(2) An annual report or annual statement pursuant to section	97
1775.63 or 1785.06 of the Revised Code, twenty-five dollars;	98
(3) Except as otherwise provided in this section or any other	99
section of the Revised Code, any other certificate or paper that	100
is required to be filed and recorded or is permitted to be filed	101
and recorded by any provision of the Revised Code with the	102
secretary of state, twenty-five dollars.	103
(J) For filing any certificate or paper not required to be	104
recorded, five dollars;	105
(K)(1) For making copies of any certificate or other paper	106
filed in the office of the secretary of state, a fee not to exceed	107
one dollar per page, except as otherwise provided in the Revised	108

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Code, and for creating and affixing the seal of the office of the	109
secretary of state to any good standing or other certificate, five	110
dollars. For copies of certificates or papers required by state	111
officers for official purpose, no charge shall be made.	112
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(2) For creating and affixing the seal of the office of the	114
secretary of state to the certificates described in division (E)	115
of section 1701.81, division (E) of section 1705.38, or division	116
(D) of section 1702.43, division (E) of section 1775.47, or	117
division (E) of section 1782.433 of the Revised Code, twenty-five	118
dollars.	119
(L) For a minister's license to solemnize marriages, ten	120
dollars;	121
(M) For examining documents to be filed at a later date for	122
the purpose of advising as to the acceptability of the proposed	123
filing, fifty dollars;	124
(N) Fifty dollars for filing and recording any of the	125
following:	126
(1) A certificate of dissolution and accompanying documents,	127
or a certificate of cancellation, under section 1701.86, 1702.47,	128
1705.43, or 1782.10 of the Revised Code;	129
(2) A notice of dissolution of a foreign licensed corporation	130
or a certificate of surrender of license by a foreign licensed	131
corporation under section 1703.17 of the Revised Code;	132
(3) The withdrawal of registration of a foreign or domestic	133
limited liability partnership under section 1775.61 or 1775.64 of	134
the Revised Code, or the certificate of cancellation of	135
registration of a foreign limited liability company under section	136
1705.57 of the Revised Code;	137
(4) The filing of a cancellation of disclaimer of general	138
partner status under Chapter 1782. of the Revised Code.	139

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(0) For filing a statement of continued existence by a	140
nonprofit corporation, twenty-five dollars;	141
(P) For filing a restatement under section 1705.08 or 1782.09	142
of the Revised Code, an amendment to a certificate of cancellation	143
under section 1782.10 of the Revised Code, an amendment under	144
section 1705.08 or 1782.09 of the Revised Code, or a correction	145
under section 1705.55, 1775.61, 1775.64, or 1782.52 of the Revised	146
Code, fifty dollars;	147
(Q) For filing for reinstatement of an entity cancelled by	148
operation of law, by the secretary of state, by order of the	149
department of taxation, or by order of a court, twenty-five	150
dollars;	151
(R) For filing a change of agent, resignation of agent, or	152
change of agent's address under section 1701.07, 1702.06,	153
1703.041, 1703.27, 1705.06, 1705.55, 1746.04, 1747.03, or 1782.04	154
of the Revised Code, twenty-five dollars;	155
(S) For filing and recording any of the following:	156
(1) An application for the exclusive right to use a name or	157
an application to reserve a name for future use under section	158
1701.05, 1702.05, 1703.31, 1705.05, or 1746.06 of the Revised	159
Code, fifty dollars;	160
(2) A trade name or fictitious name registration or report,	161
fifty dollars;	162
(3) An application to renew any item covered by division	163
(S)(1) or (2) of this section that is permitted to be renewed,	164
twenty-five dollars;	165
(4) An assignment of rights for use of a name covered by	166
division $(S)(1)$, (2) , or (3) of this section, the cancellation of	167
a name registration or name reservation that is so covered, or	168
notice of a change of address of the registrant of a name that is	169

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so covered, twenty-five dollars.	170
(T) For filing and recording a report to operate a business	171
trust or a real estate investment trust, either foreign or	172
domestic, one hundred twenty-five dollars; and for filing and	173
recording an amendment to a report or associated trust instrument,	174
or a surrender of authority, to operate a business trust or real	175
estate investment trust, fifty dollars;	176
(U)(1) For filing and recording the registration of a	177
trademark, service mark, or mark of ownership, one hundred	178
twenty-five dollars;	179
(2) For filing and recording the change of address of a	180
registrant, the assignment of rights to a registration, a renewal	181
of a registration, or the cancellation of a registration	182
associated with a trademark, service mark, or mark of ownership,	183
twenty-five dollars.	184
Fees specified in this section may be paid by cash, check, or	185
money order, by credit cardin card in accordance with section	186
113.40 of the Revised Code, or by an alternative payment program	187
in accordance with division (B) of section 111.18 of the Revised	188
Code. Any credit card number or the expiration date of any credit	189
card is not subject to disclosure under Chapter 149. of the	190
Revised Code.	191
Sec. 1775.20. (A) Every partner must, other than a general	192
partner of a limited partnership, shall account to the partnership	193
for any benefit and hold as trustee for it any profits derived by	194
him the partner without the consent of the other partners from any	195
transaction connected with the formation, conduct, or liquidation	196
of the partnership or from any use by him the partner of its	197
property.	198
(B) This section applies also to the representatives of a	199

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deceased partner engaged in the liquidation of the affairs of the	200
partnership as the personal representatives of the last surviving	201
partner.	202
Sec. 1775.45. (A) Pursuant to a written agreement of merger	203
between the constituent entities as provided in this section, a	204
domestic general partnership and one or more additional domestic	205
general partnerships or other domestic or foreign entities may be	206
merged into a surviving domestic general partnership. Pursuant to	207
a written agreement of consolidation between the constituent	208
entities as provided in this section, two or more domestic or	209
foreign entities may be consolidated into a new domestic general	210
partnership formed by such consolidation. If any constituent	211
entity is formed or organized under the laws of any state other	212
than this state or under any chapter of the Revised Code other	213
than this chapter, the merger or consolidation also must be	214
permitted by the chapter of the Revised Code under which each	215
domestic constituent entity exists and by the laws under which	216
each foreign constituent entity exists.	217
(B) The written agreement of merger or consolidation of	218
constituent entities into a surviving or new domestic general	219
partnership shall set forth all of the following:	220
(1) The name and the form of entity of each constituent	221
entity, the state under the laws of which each constituent entity	222
exists, and the name of the surviving or new domestic general	223
partnership;	224
(2) In the case of a merger, that one or more specified	225
constituent entities will be merged into a specified surviving	226
domestic general partnership, and, in the case of a consolidation,	227
that the constituent entities will be consolidated into a new	228
domestic general partnership;	229
(3) All statements and matters required to be set forth in	230

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such an agreement of merger or consolidation by the laws under	231
which each constituent entity exists;	232
(4) In the case of a consolidation, the partnership agreement	233
of the new domestic general partnership or a provision that the	234
written partnership agreement of a specified constituent general	235
partnership, a copy of which shall be attached to the agreement of	236
consolidation, with any amendments that are set forth in the	237
agreement of consolidation, shall be the agreement of general	238
partnership of the new domestic general partnership;	239
(5) The name and address of the statutory agent upon whom any	240
process, notice, or demand against any constituent entity, the	241
surviving domestic general partnership, or the new domestic	242
general partnership may be served;	243
(6) In the case of a merger, any changes in the general	244
partners of the surviving domestic general partnership and, in the	245
case of a consolidation, the general partners of the new domestic	246
general partnership or a provision specifying the general partners	247
of one or more specified constituent partnerships that shall	248
constitute the initial general partners of the new domestic	249
general partnership;	250
(7) The terms of the merger or consolidation; the mode of	251
carrying them into effect; and the manner and basis of converting	252
the interests or shares in the constituent entities into, or	253
substituting the interests or shares in the constituent entities	254
for, interests, evidences of indebtedness, other securities, cash,	255
rights, or any other property or any combination of interests,	256
evidences of indebtedness, securities, cash, rights, or any other	257
property of the surviving domestic general partnership, of the new	258
domestic general partnership, or of any other entity. No such	259
conversion or substitution shall be effected if there are	260
reasonable grounds to believe that the conversion or substitution	261
would render the surviving or new domestic general partnership	262

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unable to pay its obligations as they become due in the usual	263
course of its affairs.	264
(C) The written agreement of merger or consolidation of	265
constituent entities into a surviving or new domestic general	266
partnership may set forth any of the following:	267
(1) The effective date of the merger or consolidation, which	268
date may be on or after the date of the filing of the certificate	269
of merger or consolidation;	270
(2) A provision authorizing one or more of the constituent	271
entities to abandon the proposed merger or consolidation prior to	272
filing the certificate of merger or consolidation pursuant to	273
section 1775.47 of the Revised Code by action of the general	274
partners of a constituent partnership, the directors of a	275
constituent corporation, or the comparable representatives of any	276
other constituent entity;	277
(3) In the case of a merger, any amendments to the agreement	278
of general partnership of the surviving domestic general	279
partnership, or a provision that the written partnership agreement	280
of a specified constituent general partnership other than the	281
surviving domestic general partnership, with any amendments that	282
are set forth in the agreement of merger, shall be the partnership	283
agreement of the surviving domestic general partnership;	284
(4) A statement of, or a statement of the method of	285
determining, the fair value of the assets to be owned by the	286
surviving domestic general partnership;	287
(5) The parties to the agreement of merger or consolidation	288
in addition to the constituent entities;	289
(6) Any additional provision necessary or desirable with	290
respect to the proposed merger or consolidation.	291
(D) To effect the merger or consolidation, the agreement of	292

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merger or consolidation shall be adopted by the general partners	293
of each constituent domestic general partnership, including the	294
surviving domestic general partnership in the case of a merger,	295
and shall be adopted by or otherwise authorized by or on behalf of	296
each other constituent entity in accordance with the laws under	297
which it exists.	298
(E) All partners, whether or not they are entitled to vote or	299
act, shall be given written notice of any meeting of general	300
partners of a constituent domestic general partnership or of any	301
proposed action by general partners of a constituent domestic	302
general partnership, which meeting or action is to adopt an	303
agreement of merger or consolidation. The notice shall be given to	304
the partners either by mail at their addresses as they appear on	305
the records of the partnership or in person and, unless the	306
partnership agreement provides a shorter or longer period, shall	307
be given not less than seven and not more than sixty days before	308
the meeting or the effective date of the action. The notice shall	309
be accompanied by a copy or a summary of the material provisions	310
of the agreement of merger or consolidation.	311
(F) The vote or action of the general partners of a	312
constituent domestic general partnership that is required to adopt	313
an agreement of merger or consolidation is the unanimous vote or	314
action of the general partners or such different number or	315
proportion as provided in writing in the partnership agreement. If	316
the agreement of merger or consolidation would have an effect or	317
authorize any action that under any applicable provision of law or	318
the partnership agreement could be effected or authorized only by	319
or pursuant to a specified vote or action of the partners, or of	320
any class or group of partners, the agreement of merger or	321
consolidation also shall be adopted or approved by the same vote	322
or action as would be required to effect that change or authorize	323

that action. Each person who will continue to be or who will

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general partners of the surviving or new domestic general	357
<pre>partnership;</pre>	358
(3) Alter or change any other terms and conditions of the	359
agreement of merger or consolidation if any of the alterations or	360
changes, alone or in the aggregate, would materially adversely	361
affect the general partners or any class or group of general	362
partners of the constituent domestic general partnership.	363
Sec. 1775.46. (A) Pursuant to a written agreement of merger	364
or consolidation between the constituent entities as provided in	365
this section, a domestic general partnership and one or more	366
additional domestic or foreign entities may be merged into a	367
surviving entity other than a domestic general partnership, or a	368
domestic general partnership together with one or more additional	369
domestic or foreign entities may be consolidated into a new entity	370
other than a domestic general partnership to be formed by such	371
consolidation. The merger or consolidation must be permitted by	372
the chapter of the Revised Code under which each domestic	373
constituent entity exists and by the laws under which each foreign	374
constituent entity exists.	375
(B) The written agreement of merger or consolidation shall	376
set forth all of the following:	377
(1) The name and the form of entity of each constituent	378
entity and the state under the laws of which each constituent	379
<pre>entity exists;</pre>	380
(2) In the case of a merger, that one or more specified	381
constituent domestic general partnerships and other specified	382
constituent entities will be merged into a specified surviving	383
foreign entity or surviving domestic entity other than a domestic	384
general partnership, or, in the case of a consolidation, that the	385
constituent entities will be consolidated into a new foreign	386
entity or a new domestic entity other than a domestic general	387

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partnership;	388
(3) If the surviving or new entity is a foreign general	389
partnership, all statements and matters that would be required by	390
section 1775.45 of the Revised Code if the surviving or new entity	391
were a domestic general partnership;	392
(4) The name and the form of entity of the surviving or new	393
entity, the state under the laws of which the surviving entity	394
exists or the new entity is to exist, and the location of the	395
principal office of the surviving or new entity;	396
(5) All additional statements and matters required to be set	397
forth in such an agreement of merger or consolidation by the laws	398
under which each constituent entity exists and, in the case of a	399
consolidation, the new entity is to exist;	400
(6) The consent of the surviving or new foreign entity to be	401
sued and served with process in this state and the irrevocable	402
appointment of the secretary of state as its agent to accept	403
service of process in any proceeding in this state to enforce	404
against the surviving or new foreign entity any obligation of any	405
constituent domestic general partnership or to enforce the rights	406
of a dissenting partner of any constituent domestic general	407
<pre>partnership;</pre>	408
(7) If the surviving or new entity is a foreign corporation	409
that desires to transact business in this state as a foreign	410
corporation, a statement to that effect, together with a statement	411
regarding the appointment of a statutory agent and service of any	412
process, notice, or demand upon that statutory agent or the	413
secretary of state, as required when a foreign corporation applies	414
for a license to transact business in this state;	415
(8) If the surviving or new entity is a foreign limited	416
partnership that desires to transact business in this state as a	417
foreign limited partnership, a statement to that effect, together	418

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other constituent entity if the general partners, directors, or
comparable representatives are authorized to do so by the
agreement of merger or consolidation. The agreement of merger or
consolidation may contain a provision authorizing less than all of
the general partners of any constituent partnership, the directors
of any constituent corporation, or the comparable representatives
of any other constituent entity to amend the agreement of merger
or consolidation at any time before the filing of the certificate
of merger or consolidation, except that after the adoption of the
agreement of merger or consolidation by the general partners of
any constituent domestic general partnership, less than all of the
general partners shall not be authorized to amend the agreement of
merger or consolidation to do any of the following:
(1) Alter or change the amount or kind of interests, shares,
evidences of indebtedness, other securities, cash, rights, or any
other property to be received by general partners of the
constituent domestic general partnership in conversion of or in
substitution for their interests;
(2) If the surviving or new entity is a partnership, alter or
change any term of the partnership agreement of the surviving or
new partnership, except for alterations or changes that otherwise
could be adopted by the general partners of the surviving or new
partnership;
(3) If the surviving or new entity is a corporation or any
other entity other than a partnership, alter or change any term of
the articles or comparable instrument of the surviving or new
corporation or entity, except for alterations or changes that
otherwise could be adopted by the directors or comparable
representatives of the surviving or new corporation or entity;
(4) Alter or change any other terms and conditions of the
agreement of merger or consolidation if any of the alterations or
changes, alone or in the aggregate, would materially adversely

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affect the general partners or any class or group of general	483
partners of the constituent domestic general partnership.	484
Sec. 1775.47. (A) Upon the adoption by each constituent	485
entity of an agreement of merger or consolidation pursuant to	486
section 1775.45 or 1775.46 of the Revised Code, a certificate of	487
merger or consolidation shall be filed with the secretary of state	488
that is signed by an authorized representative of each constituent	489
entity. The certificate shall be on a form prescribed by the	490
secretary of state and shall set forth only the information	491
required by this section.	492
(B)(1) The certificate of merger or consolidation shall set	493
<pre>forth all of the following:</pre>	494
(a) The name and the form of entity of each constituent	495
entity and the state under the laws of which each constituent	496
<pre>entity exists;</pre>	497
(b) A statement that each constituent entity has complied	498
with all of the laws under which it exists and that the laws	499
permit the merger or consolidation;	500
(c) The name and mailing address of the person or entity that	501
is to provide, in response to any written request made by a	502
shareholder, partner, or other equity holder of a constituent	503
entity, a copy of the agreement of merger or consolidation;	504
(d) The effective date of the merger or consolidation, which	505
date may be on or after the date of the filing of the certificate;	506
(e) The signature of the representative or representatives	507
authorized to sign the certificate on behalf of each constituent	508
entity and the office held or the capacity in which the	509
representative is acting;	510
(f) A statement that the agreement of merger or consolidation	511
is authorized on behalf of each constituent entity and that the	512

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persons who signed the certificate on behalf of each entity are	513
authorized to do so;	514
(g) In the case of a merger, a statement that one or more	515
specified constituent entities will be merged into a specified	516
surviving entity or, in the case of a consolidation, a statement	517
that the constituent entities will be consolidated into a new	518
entity;	519
(h) The name and form of the surviving entity in the case of	520
a merger or the name and form of the new entity in the case of a	521
<pre>consolidation;</pre>	522
(i) In the case of a merger, if the surviving entity is a	523
foreign entity not licensed to transact business in this state,	524
the name and address of the statutory agent upon whom any process,	525
notice, or demand may be served;	526
(j) In the case of a consolidation, the name and address of	527
the statutory agent upon whom any process, notice, or demand	528
against any constituent entity or the new entity may be served.	529
(2) In the case of a consolidation into a new domestic	530
corporation, limited liability company, or limited partnership,	531
the articles of incorporation, the articles of organization, or	532
the certificate of limited partnership of the new domestic entity	533
shall be filed with the certificate of consolidation.	534
(3) In the case of a merger into a domestic corporation,	535
limited liability company, or limited partnership, any amendments	536
to the articles of incorporation, articles of organization, or	537
certificate of limited partnership of the surviving domestic	538
entity shall be filed with the certificate of merger.	539
(4) If the surviving or new entity is a foreign entity that	540
desires to transact business in this state as a foreign	541
corporation, limited liability company, or limited partnership,	542
the certificate of merger or consolidation shall be accompanied by	543

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the information required by division (B)(7), (8), or (9) of	544
section 1775.46 of the Revised Code.	545
(5) If a foreign or domestic corporation licensed to transact	546
business in this state is a constituent entity and the surviving	547
or new entity resulting from the merger or consolidation is not a	548
foreign or domestic corporation that is to be licensed to transact	549
business in this state, the certificate of merger or consolidation	550
shall be accompanied by the affidavits, receipts, certificates, or	551
other evidence required by division (H) of section 1701.86 of the	552
Revised Code, with respect to each domestic constituent	553
corporation, and by the affidavits, receipts, certificates, or	554
other evidence required by division (C) or (D) of section 1703.17	555
of the Revised Code, with respect to each foreign constituent	556
corporation licensed to transact business in this state.	557
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(C) If any constituent entity in a merger or consolidation is	559
organized or formed under the laws of a state other than this	560
state or under any chapter of the Revised Code other than this	561
chapter, there also shall be filed in the proper office all	562
documents that are required to be filed in connection with the	563
merger or consolidation by the laws of that state or by that	564
<u>chapter.</u>	565
(D) Upon the filing of a certificate of merger or	566
consolidation and other filings as described in division (C) of	567
this section or at any later date that the certificate of merger	568
or consolidation specifies, the merger or consolidation is	569
effective, subject to the limitation specified in division (B)(7)	570
of section 1775.45 of the Revised Code.	571
(E) The secretary of state shall furnish, upon request and	572
payment of the fee specified in division (K)(2) of section 111.16	573
of the Revised Code, the secretary of state's certificate setting	574
forth: the name and form of entity of each constituent entity and	575

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	For that recording, the county recorder shall charge and collect	58
the same fee as in the case of deeds.		58

Sec. 1775.48. (A) When a merger or consolidation becomes
effective, all of the following apply:

(1) The separate existence of each constituent entity other than the surviving entity in a merger shall cease, except that whenever a conveyance, assignment, transfer, deed, or other instrument or act is necessary to vest property or rights in the surviving or new entity, the general partners, officers, or other authorized representatives of the respective constituent entities shall execute, acknowledge, and deliver such instruments and do such acts. For these purposes, the existence of the constituent entities and the authority of their respective general partners, officers, directors, or other representatives are continued notwithstanding the merger or consolidation.

(2) In the case of a consolidation, the new entity exists when the consolidation becomes effective and, if the new entity is a domestic general partnership, the written partnership agreement contained in or provided for in the agreement of consolidation shall be its original partnership agreement.

(3) In the case of a merger in which the surviving entity is	607
a general partnership, the written partnership agreement of the	608
surviving general partnership in effect immediately prior to the	609
time the merger becomes effective shall be its partnership	610
agreement after the merger except as otherwise provided in the	611
agreement of merger.	612
(4) The surviving or new entity possesses all of the	613
following, and all of the following are vested in the surviving or	614
new entity without further act or deed:	615
(a) Except to the extent limited by the mandatory provisions	616
of applicable law, the following:	617
(i) All assets and property of every description of each	618
constituent entity, and every interest in the assets and property	619
of each constituent entity, wherever the assets, property, and	620
interests are located. Title to any real estate or any interest in	621
real estate that was vested in any constituent entity shall not	622
revert or in any way be impaired by reason of the merger or	623
consolidation.	624
(ii) The rights, privileges, immunities, powers, franchises,	625
and authority, whether of a public or private nature, of each	626
constituent entity.	627
(b) All obligations belonging to or due to each constituent	628
entity.	629
(5) The surviving or new entity is liable for all the	630
obligations of each constituent entity, including liability to	631
dissenting partners, dissenting shareholders, or other dissenting	632
equity holders. Any claim existing or any action or proceeding	633
pending by or against any constituent entity may be prosecuted to	634
judgment with right of appeal, as if the merger or consolidation	635
had not taken place, or the surviving or new entity may be	636
substituted in place of any constituent entity.	637

(6) All the rights of creditors of each constituent entity	638
are preserved unimpaired, and all liens upon the property of any	639
constituent entity are preserved unimpaired, on only the property	640
affected by such liens immediately before the effective date of	641
the merger or consolidation. If a general partner of a constituent	642
partnership is not a general partner of the entity surviving or	643
the new entity resulting from the merger or consolidation, then	644
the former general partner shall have no liability for any	645
obligation incurred after the merger or consolidation except to	646
the extent that a former creditor of the constituent partnership	647
in which the former general partner was a general partner extends	648
credit to the surviving or new entity reasonably believing that	649
the former general partner continued as a general partner of the	650
surviving or new entity.	651
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652 <u>(B) If a general partner of a constituent partnership is not</u> a general partner of the entity surviving or the new entity 653 resulting from the merger or consolidation, then unless that 654 general partner agrees otherwise in writing, the general partner 655 shall be indemnified by the surviving or new entity against all 656 present or future liabilities of the constituent partnership of 657 which the general partner was a general partner. Any amount 658 payable pursuant to section 1775.50 of the Revised Code to a 659 partner of the constituent partnership in which that general 660 partner was a partner shall be a present liability of that 661 662 constituent partnership.

(C) In the case of a merger of a constituent domestic general
partnership into a foreign surviving corporation, limited
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liability company, or general partnership that is not licensed or
registered to transact business in this state or in the case of a
consolidation of a constituent domestic limited partnership into a
new foreign corporation, limited liability company, or limited
partnership, if the surviving or new entity intends to transact
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business in this state and the certificate of merger or	670
consolidation is accompanied by the information described in	671
division (B)(4) of section 1775.47 of the Revised Code, then on	672
the effective date of the merger or consolidation the surviving or	673
new entity shall be considered to have complied with the	674
requirements for procuring a license or for registration to	675
transact business in this state as a foreign corporation, limited	676
liability company, or limited partnership, as the case may be. In	677
such a case, a copy of the certificate of merger or consolidation	678
certified by the secretary of state constitutes the license	679
certificate prescribed for a foreign corporation or the	680
application for registration prescribed for a foreign limited	681
liability company or foreign limited partnership.	682
(D) Any action to set aside any merger or consolidation on	683
the ground that any section of the Revised Code applicable to the	684
merger or consolidation has not been complied with shall be	685
brought within ninety days after the effective date of the merger	686
or consolidation or forever be barred.	687
(E) In the case of an entity organized or existing under the	688
laws of any state other than this state, this section is subject	689
to the laws of the state under the laws of which the entity exists	690
or in which it has property.	691
Sec. 1775.49. (A) Unless otherwise provided in writing in the	692
partnership agreement of a constituent domestic general	693
partnership, the following are entitled to relief as dissenting	694
partners as provided in section 1775.50 of the Revised Code:	695
(1) Partners of a domestic general partnership that is being	696
merged or consolidated into a surviving or new entity, domestic or	697
foreign, pursuant to section 1775.45 or 1775.46 of the Revised	698
Code;	699
(2) In the case of a merger into a domestic general	700

partner and a record holder of the interests of the partnership as to which the dissenting partner seeks relief as of the date the request for approval or action was sent to the partners entitled to act or otherwise approve the proposal, and the dissenting partner shall not have indicated approval of the proposal in the dissenting partner's capacity as a holder of such interests. Not later than fifteen days after the date on which the request for approval of or action on the proposal was mailed to the partners, the dissenting partner shall deliver to the partnership a written demand for payment to the dissenting partner of the fair cash value of the interests as to which the dissenting partner seeks relief, which demand shall state the dissenting partner's address, the number and class of such interests, and the amount claimed by the dissenting partner as the fair cash value of those interests.

(D) In the case of a merger or consolidation, a demand served on the constituent domestic general partnership involved constitutes service on the surviving entity or the new entity, whether the demand is served before, on, or after the effective date of the merger or consolidation.

(E) If the interests as to which a dissenting partner seeks relief are represented by certificates and if the domestic general partnership sends to the dissenting partner, at the address specified in the dissenting partner's demand, a request for certificates representing the interests as to which the dissenting partner seeks relief, the dissenting partner, within fifteen days from the date on which the request was sent, shall deliver to the general partnership the certificates requested so that the general partnership may endorse on them a legend to the effect that a demand for the fair cash value of such interests has been made. The general partnership promptly shall return the endorsed certificates to the dissenting partner. The failure of a dissenting partner to deliver such certificates terminates rights

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as a dissenting partner, at the option of the general partnership, exercised by written notice sent to the dissenting partner within twenty days after the lapse of the fifteen-day period, unless a court for good cause shown otherwise directs. If interests represented by a certificate on which such a legend has been endorsed are transferred, each new certificate issued for them shall bear a similar legend, together with the name of the original dissenting holder of such interests. Upon receiving a demand for payment from a dissenting partner who is a record holder of uncertificated interests, the general partnership shall make an appropriate notation of the demand for payment in its records. If uncertificated interests for which payment has been demanded are to be transferred, any writing sent to evidence the transfer shall bear the legend required for certificated interests as provided in this division. A transferee of the interests receiving a certificate so endorsed, or of uncertificated interests where such a notation has been made, acquires only such rights in the general partnership as the original partner holding such interests had immediately after the service of a demand for payment of the fair cash value of the interests. A request under this division by the general partnership is not an admission by it that the holder of the interest is entitled to relief under this section.

(F) Unless the partnership agreement of the constituent domestic general partnership in which the dissenting partner was a partner provides a reasonable basis for determining and paying the fair cash value of the interests as to which the dissenting partner seeks relief or unless that partnership and the dissenting partner have come to an agreement on the fair cash value of the interests as to which the dissenting partner seeks relief, the dissenting partner or the general partnership, which in the case of a merger or consolidation may be the surviving or new entity,

(b) The general partnership and the dissenting partner have

complaint is required. Upon the filing of such a complaint, the	858
court, on motion of the petitioner, shall enter an order fixing a	859
date for a hearing on the complaint and requiring that a copy of	860
the complaint and a notice of the filing and of the date for the	861
nearing be given to the respondent or defendant in the manner in	862
which summons is required to be served or substituted service is	863
required to be made in other cases. On the date fixed for the	864
nearing on the complaint or any adjournment of it, the court shall	865
determine from the complaint and from such evidence as is	866
submitted by either party whether the dissenting partner is	867
entitled to be paid the fair cash value of any interests and, if	868
so, the number and class of such interests. If the court finds	869
that the dissenting partner is so entitled, it may appoint one or	870
more persons as appraisers to receive evidence and to recommend a	871
decision on the amount of the fair cash value. The appraisers have	872
such power and authority as is specified in the order of their	873
appointment. The court thereupon shall make a finding as to the	874
fair cash value of the interests and shall render judgment against	875
the general partnership for the payment of it, with interest at	876
such rate and from such date as the court considers equitable. The	877
costs of the proceeding, including reasonable compensation to the	878
appraisers to be fixed by the court, shall be assessed or	879
apportioned as the court considers equitable. The proceeding is a	880
special proceeding and final orders in it may be vacated,	881
modified, or reversed on appeal pursuant to the Rules of Appellate	882
Procedure and, to the extent not in conflict with those rules,	883
Chapter 2505. of the Revised Code. If, during the pendency of any	884
proceeding under this section, a suit or proceeding is or has been	885
instituted to enjoin or otherwise to prevent the carrying out of	886
the action as to which the partner has dissented, the proceeding	887
instituted under this section shall be stayed until the final	888
determination of the other suit or proceeding. Unless any	889
provision of division (G) of section 1775.50 of the Revised Code	890

is applicable, the fair cash value of the interests that is agreed
upon by the parties or fixed under this section shall be paid
within thirty days after the date of final determination of such
value under this division or the consummation of the merger or
consolidation, whichever occurs last. Upon the occurrence of the
last such event, payment shall be made immediately to a holder of
uncertificated interests entitled to such payment. In the case of
holders of interests represented by certificates, payment shall be
made only upon and simultaneously with the surrender to the
domestic general partnership of the certificates representing the
interests for which the payment is made.

(B) If the proposal of merger or consolidation was submitted to the partners of the general partnership for a vote at a meeting, fair cash value as to those partners shall be determined as of the day before the day on which the vote by the partners was taken. If the proposal was submitted to the partners for written approval or other action, fair cash value as to those partners shall be determined as of the day before the day on which the request for the approval or action was sent. The fair cash value of an interest for purposes of this section is the amount that a willing seller who is under no compulsion to sell would be willing to accept and that a willing buyer who is under no compulsion to purchase would be willing to pay, but the fair cash value paid to any partner shall not exceed the amount specified in the demand of that partner. In computing such fair cash value, any appreciation or depreciation in market value resulting from the merger or consolidation shall be excluded.

Sec. 1775.52. If a domestic general partnership is a	919
constituent entity to a merger or consolidation that has become	920
effective, and the domestic general partnership is not the	921
surviving or resulting entity of the merger or consolidation, a	922

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judgment creditor of a partner of that domestic general	923
partnership shall not levy execution against the assets of the	924
partner to satisfy a judgment based on a claim against the	925
surviving or resulting entity of the merger or consolidation	926
unless any of the following applies:	927
(A) The claim is for an obligation of the domestic general	928
partnership for which the partner is liable as provided in this	929
chapter and one of the following applies:	930
(1) A judgment based on the same claim has been obtained	931
against the surviving or resulting entity of the merger or	932
consolidation and a writ of execution on the judgment has been	933
returned unsatisfied in whole or in part.	934
(2) The surviving or resulting entity of the merger or	935
consolidation is a debtor in bankruptcy.	936
(3) The partner has agreed that the creditor need not exhaust	937
the assets of the domestic general partnership that was not the	938
surviving or resulting entity of the merger or consolidation.	939
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(4) The partner has agreed that the creditor need not exhaust	941
the assets of the surviving or resulting entity of the merger or	942
consolidation.	943
(B) A court grants permission to the judgment creditor to	944
levy execution against the assets of the partner based on a	945
finding that the assets of the surviving or resulting entity of	946
the merger or consolidation that are subject to execution are	947
clearly insufficient to satisfy the judgment, that exhaustion of	948
the assets of the surviving or resulting entity of the merger or	949
consolidation is excessively burdensome, or that the grant of	950
permission is an appropriate exercise of the court's equitable	951
powers.	952
(C) Liability is imposed on the partner by law or contract	953

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independent of the existence of the surviving or resulting entity	954
of the merger or consolidation.	955
Sec. 1782.241. (A) A general partner shall perform the duties	956
of a general partner in good faith, in a manner the general	957
partner reasonably believes to be in or not opposed to the best	958
interests of the limited partnership, and with the care that an	959
ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use under	960
similar circumstances. In performing a general partner's duties, a	961
general partner is entitled to rely on information, opinions,	962
reports, or statements, including financial statements and other	963
financial data, that are prepared or presented by either of the	964
<pre>following:</pre>	965
(1) One or more general partners, employees of the limited	966
partnership, or employees of a general partner, who the general	967
partner reasonably believes are reliable and competent in the	968
matters prepared or presented;	969
(2) Legal counsel, public accountants, or other persons as to	970
matters that the general partner reasonably believes are within	971
the person's professional or expert competence.	972
(B) For purposes of division (A) of this section, the	973
following apply:	974
(1) A general partner shall not be found to have violated the	975
duties of a general partner under division (A) of this section,	976
unless it is proved by clear and convincing evidence that the	977
general partner has not acted in good faith, in a manner the	978
general partner reasonably believes to be in or not opposed to the	979
best interests of the limited partnership, or with the care that	980
an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use under	981
similar circumstances, in any action brought against the general	982
partner, including actions involving or affecting the general	983
partner's service in any other position or relationship with the	984

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limited partnership.	985
(2) A general partner shall not be considered to be acting in	986
good faith if the general partner has knowledge concerning the	987
matter in question that would cause reliance on information,	988
opinions, reports, or statements that are prepared or presented by	989
the persons described in divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this section	990
to be unwarranted.	991
Sec. 1782.242. No contract, action, or transaction shall be	992
void or voidable with respect to a limited partnership for the	993
reason that the contract, action, or transaction is among or	994
affects the limited partnership and one or more of its partners,	995
or that the contract, action, or transaction is among or affects	996
the limited partnership and any other person in which one or more	997
of the partners are directors, trustees, officers, or partners, or	998
have a financial or personal interest, if any of the following	999
applies:	1000
(A) The material facts as to the partner or partners and	1001
their relationship or interest and as to the contract, action, or	1002
transaction are disclosed in writing to every partner before that	1003
partner is admitted to the partnership.	1004
(B) The material facts as to the partner or partners and	1005
their relationship or interest and as to the contract, action, or	1006
transaction are disclosed in writing to all partners; the	1007
contract, action, or transaction is fair as to the limited	1008
partnership; and the disinterested general partners acting in good	1009
faith reasonably justified by the facts, authorize the contract,	1010
action, or transaction by a majority vote, even though the	1011
disinterested general partners constitute less than a majority of	1012
the general partners.	1013
(C) The contract, action, or transaction is fair as to the	1014
limited partnership as of the time the contract, action, or	1015

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transaction is authorized and approved by a majority in interest	1017
of the disinterested limited partners.	1017
Sec. 1782.433. (A) Upon the adoption by each constituent	1018
entity of an agreement of merger or consolidation pursuant to	1019
section 1782.431 or 1782.432 of the Revised Code, a certificate of	1020
merger or consolidation shall be filed with the secretary of state	1021
that is signed by an authorized representative of each constituent	1022
entity. The certificate shall be on a form prescribed by the	1023
secretary of state and shall set forth only the information	1024
required by this section.	1025
(B)(1) The certificate of merger or consolidation shall set	1026
forth all of the following:	1027
(a) The name and the form of entity of each constituent	1028
entity and the state under the laws of which each constituent	1029
entity exists;	1030
(b) A statement that each constituent entity has complied	1031
with all of the laws under which it exists and that the laws	1032
permit the merger or consolidation;	1033
(c) The name and mailing address of the person or entity that	1034
is to provide, in response to any written request made by a	1035
shareholder, partner, or other equity holder of a constituent	1036
entity, a copy of the agreement of merger or consolidation;	1037
(d) The effective date of the merger or consolidation, which	1038
date may be on or after the date of the filing of the certificate;	1039
(e) The signature of the representative or representatives	1040
authorized to sign the certificate on behalf of each constituent	1041
entity and the office held or the capacity in which the	1042
representative is acting;	1043
(f) A statement that the agreement of merger or consolidation	1044
is authorized on behalf of each constituent entity and that the	1045

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persons who signed the certificate on behalf of each entity are	1046
authorized to do so;	1047
(g) In the case of a merger, a statement that one or more	1048
specified constituent entities will be merged into a specified	1049
surviving entity or, in the case of a consolidation, a statement	1050
that the constituent entities will be consolidated into a new	1051
entity;	1052
(h) In the case of a merger, if the surviving entity is a	1053
foreign entity not licensed to transact business in this state,	1054
the name and address of the statutory agent upon whom any process,	1055
notice, or demand may be served;	1056
(i) In the case of a consolidation, the name and address of	1057
the statutory agent upon whom any process, notice, or demand	1058
against any constituent entity or the new entity may be served.	1059
(2) In the case of a consolidation into a new domestic	1060
corporation, limited liability company, or limited partnership,	1061
the articles of incorporation, the articles of organization, or	1062
the certificate of limited partnership of the new domestic entity	1063
shall be filed with the certificate of merger or consolidation.	1064
(3) In the case of a merger into a domestic corporation,	1065
limited liability company, or limited partnership, any amendments	1066
to the articles of incorporation, articles of organization, or	1067
certificate of limited partnership of the surviving domestic	1068
entity shall be filed with the certificate of merger or	1069
consolidation.	1070
(4) If the surviving or new entity is a foreign entity that	1071
desires to transact business in this state as a foreign	1072
corporation, limited liability company, or limited partnership,	1073
the certificate of merger or consolidation shall be accompanied by	1074
the information required by division $(B)(7)$, (8) , or (9) of	1075
section 1782.432 of the Revised Code.	1076

- (5) If a foreign or domestic corporation licensed to transact 1077 business in this state is a constituent entity and the surviving 1078 or new entity resulting from the merger or consolidation is not a 1079 foreign or domestic corporation that is to be licensed to transact 1080 business in this state, the certificate of merger or consolidation 1081 shall be accompanied by the affidavits, receipts, certificates, or 1082 other evidence required by division (H) of section 1701.86 of the 1083 Revised Code, with respect to each domestic constituent 1084 corporation, and by the affidavits, receipts, certificates, or 1085 other evidence required by division (C) or (D) of section 1703.17 1086 of the Revised Code, with respect to each foreign constituent 1087 corporation licensed to transact business in this state. 1088
- (C) If any constituent entity in a merger or consolidation is 1090 organized or formed under the laws of a state other than this 1091 state or under any chapter of the Revised Code other than this 1092 chapter, there also shall be filed in the proper office all 1093 documents that are required to be filed in connection with the 1094 merger or consolidation by the laws of that state or by that 1095 chapter.
- (D) Upon the filing of a certificate of merger or 1097 consolidation and other filings as described in division (C) of 1098 this section or at any later date that the certificate of merger 1099 or consolidation specifies, the merger or consolidation is 1100 effective.
- (E) The secretary of state shall furnish, upon request and 1102 payment of the fee specified in division (D)(K)(2) of section 1103 111.16 of the Revised Code, the secretary of state's certificate 1104 setting forth: the name and form of entity of each constituent 1105 entity and the states under the laws of which each constituent 1106 entity existed prior to the merger or consolidation; the name and 1107 the form of entity of the surviving or new entity and the state 1108

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under the laws of which the surviving entity exists or the new	1109
entity is to exist; the date of filing of the certificate of	1110
merger or consolidation with the secretary of state; and the	1111
effective date of the merger or consolidation. The certificate of	1112
the secretary of state, or a copy of the certificate of merger or	1113
consolidation certified by the secretary of state, may be filed	1114
for record in the office of the recorder of any county in this	1115
state and, if filed, shall be recorded in the records of deeds for	1116
that county. For that recording, the county recorder shall charge	1117
and collect the same fee as in the case of deeds.	1118
Section 2. That existing sections 111.16, 1775.20, and	1119
1782.433 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.	1120