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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1	AN ACT
2	relating to ratification of defective corporate acts of nonprofit
3	corporations; authorizing a fee.
4	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
5	SECTION 1. Chapter 22, Business Organizations Code, is
6	amended by adding Subchapter J to read as follows:
7	SUBCHAPTER J. RATIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTS;
8	PROCEEDINGS
9	Sec. 22.501. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:
10	(1) "Corporate statute," with respect to an action or
11	filing, means this code, the former Texas Non-Profit Corporation
12	Act (Article 1396-1.01 et seq., Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), or
13	any predecessor statute of this state that governed the action or
14	the filing.
15	(2) "Defective corporate act" means:
16	(A) an election or appointment of directors that
17	is void or voidable due to a failure of authorization; or
18	(B) any act or transaction purportedly taken by
19	or on behalf of the corporation that is, and at the time the act or
20	transaction was purportedly taken would have been, within the power
21	of a corporation to take under the corporate statute, but is void or
22	voidable due to a failure of authorization.
23	(3) "District court" means a district court in:
24	(A) the county in which the corporation's

1	principal office in this state is located; or
2	(B) the county in which the corporation's
3	registered office in this state is located, if the corporation does
4	not have a principal office in this state.
5	(4) "Failure of authorization" means:
6	(A) the failure to authorize or effect an act or
7	transaction in compliance with the provisions of the corporate
8	statute, the governing documents of the corporation, a corporate
9	resolution, or any plan or agreement to which the corporation is a
10	party, if and to the extent the failure would render the act or
11	transaction void or voidable; or
12	(B) the failure of the board of directors or an
13	officer of the corporation to authorize or approve an act or
14	transaction taken by or on behalf of the corporation that required
15	the prior authorization or approval of the board of directors or the
16	officer.
17	(5) "Time of the defective corporate act" means the
18	date and time the defective corporate act was purported to have been
19	taken or the approximate date and time, if the exact date is
20	unknown.
21	(6) "Validation effective time" or "effective time of
22	the validation," with respect to any defective corporate act
23	ratified under this subchapter, means the latest of:
24	(A) the time at which the defective corporate act
25	submitted to the members for approval under Section 22.505 is
26	approved by the members or, if the corporation has no members or
27	has no members with voting rights or if no member approval is

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27 (4) that the board of directors approves the	26	respect to each defective corporate act to be ratified; and
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1	ratification of the defective corporate act or acts.
2	(b) If the corporation has members with voting rights, a
3	resolution may also state that, notwithstanding member approval of
4	the ratification of a defective corporate act that is a subject of
5	the resolution, the board of directors may, with respect to the
6	defective corporate act, abandon the ratification of the defective
7	corporate act at any time before the validation effective time
8	without further member action.
9	(c) If the management of the affairs of the corporation is
10	vested in its members under Section 22.202, the members of the
11	corporation shall adopt resolutions stating:
12	(1) the defective corporate act or acts to be
13	<pre>ratified;</pre>
14	(2) the date of each defective corporate act;
15	(3) the nature of the failure of authorization with
16	respect to each corporate act to be ratified; and
17	(4) that the members approve the ratification of the
18	defective corporate act or acts.
19	Sec. 22.504. QUORUM AND VOTING REQUIREMENTS FOR ADOPTION OF
20	RESOLUTIONS. (a) The quorum and voting requirements applicable to
21	the adoption of the resolutions to ratify a defective corporate act
22	under Section 22.503 are the same as the quorum and voting
23	requirements applicable at the time of the adoption of the
24	resolutions for the type of defective corporate act proposed to be
25	ratified.
26	(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a) and except as provided
27	by Subsection (c), if in order for a quorum to be present or to

1 approve the defective corporate act, the presence or approval of a 2 larger number or portion of the governing authority would have been 3 required by the governing documents of the corporation, any plan or 4 agreement to which the corporation was a party, or any provision of 5 the corporate statute, each as in effect at the time of the defective corporate act, then the presence or approval of the 6 7 larger number or portion of such governing authority must be 8 required for a quorum to be present or to adopt the resolutions to ratify the defective corporate act, as applicable. 9

10 (c) If the corporation has members with voting rights or if 11 the corporation had members with voting rights at the time of the 12 taking of the defective corporate act, the presence or approval of 13 any director elected, appointed, or nominated by a class of members 14 that no longer exists, or by any person that is no longer a member, 15 shall not be required for a quorum to be present or to adopt the 16 resolutions.

17 Sec. 22.505. APPROVAL OF RATIFIED DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACT BY MEMBERS WITH VOTING RIGHTS REQUIRED; EXCEPTION. 18 If the corporation has members with voting rights, each defective 19 corporate act ratified under Section 22.503(a) must be submitted to 20 such members of the corporation for approval as provided by 21 Sections 22.506 and 22.507, unless no other provision of the 22 corporate statute, no provision of the corporation's governing 23 24 documents, and no provision of any plan or agreement to which the 25 corporation is a party would have required approval by such members 26 of:

(1) the defective corporate act to be ratified at the

time of that defective corporate act; or 1 2 (2) the type of defective corporate act to be ratified 3 at the time the board of directors adopts the resolutions ratifying that defective corporate act under Section 22.503. 4 5 Sec. 22.506. NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR RATIFIED DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACT SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL OF MEMBERS WITH VOTING RIGHTS. 6 7 (a) If a corporation has members with voting rights and if the ratification of a defective corporate act is required to be 8 submitted to such members for approval under Section 22.505, notice 9 of the time, place, if any, and purpose of the meeting shall be 10 given at least 20 days before the date of the meeting to: 11 12 (1) each member with voting rights as of the record date of the meeting, at the address of the member as it appears or 13 14 most recently appeared, as appropriate, on the corporation's 15 records; and 16 (2) each member with voting rights as of the time of 17 the defective corporate act, except that notice is not required to be given to a member whose identity or address cannot be ascertained 18 19 from the corporation's records. (b) The notice must contain: 20 21 (1) copies of the resolutions adopted by the board of directors under Section 22.503 or the information required by 22 Sections 22.503(a)(1)-(4); and 23 24 (2) a statement that, on member approval of the ratification of the defective corporate act made in accordance with 25 26 this subchapter, the member's right to challenge the defective corporate act is limited to an action claiming that a court of 27

1 appropriate jurisdiction, in its discretion, should declare: 2 (A) that the ratification not take effect or that 3 it take effect only on certain conditions, if that action is filed with the court not later than the 120th day after the applicable 4 5 validation effective time; or 6 (B) that the ratification was not accomplished in 7 accordance with this subchapter. 8 Sec. 22.507. QUORUM AND VOTING FOR APPROVAL OF RATIFIED DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACT AT MEETING OF MEMBERS WITH VOTING RIGHTS. 9 If the corporation has members with voting rights, at the 10 (a) meeting of such members, the quorum and voting requirements 11 12 applicable to the approval of the ratification of a defective corporate act under Section 22.505 are the same as the quorum and 13 voting requirements applicable at the time of the approval by the 14 15 members of the ratification for the type of ratified defective corporate act proposed to be approved, except as provided by this 16 17 section. (b) If the presence or approval of a larger number of 18 19 members or of any class of members would have been required for a quorum to be present or to approve the defective corporate act, as 20 applicable, by the corporation's governing documents, any plan or 21 22 agreement to which the corporation was a party, or any provision of

23 <u>the corporate statute, each as in effect at the time of the</u> 24 <u>defective corporate act, then the presence or approval of the</u> 25 <u>larger number of members or of the class of members shall be</u> 26 <u>required for a quorum to be present or to approve the ratification</u> 27 of the defective corporate act, as applicable, except that the

presence or approval of any class that is no longer in existence or has no members, or of any person that is no longer a member with voting rights, is not required.

4 (c) The approval by the members with voting rights of the 5 ratification of the election of a director requires the affirmative vote of the majority of members present at the meeting and entitled 6 7 to vote on the election of the director at the time of the approval, 8 unless the governing documents of the corporation then in effect or in effect at the time of the defective election require or required 9 10 a larger number of members with voting rights or of any class of members with voting rights to elect the director, in which case the 11 12 affirmative vote of the larger number of members or of the class of members is required to ratify the election of the director, except 13 that the presence or approval of any class that is no longer in 14 15 existence or has no members, or of any person that is no longer a 16 member with voting rights, is not required.

17 Sec. 22.508. CERTIFICATE OF VALIDATION. (a) If a defective corporate act ratified under this subchapter would have required 18 19 under any other provision of the corporate statute the filing of a filing instrument or other document with the filing officer, the 20 corporation shall file a certificate of validation with respect to 21 22 the defective corporate act in accordance with Chapter 4, regardless of whether a filing instrument or other document was 23 24 previously filed with respect to the defective corporate act. The filing of another filing instrument or document is not required. 25

26 (b) A separate certificate of validation is required for
 27 each defective corporate act for which a certificate of validation

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1	is required under this section, except that two or more defective
2	corporate acts may be included in a single certificate of
3	validation if the corporation filed, or to comply with the
4	applicable provisions of this code could have filed, a single
5	filing instrument or other document under another provision of this
6	code to effect the acts.
7	(c) The certificate of validation must include:
8	(1) each defective corporate act that is a subject of
9	the certificate of validation, including:
10	(A) the date of the defective corporate act; and
11	(B) the nature of the failure of authorization
12	with respect to the defective corporate act;
13	(2) a statement that each defective corporate act was
14	ratified in accordance with this subchapter, including:
15	(A) the date on which the board of directors
16	ratified each defective corporate act; and
17	(B) if the corporation has members with voting
18	rights, the date, if any, on which the members approved the
19	ratification of each defective corporate act or, if the management
20	of the affairs of the corporation is vested in its members under
21	Section 22.202, the date on which the members ratified each
22	defective corporate act; and
23	(3) as appropriate:
24	(A) if a filing instrument was previously filed
25	with a filing officer under the corporate statute with respect to
26	the defective corporate act and no change to the filing instrument
27	is required to give effect to the defective corporate act as

1	ratified in accordance with this subchapter:
2	(i) the name, title, and filing date of the
3	previously filed filing instrument and of any certificate of
4	correction to the filing instrument; and
5	(ii) a statement that a copy of the
6	previously filed filing instrument, together with any certificate
7	of correction to the filing instrument, is attached as an exhibit to
8	the certificate of validation;
9	(B) if a filing instrument was previously filed
10	with a filing officer under the corporate statute with respect to
11	the defective corporate act and the filing instrument requires any
12	change to give effect to the defective corporate act as ratified in
13	accordance with this subchapter, including a change to the date and
14	time of the effectiveness of the filing instrument:
15	(i) the name, title, and filing date of the
16	previously filed filing instrument and of any certificate of
17	correction to the filing instrument;
18	(ii) a statement that a filing instrument
19	containing all the information required to be included under the
20	applicable provisions of this code to give effect to the ratified
21	defective corporate act is attached as an exhibit to the
22	certificate of validation; and
23	(iii) the date and time that the attached
24	filing instrument is considered to have become effective under this
25	subchapter; or
26	(C) if a filing instrument was not previously
27	filed with a filing officer under the corporate statute with

1	respect to the defective corporate act and the defective corporate
2	act as ratified under this subchapter would have required under the
3	other applicable provisions of this code the filing of a filing
4	instrument in accordance with Chapter 4, if the defective corporate
5	act had occurred when this code was in effect:
6	(i) a statement that a filing instrument
7	containing all the information required to be included under the
8	applicable provisions of this code to give effect to the defective
9	corporate act, as if the defective corporate act had occurred when
10	this code was in effect, is attached as an exhibit to the
11	certificate of validation; and
12	(ii) the date and time that the attached
13	filing instrument is considered to have become effective under this
14	subchapter.
15	(d) A filing instrument attached to a certificate of
16	validation under Subsection (c)(3)(B) or (C) does not need to be
17	executed separately and does not need to include any statement
18	required by any other provision of this code that the instrument has
19	been approved and adopted in accordance with that provision.
20	Sec. 22.509. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS; EFFECT ON DEFECTIVE
21	CORPORATE ACT. On or after the validation effective time, unless
22	determined otherwise in an action brought under Section 22.512,
23	each defective corporate act ratified in accordance with this
24	subchapter may not be considered void or voidable as a result of the
25	failure of authorization described by the resolutions adopted under
26	Sections 22.503 and 22.504, and the effect shall be retroactive to
27	the time of the defective corporate act.

C.S.H.B. No. 3606 1 Sec. 22.510. NOTICE TO MEMBERS FOLLOWING RATIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACT. (a) If the management of the affairs of 2 a corporation is vested in its members under Section 22.202 or if a 3 corporation has members with voting rights, for each defective 4 5 corporate act ratified by the governing authority under Sections 22.503 and 22.504, notice of the ratification shall be given 6 7 promptly to: 8 (1) each member having voting rights as of the date the governing authority adopted the resolutions ratifying the 9 10 defective corporate act; or (2) each member having voting rights as of a date not 11 12 later than the 60th day after the date of adoption, as established 13 by the governing authority. 14 (b) Notice under this section shall be sent to the address 15 of a member described by Subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2) as the address appears or most recently appeared, as appropriate, on the records 16 17 of the corporation. (c) Notice under this section shall also be given to each 18 19 member having voting rights as of the time of the defective corporate act, except that notice is not required to be given to a 20 21 member whose identity or address cannot be ascertained from the 22 corporation's records. (d) The notice must contain: 23 24 (1) copies of the resolutions adopted by the governing authority under Section 22.503 or the information required by 25 26 Section 22.503(a)(1)-(4) or 22.503(c)(1)-(4), as applicable; and (2) a statement that, on ratification of the defective 27

C.S.H.B. No. 3606 1 corporate act made in accordance with this subchapter, the member's 2 right to challenge the defective corporate act is limited to an action claiming that a court of appropriate jurisdiction, in its 3 discretion, should declare: 4 5 (A) that the ratification not take effect or that it take effect only on certain conditions, if the action is filed 6 7 not later than the 120th day after the later of the applicable 8 validation effective time or the time at which the notice required by this section is given; or 9 10 (B) that the ratification was not accomplished in accordance with this subchapter. 11 12 (e) Notwithstanding Subsections (a)-(d), notice is not 13 required to be given under this section to a person if notice of the ratification of the defective corporate act is given to that person 14 in accordance with Section 22.506. 15 (f) For purposes of Sections 22.505, 22.506, and 22.507 and 16 this section, notice to members with voting rights as of the time of 17 the defective corporate act shall be treated as notice to such 18 19 members for purposes of Sections 6.051, 6.052, 6.053, 6.201, 6.202, 6.203, 6.204, 6.205, and 22.156. 20 21 (g) If the ratification of a defective corporate act has 22 been approved by the members acting under Section 6.202, the notice required by this section may be included in any notice required to 23 24 be given under Section 6.202(d) and, if included: 25 (1) shall be sent to the members entitled to the notice 26 under Section 6.202(d) and all other members otherwise entitled to 27 the notice under Subsection (a); and

1 (2) is not required to be sent to members who signed a 2 consent described by Section 6.202(b). 3 Sec. 22.511. RATIFICATION PROCEDURES OR COURT PROCEEDINGS CONCERNING VALIDATION NOT EXCLUSIVE. (a) Ratification of an act or 4 5 transaction under this subchapter or validation of an act or transaction as provided by Sections 22.512 through 22.515 is not 6 7 the exclusive means of ratifying or validating any act or 8 transaction taken by or on behalf of the corporation, including any defective corporate act, or of adopting or endorsing any act or 9 10 transaction taken by or in the name of the corporation before the 11 corporation exists. (b) The absence or failure of ratification of an act or 12 transaction in accordance with this subchapter or of validation of 13 14 an act or transaction as provided by Sections 22.512 through 22.515 15 does not, of itself, affect the validity or effectiveness of any act or transaction properly ratified under common law or otherwise, nor 16 17 does it create a presumption that any such act or transaction is or was a defective corporate act. 18 19 Sec. 22.512. PROCEEDING REGARDING VALIDITY OF DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTS. (a) The following may bring an action under this 20 21 section: 22 (1) the corporation; 23 (2) any successor entity to the corporation; 24 (3) any member of the corporation's board of directors or other person having fiduciary responsibility in relation to the 25 26 actions of the corporation; (4) any member with voting rights; or 27

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1	(5) any record member with voting rights as of the time
2	a defective corporate act was ratified in accordance with this
3	subchapter.
4	(b) Subject to Section 22.515, the district court, on
5	application by a person described by Subsection (a), may:
6	(1) determine the validity and effectiveness of any
7	defective corporate act ratified in accordance with this
8	subchapter;
9	(2) determine the validity and effectiveness of the
10	ratification of any defective corporate act in accordance with this
11	subchapter;
12	(3) determine the validity and effectiveness of:
13	(A) any defective corporate act not ratified
14	under this subchapter; or
15	(B) any defective corporate act not ratified
16	effectively under this subchapter;
17	(4) determine the validity of any corporate act or
18	transaction; and
19	(5) modify or waive any of the procedures set forth in
20	Sections 22.501 through 22.511 to ratify a defective corporate act.
21	(c) In connection with an action brought under this section,
22	the district court may:
23	(1) declare that a ratification in accordance with and
24	pursuant to this subchapter is not effective or that the
25	ratification is effective only at a time or on conditions as
26	specified by the district court;
27	(2) validate and declare effective any defective

1	corporate act and impose conditions on such a validation;
2	(3) require measures to remedy or avoid harm to any
3	person substantially and adversely affected by a ratification under
4	this subchapter or from any order of the district court pursuant to
5	this section, excluding any harm that would have resulted had the
6	defective corporate act been valid when approved or effectuated;
7	(4) order the filing officer to accept for filing an
8	instrument with an effective date and time as specified by the
9	court, which may be before or subsequent to the time of the order;
10	(5) if the corporation has members with voting rights,
11	order that a meeting of such members be held and determine the right
12	and power of persons to vote at the meeting;
13	(6) declare that a defective corporate act validated
14	by the court is effective as of the time of the defective corporate
15	act or at such other time as determined by the court; and
16	(7) make any other order regarding such matters as the
17	court considers appropriate under the circumstances.
18	(d) In connection with the resolution of matters under
19	Subsections (b) and (c), the district court may consider:
20	(1) whether the defective corporate act was originally
21	approved or effectuated with the belief that the approval or
22	effectuation was in compliance with the provisions of the corporate
23	statute or the governing documents of the corporation;
24	(2) whether the corporation and the corporation's
25	board of directors have treated the defective corporate act as a
26	valid act or transaction and whether any person has acted in
27	reliance on the public record that the defective corporate act was

1	valid;
2	(3) whether any person will be or was harmed by the
3	ratification or validation of the defective corporate act,
4	excluding any harm that would have resulted had the defective
5	corporate act been valid when it was approved or took effect;
6	(4) whether any person will be harmed by the failure to
7	ratify or validate the defective corporate act; and
8	(5) any other factors or considerations the district
9	court considers just and equitable.
10	Sec. 22.513. EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION. The district court
11	has exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine any action brought
12	under Section 22.512.
13	Sec. 22.514. SERVICE. (a) Service of an application filed
14	under Section 22.512 on the registered agent of a corporation or in
15	any other manner permitted by applicable law is considered to be
16	service on the corporation, and no other party need be joined in
17	order for the district court to adjudicate the matter.
18	(b) If an action is brought by a corporation under Section
19	22.512, the district court may require that notice of the action be
20	provided to other persons identified by the court and permit those
21	other persons to intervene in the action.
22	Sec. 22.515. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS. (a) This section does
23	not apply to:
24	(1) an action asserting that a ratification was not
25	accomplished in accordance with this subchapter; or
26	(2) any person to whom notice of the ratification was
27	not given as required by Sections 22.506 and 22.510.

1	(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter:
2	(1) an action claiming that a defective corporate act
3	is void or voidable due to a failure of authorization identified in
4	the resolutions adopted in accordance with Section 22.503 may not
5	be filed in or must be dismissed by any court after the applicable
6	validation effective time; and
7	(2) an action claiming that a court of appropriate
8	jurisdiction, in its discretion, should declare that a ratification
9	in accordance with this subchapter not take effect or that the
10	ratification take effect only on certain conditions may not be
11	filed with the court after the expiration of the 120th day after the
12	later of the validation effective time or the time that any notice
13	required to be given under Section 22.510 is given with respect to
14	the ratification.
15	(c) Except as otherwise provided by a corporation's
16	governing documents, for purposes of this section, notice under
17	Section 22.510 that is:
18	(1) mailed is considered to be given on the date the
19	notice is deposited in the United States mail with postage paid in
20	an envelope addressed to the member at the member's address
21	appearing or most recently appearing, as appropriate, in the
22	records of the corporation; and
23	(2) transmitted by facsimile or electronic message is
24	considered to be given when the facsimile or electronic message is
25	transmitted to a facsimile number or an electronic message address
26	provided by the member, or to which the member consents, for the
27	purpose of receiving notice.

Sec. 22.516. NOTICE TO ATTORNEY GENERAL. (a) In this section, "charitable entity" has the meaning assigned by Section 123.001, Property Code.

4 (b) An action brought under Section 22.512 that involves a
5 charitable entity is considered a "proceeding involving a
6 charitable trust" to which Chapter 123, Property Code, applies.

7 SECTION 2. Section 4.153, Business Organizations Code, is8 amended to read as follows:

9 Sec. 4.153. FILING FEES: NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS. For a 10 filing by or for a nonprofit corporation, the secretary of state 11 shall impose the following fees:

12 (1) for filing a certificate of formation, \$25;

(2) for filing a certificate of amendment, \$25;

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14 (3) for filing a certificate of merger, conversion, or 15 consolidation, without regard to whether the surviving or new 16 corporation is a domestic or foreign corporation, \$50;

17 (4) for filing a statement of change of a registered
18 office, registered agent, or both, \$5;

19 (5) for filing a certificate of termination, \$5;
20 (6) for filing an application of a foreign corporation
21 for registration to conduct affairs in this state, \$25;

(7) for filing an application of a foreign corporation
for an amended registration to conduct affairs in this state, \$25;

24 (8) for filing a certificate of withdrawal of a
25 foreign corporation, \$5;

26 (9) for filing a restated certificate of formation and
27 accompanying statement, \$50;

1 (10) for filing a statement of change of name or 2 address of a registered agent, \$15, except that the maximum fee for 3 simultaneous filings by a registered agent for more than one 4 corporation may not exceed \$250;

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(11) for filing a report under Chapter 22, \$5;

6 (12) for filing a report under Chapter 22 to reinstate 7 a corporation's right to conduct affairs in this state, \$5, plus a 8 late fee in the amount of \$5 or in the amount of \$1 for each month or 9 part of a month that the report remains unfiled, whichever amount is 10 greater, except that the late fee may not exceed \$25;

(13) for filing a report under Chapter 22 to reinstate a corporation or registration following involuntary termination or revocation, \$25; [and]

14 (14) for filing a certificate of validation, \$5, plus 15 the filing fee imposed for filing each new filing instrument that is 16 attached as an exhibit to the certificate of validation under 17 Section 22.508(c)(3)(C); and

18 <u>(15)</u> for filing any instrument of a domestic or 19 foreign corporation as provided by this code for which this section 20 does not expressly provide a fee, \$5.

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SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.