## PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE

## **SECRETARY OF STATE**

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A REGULATION relating to electronic filing of records; adopting provisions governing the electronic filing of records with the Secretary of State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

- **Section 1.** Chapter 77 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 1. The Secretary of State may develop or approve an electronic process for the electronic filing of records authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 77 of NRS.
- 2. If the Secretary of State has developed or approved an electronic process and the electronic process is in place and available for use in the Office of the Secretary of State:
- (a) A person may use the electronic process to file with the Secretary of State any record authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 77 of NRS; and

- (b) The Secretary of State will accept a record filed with the Secretary of State through the use of the electronic process if the record contains all the information required for filing and is accompanied by the appropriate fee and any applicable penalty.
- 3. The Secretary of State may reject a record filed with the Secretary of State through the use of an electronic process developed or approved by the Secretary of State if:
  - (a) The statutory requirements for filing the record have not been satisfied;
  - (b) The appropriate fee has not been submitted;
  - (c) The information contained in the record has been corrupted in any manner; or
- (d) The record contains a virus or may otherwise compromise the security of the electronic process.
- 4. Failure by the Secretary of State to receive a record filed through the use of an electronic process does not relieve the person who attempted to file the record from any requirement to file the record, pay the appropriate fee or incur an applicable penalty.
  - 5. As used in this section:
- (a) "Electronic filing" means the submission of records to the Secretary of State by an electronic process and the processing of such records by the Secretary of State by an electronic process.
- (b) "Electronic process" means any electronic process for the electronic filing of records authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 77 of NRS.
- **Sec. 2.** Chapter 78 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

- 1. The Secretary of State may develop or approve an electronic process for the electronic filing of records authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 78 of NRS.
- 2. If the Secretary of State has developed or approved an electronic process and the electronic process is in place and available for use in the Office of the Secretary of State:
- (a) A person may use the electronic process to file with the Secretary of State any record authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 78 of NRS; and
- (b) The Secretary of State will accept a record filed with the Secretary of State through the use of the electronic process if the record contains all the information required for filing and is accompanied by the appropriate fee and any applicable penalty.
- 3. The Secretary of State may reject a record filed with the Secretary of State through the use of an electronic process developed or approved by the Secretary of State if:
  - (a) The statutory requirements for filing the record have not been satisfied;
  - (b) The appropriate fee has not been submitted;
  - (c) The information contained in the record has been corrupted in any manner; or
- (d) The record contains a virus or may otherwise compromise the security of the electronic process.
- 4. Failure by the Secretary of State to receive a record filed through the use of an electronic process does not relieve the person who attempted to file the record from any requirement to file the record, pay the appropriate fee or incur an applicable penalty.
  - 5. As used in this section:

- (a) "Electronic filing" means the submission of records to the Secretary of State by an electronic process and the processing of such records by the Secretary of State by an electronic process.
- (b) "Electronic process" means any electronic process for the electronic filing of records authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 78 of NRS.
- **Sec. 3.** Chapter 78A of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 1. The Secretary of State may develop or approve an electronic process for the electronic filing of records authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 78A of NRS.
- 2. If the Secretary of State has developed or approved an electronic process and the electronic process is in place and available for use in the Office of the Secretary of State:
- (a) A person may use the electronic process to file with the Secretary of State any record authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 78A of NRS; and
- (b) The Secretary of State will accept a record filed with the Secretary of State through the use of the electronic process if the record contains all the information required for filing and is accompanied by the appropriate fee and any applicable penalty.
- 3. The Secretary of State may reject a record filed with the Secretary of State through the use of an electronic process developed or approved by the Secretary of State if:
  - (a) The statutory requirements for filing the record have not been satisfied;
  - (b) The appropriate fee has not been submitted;
  - (c) The information contained in the record has been corrupted in any manner; or

- (d) The record contains a virus or may otherwise compromise the security of the electronic process.
- 4. Failure by the Secretary of State to receive a record filed through the use of an electronic process does not relieve the person who attempted to file the record from any requirement to file the record, pay the appropriate fee or incur an applicable penalty.
  - 5. As used in this section:
- (a) "Electronic filing" means the submission of records to the Secretary of State by an electronic process and the processing of such records by the Secretary of State by an electronic process.
- (b) "Electronic process" means any electronic process for the electronic filing of records authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 78A of NRS.
- **Sec. 4.** Chapter 80 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 1. The Secretary of State may develop or approve an electronic process for the electronic filing of records authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 80 of NRS.
- 2. If the Secretary of State has developed or approved an electronic process and the electronic process is in place and available for use in the Office of the Secretary of State:
- (a) A person may use the electronic process to file with the Secretary of State any record authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 80 of NRS; and

- (b) The Secretary of State will accept a record filed with the Secretary of State through the use of the electronic process if the record contains all the information required for filing and is accompanied by the appropriate fee and any applicable penalty.
- 3. The Secretary of State may reject a record filed with the Secretary of State through the use of an electronic process developed or approved by the Secretary of State if:
  - (a) The statutory requirements for filing the record have not been satisfied;
  - (b) The appropriate fee has not been submitted;
  - (c) The information contained in the record has been corrupted in any manner; or
- (d) The record contains a virus or may otherwise compromise the security of the electronic process.
- 4. Failure by the Secretary of State to receive a record filed through the use of an electronic process does not relieve the person who attempted to file the record from any requirement to file the record, pay the appropriate fee or incur an applicable penalty.
  - 5. As used in this section:
- (a) "Electronic filing" means the submission of records to the Secretary of State by an electronic process and the processing of such records by the Secretary of State by an electronic process.
- (b) "Electronic process" means any electronic process for the electronic filing of records authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 80 of NRS.
- **Sec. 5.** Chapter 81 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

- 1. The Secretary of State may develop or approve an electronic process for the electronic filing of records authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 81 of NRS.
- 2. If the Secretary of State has developed or approved an electronic process and the electronic process is in place and available for use in the Office of the Secretary of State:
- (a) A person may use the electronic process to file with the Secretary of State any record authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 81 of NRS; and
- (b) The Secretary of State will accept a record filed with the Secretary of State through the use of the electronic process if the record contains all the information required for filing and is accompanied by the appropriate fee and any applicable penalty.
- 3. The Secretary of State may reject a record filed with the Secretary of State through the use of an electronic process developed or approved by the Secretary of State if:
  - (a) The statutory requirements for filing the record have not been satisfied;
  - (b) The appropriate fee has not been submitted;
  - (c) The information contained in the record has been corrupted in any manner; or
- (d) The record contains a virus or may otherwise compromise the security of the electronic process.
- 4. Failure by the Secretary of State to receive a record filed through the use of an electronic process does not relieve the person who attempted to file the record from any requirement to file the record, pay the appropriate fee or incur an applicable penalty.
  - 5. As used in this section:

- (a) "Electronic filing" means the submission of records to the Secretary of State by an electronic process and the processing of such records by the Secretary of State by an electronic process.
- (b) "Electronic process" means any electronic process for the electronic filing of records authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 81 of NRS.
- **Sec. 6.** Chapter 82 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 1. The Secretary of State may develop or approve an electronic process for the electronic filing of records authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 82 of NRS.
- 2. If the Secretary of State has developed or approved an electronic process and the electronic process is in place and available for use in the Office of the Secretary of State:
- (a) A person may use the electronic process to file with the Secretary of State any record authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 82 of NRS; and
- (b) The Secretary of State will accept a record filed with the Secretary of State through the use of the electronic process if the record contains all the information required for filing and is accompanied by the appropriate fee and any applicable penalty.
- 3. The Secretary of State may reject a record filed with the Secretary of State through the use of an electronic process developed or approved by the Secretary of State if:
  - (a) The statutory requirements for filing the record have not been satisfied;
  - (b) The appropriate fee has not been submitted;
  - (c) The information contained in the record has been corrupted in any manner; or

- (d) The record contains a virus or may otherwise compromise the security of the electronic process.
- 4. Failure by the Secretary of State to receive a record filed through the use of an electronic process does not relieve the person who attempted to file the record from any requirement to file the record, pay the appropriate fee or incur an applicable penalty.
  - 5. As used in this section:
- (a) "Electronic filing" means the submission of records to the Secretary of State by an electronic process and the processing of such records by the Secretary of State by an electronic process.
- (b) "Electronic process" means any electronic process for the electronic filing of records authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 82 of NRS.
- **Sec. 7.** Chapter 84 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 1. The Secretary of State may develop or approve an electronic process for the electronic filing of records authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 84 of NRS.
- 2. If the Secretary of State has developed or approved an electronic process and the electronic process is in place and available for use in the Office of the Secretary of State:
- (a) A person may use the electronic process to file with the Secretary of State any record authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 84 of NRS; and

- (b) The Secretary of State will accept a record filed with the Secretary of State through the use of the electronic process if the record contains all the information required for filing and is accompanied by the appropriate fee and any applicable penalty.
- 3. The Secretary of State may reject a record filed with the Secretary of State through the use of an electronic process developed or approved by the Secretary of State if:
  - (a) The statutory requirements for filing the record have not been satisfied;
  - (b) The appropriate fee has not been submitted;
  - (c) The information contained in the record has been corrupted in any manner; or
- (d) The record contains a virus or may otherwise compromise the security of the electronic process.
- 4. Failure by the Secretary of State to receive a record filed through the use of an electronic process does not relieve the person who attempted to file the record from any requirement to file the record, pay the appropriate fee or incur an applicable penalty.
  - 5. As used in this section:
- (a) "Electronic filing" means the submission of records to the Secretary of State by an electronic process and the processing of such records by the Secretary of State by an electronic process.
- (b) "Electronic process" means any electronic process for the electronic filing of records authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 84 of NRS.
- **Sec. 8.** Chapter 86 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

- 1. The Secretary of State may develop or approve an electronic process for the electronic filing of records authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 86 of NRS.
- 2. If the Secretary of State has developed or approved an electronic process and the electronic process is in place and available for use in the Office of the Secretary of State:
- (a) A person may use the electronic process to file with the Secretary of State any record authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 86 of NRS; and
- (b) The Secretary of State will accept a record filed with the Secretary of State through the use of the electronic process if the record contains all the information required for filing and is accompanied by the appropriate fee and any applicable penalty.
- 3. The Secretary of State may reject a record filed with the Secretary of State through the use of an electronic process developed or approved by the Secretary of State if:
  - (a) The statutory requirements for filing the record have not been satisfied;
  - (b) The appropriate fee has not been submitted;
  - (c) The information contained in the record has been corrupted in any manner; or
- (d) The record contains a virus or may otherwise compromise the security of the electronic process.
- 4. Failure by the Secretary of State to receive a record filed through the use of an electronic process does not relieve the person who attempted to file the record from any requirement to file the record, pay the appropriate fee or incur an applicable penalty.
  - 5. As used in this section:

- (a) "Electronic filing" means the submission of records to the Secretary of State by an electronic process and the processing of such records by the Secretary of State by an electronic process.
- (b) "Electronic process" means any electronic process for the electronic filing of records authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 86 of NRS.
- **Sec. 9.** Chapter 87 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 1. The Secretary of State may develop or approve an electronic process for the electronic filing of records authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 87 of NRS.
- 2. If the Secretary of State has developed or approved an electronic process and the electronic process is in place and available for use in the Office of the Secretary of State:
- (a) A person may use the electronic process to file with the Secretary of State any record authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 87 of NRS; and
- (b) The Secretary of State will accept a record filed with the Secretary of State through the use of the electronic process if the record contains all the information required for filing and is accompanied by the appropriate fee and any applicable penalty.
- 3. The Secretary of State may reject a record filed with the Secretary of State through the use of an electronic process developed or approved by the Secretary of State if:
  - (a) The statutory requirements for filing the record have not been satisfied;
  - (b) The appropriate fee has not been submitted;
  - (c) The information contained in the record has been corrupted in any manner; or

- (d) The record contains a virus or may otherwise compromise the security of the electronic process.
- 4. Failure by the Secretary of State to receive a record filed through the use of an electronic process does not relieve the person who attempted to file the record from any requirement to file the record, pay the appropriate fee or incur an applicable penalty.
  - 5. As used in this section:
- (a) "Electronic filing" means the submission of records to the Secretary of State by an electronic process and the processing of such records by the Secretary of State by an electronic process.
- (b) "Electronic process" means any electronic process for the electronic filing of records authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 87 of NRS.
- **Sec. 10.** Chapter 87A of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 1. The Secretary of State may develop or approve an electronic process for the electronic filing of records authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 87A of NRS.
- 2. If the Secretary of State has developed or approved an electronic process and the electronic process is in place and available for use in the Office of the Secretary of State:
- (a) A person may use the electronic process to file with the Secretary of State any record authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 87A of NRS; and

- (b) The Secretary of State will accept a record filed with the Secretary of State through the use of the electronic process if the record contains all the information required for filing and is accompanied by the appropriate fee and any applicable penalty.
- 3. The Secretary of State may reject a record filed with the Secretary of State through the use of an electronic process developed or approved by the Secretary of State if:
  - (a) The statutory requirements for filing the record have not been satisfied;
  - (b) The appropriate fee has not been submitted;
  - (c) The information contained in the record has been corrupted in any manner; or
- (d) The record contains a virus or may otherwise compromise the security of the electronic process.
- 4. Failure by the Secretary of State to receive a record filed through the use of an electronic process does not relieve the person who attempted to file the record from any requirement to file the record, pay the appropriate fee or incur an applicable penalty.
  - 5. As used in this section:
- (a) "Electronic filing" means the submission of records to the Secretary of State by an electronic process and the processing of such records by the Secretary of State by an electronic process.
- (b) "Electronic process" means any electronic process for the electronic filing of records authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 87A of NRS.
- **Sec. 11.** Chapter 88 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

- 1. The Secretary of State may develop or approve an electronic process for the electronic filing of records authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 88 of NRS.
- 2. If the Secretary of State has developed or approved an electronic process and the electronic process is in place and available for use in the Office of the Secretary of State:
- (a) A person may use the electronic process to file with the Secretary of State any record authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 88 of NRS; and
- (b) The Secretary of State will accept a record filed with the Secretary of State through the use of the electronic process if the record contains all the information required for filing and is accompanied by the appropriate fee and any applicable penalty.
- 3. The Secretary of State may reject a record filed with the Secretary of State through the use of an electronic process developed or approved by the Secretary of State if:
  - (a) The statutory requirements for filing the record have not been satisfied;
  - (b) The appropriate fee has not been submitted;
  - (c) The information contained in the record has been corrupted in any manner; or
- (d) The record contains a virus or may otherwise compromise the security of the electronic process.
- 4. Failure by the Secretary of State to receive a record filed through the use of an electronic process does not relieve the person who attempted to file the record from any requirement to file the record, pay the appropriate fee or incur an applicable penalty.
  - 5. As used in this section:

- (a) "Electronic filing" means the submission of records to the Secretary of State by an electronic process and the processing of such records by the Secretary of State by an electronic process.
- (b) "Electronic process" means any electronic process for the electronic filing of records authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 88 of NRS.
- **Sec. 12.** Chapter 88A of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 1. The Secretary of State may develop or approve an electronic process for the electronic filing of records authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 88A of NRS.
- 2. If the Secretary of State has developed or approved an electronic process and the electronic process is in place and available for use in the Office of the Secretary of State:
- (a) A person may use the electronic process to file with the Secretary of State any record authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 88A of NRS; and
- (b) The Secretary of State will accept a record filed with the Secretary of State through the use of the electronic process if the record contains all the information required for filing and is accompanied by the appropriate fee and any applicable penalty.
- 3. The Secretary of State may reject a record filed with the Secretary of State through the use of an electronic process developed or approved by the Secretary of State if:
  - (a) The statutory requirements for filing the record have not been satisfied;
  - (b) The appropriate fee has not been submitted;
  - (c) The information contained in the record has been corrupted in any manner; or

- (d) The record contains a virus or may otherwise compromise the security of the electronic process.
- 4. Failure by the Secretary of State to receive a record filed through the use of an electronic process does not relieve the person who attempted to file the record from any requirement to file the record, pay the appropriate fee or incur an applicable penalty.
  - 5. As used in this section:
- (a) "Electronic filing" means the submission of records to the Secretary of State by an electronic process and the processing of such records by the Secretary of State by an electronic process.
- (b) "Electronic process" means any electronic process for the electronic filing of records authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 88A of NRS.
- **Sec. 13.** Chapter 89 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 1. The Secretary of State may develop or approve an electronic process for the electronic filing of records authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 89 of NRS.
- 2. If the Secretary of State has developed or approved an electronic process and the electronic process is in place and available for use in the Office of the Secretary of State:
- (a) A person may use the electronic process to file with the Secretary of State any record authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 89 of NRS; and

- (b) The Secretary of State will accept a record filed with the Secretary of State through the use of the electronic process if the record contains all the information required for filing and is accompanied by the appropriate fee and any applicable penalty.
- 3. The Secretary of State may reject a record filed with the Secretary of State through the use of an electronic process developed or approved by the Secretary of State if:
  - (a) The statutory requirements for filing the record have not been satisfied;
  - (b) The appropriate fee has not been submitted;
  - (c) The information contained in the record has been corrupted in any manner; or
- (d) The record contains a virus or may otherwise compromise the security of the electronic process.
- 4. Failure by the Secretary of State to receive a record filed through the use of an electronic process does not relieve the person who attempted to file the record from any requirement to file the record, pay the appropriate fee or incur an applicable penalty.
  - 5. As used in this section:
- (a) "Electronic filing" means the submission of records to the Secretary of State by an electronic process and the processing of such records by the Secretary of State by an electronic process.
- (b) "Electronic process" means any electronic process for the electronic filing of records authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 89 of NRS.
- **Sec. 14.** Chapter 92A of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

- 1. The Secretary of State may develop or approve an electronic process for the electronic filing of records authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 92A of NRS.
- 2. If the Secretary of State has developed or approved an electronic process and the electronic process is in place and available for use in the Office of the Secretary of State:
- (a) A person may use the electronic process to file with the Secretary of State any record authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 92A of NRS; and
- (b) The Secretary of State will accept a record filed with the Secretary of State through the use of the electronic process if the record contains all the information required for filing and is accompanied by the appropriate fee and any applicable penalty.
- 3. The Secretary of State may reject a record filed with the Secretary of State through the use of an electronic process developed or approved by the Secretary of State if:
  - (a) The statutory requirements for filing the record have not been satisfied;
  - (b) The appropriate fee has not been submitted;
  - (c) The information contained in the record has been corrupted in any manner; or
- (d) The record contains a virus or may otherwise compromise the security of the electronic process.
- 4. Failure by the Secretary of State to receive a record filed through the use of an electronic process does not relieve the person who attempted to file the record from any requirement to file the record, pay the appropriate fee or incur an applicable penalty.
  - 5. As used in this section:

- (a) "Electronic filing" means the submission of records to the Secretary of State by an electronic process and the processing of such records by the Secretary of State by an electronic process.
- (b) "Electronic process" means any electronic process for the electronic filing of records authorized or required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 92A of NRS.