

Governor's Budget Recommendation Conforming Bill  
Corporate Registry Filings

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act related to corporate registry filings; amending s.  
3 15.16, F.S.; authorizing the Department of State to require  
4 supplemental materials and identity verification prior to filing  
5 a document with the department; providing an effective date.  
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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9 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 15.16, Florida  
10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11 15.16 Reproduction of records; admissibility in evidence;  
12 electronic receipt and transmission of records; certification;  
13 acknowledgment.—

14 (3) The Department of State may cause to be received  
15 electronically any records that are required to be filed with it  
16 pursuant to chapter 55, chapter 117, chapter 118, chapter 495,  
17 chapter 605, chapter 606, chapter 607, chapter 610, chapter 617,  
18 chapter 620, chapter 621, chapter 679, chapter 713, or chapter  
19 865, through facsimile or other electronic transfers, for the  
20 purpose of filing such records. The originals of all such  
21 electronically transmitted records must be executed in the  
22 manner provided in paragraph (5) (b). The receipt of such  
23 electronic transfer constitutes delivery to the department as  
24 required by law. The department may use electronic transmissions  
25 for purposes of notice in the administration of chapters 55,  
26 117, 118, 495, 605, 606, 607, 610, 617, 620, 621, 679, and 713  
27 and s. 865.09. The Department of State may collect e-mail  
28 addresses for purposes of notice and communication in the  
29 performance of its duties and may require filers and registrants

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30 to furnish such e-mail addresses when presenting documents for  
31 filing. For any electronic filing provided for in this  
32 subsection the Department may require supplemental materials,  
33 including an original signature of the filer and verification of  
34 credentials. The Department may require verification of the  
35 identity of the submitting individual prior to filing a document  
36 with the Department.

37 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.