



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB5526

Introduced 2/13/2026, by Rep. Brandun Schweizer

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

805 ILCS 5/15.35

from Ch. 32, par. 15.35

Amends the Business Corporation Act of 1983. Provides that, on or after January 1, 2027 and prior to January 1, 2028, the first \$100,000 in liability is exempt from the franchise tax payable by domestic corporations. Provides that, in the case of a domestic corporation, no payment is required for a franchise tax that would have been due and payable on or after January 1, 2028. Repeals the provision concerning franchise taxes payable by domestic corporations on January 1, 2028. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning business.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Business Corporation Act of 1983 is amended
5 by changing Section 15.35 as follows:

6 (805 ILCS 5/15.35) (from Ch. 32, par. 15.35)

7 (Text of Section from P.A. 102-16, 103-8, and 103-592)

8 Sec. 15.35. Franchise taxes payable by domestic
9 corporations. For the privilege of exercising its franchises
10 in this State, each domestic corporation shall pay to the
11 Secretary of State the following franchise taxes, computed on
12 the basis, at the rates and for the periods prescribed in this
13 Act:

14 (a) An initial franchise tax at the time of filing its
15 first report of issuance of shares.

16 (b) An additional franchise tax at the time of filing
17 (1) a report of the issuance of additional shares, or (2) a
18 report of an increase in paid-in capital without the
19 issuance of shares, or (3) an amendment to the articles of
20 incorporation or a report of cumulative changes in paid-in
21 capital, whenever any amendment or such report discloses
22 an increase in its paid-in capital over the amount thereof
23 last reported in any document, other than an annual

1 report, interim annual report or final transition annual
2 report required by this Act to be filed in the office of
3 the Secretary of State.

4 (c) An additional franchise tax at the time of filing
5 a report of paid-in capital following a statutory merger
6 or consolidation, which discloses that the paid-in capital
7 of the surviving or new corporation immediately after the
8 merger or consolidation is greater than the sum of the
9 paid-in capital of all of the merged or consolidated
10 corporations as last reported by them in any documents,
11 other than annual reports, required by this Act to be
12 filed in the office of the Secretary of State; and in
13 addition, the surviving or new corporation shall be liable
14 for a further additional franchise tax on the paid-in
15 capital of each of the merged or consolidated corporations
16 as last reported by them in any document, other than an
17 annual report, required by this Act to be filed with the
18 Secretary of State from their taxable year end to the next
19 succeeding anniversary month or, in the case of a
20 corporation which has established an extended filing
21 month, the extended filing month of the surviving or new
22 corporation; however if the taxable year ends within the
23 2-month period immediately preceding the anniversary month
24 or, in the case of a corporation which has established an
25 extended filing month, the extended filing month of the
26 surviving or new corporation the tax will be computed to

1 the anniversary month or, in the case of a corporation
2 which has established an extended filing month, the
3 extended filing month of the surviving or new corporation
4 in the next succeeding calendar year.

5 (d) An annual franchise tax payable each year with the
6 annual report which the corporation is required by this
7 Act to file.

8 On or after January 1, 2020 and prior to January 1, 2021,
9 the first \$30 in liability is exempt from the tax imposed under
10 this Section. On or after January 1, 2021, and prior to January
11 1, 2024, the first \$1,000 in liability is exempt from the tax
12 imposed under this Section. On or after January 1, 2024, and
13 before January 1, 2025, the first \$5,000 in liability is
14 exempt from the tax imposed under this Section. On and after
15 January 1, 2025 and before January 1, 2027, the first \$10,000
16 in liability is exempt from the tax imposed under this
17 Section. On or after January 1, 2027 and before January 1,
18 2028, the first \$100,000 in liability is exempt from the tax
19 imposed under this Section. The provisions of this Section
20 shall not require the payment of any franchise tax that would
21 otherwise have been due and payable on or after January 1,
22 2028. There shall be no refunds or proration of franchise tax
23 for any taxes due and payable on or after January 1, 2028 on
24 the basis that a portion of the corporation's taxable year
25 extends beyond January 1, 2028.

26 This Section is repealed on January 1, 2029.

1 (Source: P.A. 102-16, eff. 6-17-21; 103-8, eff. 6-7-23;
2 103-592, eff. 6-7-24.)

3 (Text of Section from P.A. 102-282, 102-558, 103-8, and
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22 (Source: P.A. 102-282, eff. 1-1-22; 102-558, eff. 8-20-21;
23 103-8, eff. 6-7-23; 103-592, eff. 6-7-24.)

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
25 becoming law.