

## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2021 and 2022 HB0237

Introduced 1/29/2021, by Rep. Margaret Croke

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Amends the Condominium Property Act. Provides that to sell a condominium property, there shall be the following percentage of affirmative votes of the unit owners: 75% for a property with 4 to 6 units (rather than 4 or more units); or 85% for a property with 7 or more units. Provides that an association that has agreed to sell the property shall inform the unit owners that the association may choose outside counsel to represent its interests during the sale process. Provides that it is a violation for a person, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity entitled to transact business on behalf of others, acting on behalf of one seeking to communicate with a unit owner for the purpose of purchasing his or her property once the unit owner has affirmatively requested that such a communication not be made. Provides that the bylaws shall provide that: matters subject to the affirmative vote of not less than 2/3 of the votes of unit owners shall require an independent audit of the votes; and unless a lesser percentage of ownership is provided for in the bylaws, no person, heir assign, family member, affiliate, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity entitled to transact business on behalf of others may own more than 10% of the units for a property containing 30 or more units, more than 15% of the units for a property containing 20 to 29 units, more than 20% for a property containing 5 to 19 units, and no more than a single unit for a property containing fewer than 5 units. Provides that it is a power and duty of the board of managers to: reject any arrangement that establishes an agreement for a buyer to purchase a property; and refrain from investigating an offer to purchase a property without first receiving authorization from the association through an affirmative vote of not less than 75% of unit owners based on the percentage of ownership. Provides that every officer and member of the board who violates, participates in, or permits any of the officers, agents, or assigns of the board to breach his or her fiduciary duty shall be held liable in his or her personal or individual capacity. Makes other changes. Makes a corresponding change in the Common Interest Community Association Act.

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1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- 4 Section 5. The Common Interest Community Association Act
- is amended by changing Section 1-30 as follows:
- 6 (765 ILCS 160/1-30)
- 7 Sec. 1-30. Board duties and obligations; records.
- 8 (a) The board shall meet at least 4 times annually.
- 9 (b) A common interest community association may not enter into a contract with a current board member, or with a 10 corporation, limited liability company, or partnership in 11 which a board member or a member of his or her immediate family 12 13 has 25% or more interest, unless notice of intent to enter into 14 the contract is given to members within 20 days after a decision is made to enter into the contract and the members are 15 16 afforded an opportunity by filing a petition, signed by 20% of 17 the membership, for an election to approve or disapprove the contract; such petition shall be filed within 20 days after 18 19 such notice and such election shall be held within 30 days 20 after filing the petition. For purposes of this subsection, a 21 board member's immediate family means the board member's 22 spouse, parents, siblings, and children.
- 23 (c) The bylaws or operating agreement shall provide for

- 1 the maintenance, repair, and replacement of the common areas
- 2 and payments therefor, including the method of approving
- 3 payment vouchers.
- 4 (d) (Blank).

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- 5 (e) The association may engage the services of a manager 6 or management company.
- 7 (f) The association shall have one class of <u>voting</u>
  8 membership unless the declaration, bylaws, or operating
  9 agreement provide otherwise; however, this subsection (f)
  10 shall not be construed to limit the operation of subsection

(c) of Section 1-20 of this Act.

- 12 (g) The board shall have the power, after notice and an 13 opportunity to be heard, to levy and collect reasonable fines 14 from members or unit owners for violations of the declaration, 15 bylaws, operating agreement, and rules and regulations of the 16 common interest community association.
  - (h) Other than attorney's fees and court or arbitration costs, no fees pertaining to the collection of a member's or unit owner's financial obligation to the association, including fees charged by a manager or managing agent, shall be added to and deemed a part of a member's or unit owner's respective share of the common expenses unless: (i) the managing agent fees relate to the costs to collect common expenses for the association; (ii) the fees are set forth in a contract between the managing agent and the association; and (iii) the authority to add the management fees to a member's or

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unit owner's respective share of the common expenses is specifically stated in the declaration, bylaws, or operating agreement of the association.

## (i) Board records.

- (1) The board shall maintain the following records of the association and make them available for examination and copying at convenient hours of weekdays by any member or unit owner in a common interest community subject to the authority of the board, their mortgagees, and their duly authorized agents or attorneys:
  - (i) Copies of the recorded declaration, other community instruments, other duly recorded covenants and bylaws and any amendments, articles incorporation, articles of organization, reports, and any rules and regulations adopted by the board shall be available. Prior to the organization of the board, the developer shall maintain and make available the records set forth in this paragraph (i) for examination and copying.
  - (ii) Detailed and accurate records in chronological order of the receipts and expenditures affecting the common areas, specifying and itemizing the maintenance and repair expenses of the common areas and any other expenses incurred, and copies of all contracts, leases, or other agreements entered into by the board shall be maintained.

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requested.

1	(iii) The minutes of all meetings of the board
2	which shall be maintained for not less than 7 years.
3	(iv) With a written statement of a proper purpose,
4	ballots and proxies related thereto, if any, for any
5	election held for the board and for any other matters
6	voted on by the members, which shall be maintained for
7	not less than one year.
8	(v) With a written statement of a proper purpose,
9	such other records of the board as are available for
10	inspection by members of a not-for-profit corporation
11	pursuant to Section 107.75 of the General Not For
12	Profit Corporation Act of 1986 shall be maintained.
13	(vi) With respect to units owned by a land trust, a
14	living trust, or other legal entity, the trustee,
15	officer, or manager of the entity may designate, in
16	writing, a person to cast votes on behalf of the member
17	or unit owner and a designation shall remain in effect
18	until a subsequent document is filed with the
19	association.
20	(2) Where a request for records under this subsection
21	is made in writing to the board or its agent, failure to
22	provide the requested record or to respond within 30 days
23	shall be deemed a denial by the board.

(3) A reasonable fee may be charged by the board for

the cost of retrieving and copying records properly

- 1 (4) If the board fails to provide records properly
  2 requested under paragraph (1) of this subsection (i)
  3 within the time period provided in that paragraph (1), the
  4 member may seek appropriate relief and shall be entitled
  5 to an award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs if the
  6 member prevails and the court finds that such failure is
  7 due to the acts or omissions of the board of managers or
  8 the board of directors.
- 9 (j) The board shall have standing and capacity to act in a 10 representative capacity in relation to matters involving the 11 common areas or more than one unit, on behalf of the members or 12 unit owners as their interests may appear.
- 13 (Source: P.A. 98-232, eff. 1-1-14; 98-241, eff. 8-9-13;
- 14 98-756, eff. 7-16-14; 99-41, eff. 7-14-15.)
- Section 10. The Condominium Property Act is amended by changing Sections 9, 15, 18, 18.4, and 19 as follows:
- 17 (765 ILCS 605/9) (from Ch. 30, par. 309)
- 18 Sec. 9. Sharing of expenses Lien for nonpayment.
- 19 (a) All common expenses incurred or accrued prior to the 20 first conveyance of a unit shall be paid by the developer, and 21 during this period no common expense assessment shall be 22 payable to the association. It shall be the duty of each unit 23 owner including the developer to pay his proportionate share 24 of the common expenses commencing with the first conveyance.

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- The proportionate share shall be in the same ratio as his percentage of ownership in the common elements set forth in the declaration.
  - (b) The condominium instruments may provide that common expenses for insurance premiums be assessed on a basis reflecting increased charges for coverage on certain units.
    - (c) Budget and reserves.
    - (1) The board of managers shall prepare and distribute to all unit owners a detailed proposed annual budget, setting forth with particularity all anticipated common expenses by category as well as all anticipated assessments and other income. The initial budget and common expense assessment based thereon shall be adopted prior to the conveyance of any unit. The budget shall also set forth each unit owner's proposed common expense assessment.
    - (2) All budgets adopted by a board of managers on or after July 1, 1990 shall provide for reasonable reserves for capital expenditures and deferred maintenance for repair or replacement of the common elements. To determine the amount of reserves appropriate for an association, the board of managers shall take into consideration the following: (i) the repair and replacement cost, and the estimated useful life, of the property which the association is obligated to maintain, including but not limited to structural and mechanical components, surfaces

of the buildings and common elements, and energy systems and equipment; (ii) the current and anticipated return on investment of association funds; (iii) any independent professional reserve study which the association shall may obtain; (iv) the financial impact on unit owners, and the market value of the condominium units, of any assessment increase needed to fund reserves; and (v) the ability of the association to obtain financing or refinancing.

Additionally, to assist the board of managers in determining the appropriate amount of reserves, a reserve study shall be conducted by a qualified independent professional for all properties with 7 or more units. Every 3 years, an updated reserve study shall be prepared using a visual site inspection by a qualified independent professional.

- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection (c), an association without a reserve requirement in its condominium instruments may elect to waive in whole or in part the reserve requirements of this Section by a vote of 2/3 of the total votes of the association. Any association having elected under this paragraph (3) to waive the provisions of subsection (c) may by a vote of 2/3 of the total votes of the association elect to again be governed by the requirements of subsection (c).
- (4) In the event that an association elects to waive all or part of the reserve requirements of this Section,

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that fact must be disclosed after the meeting at which the waiver occurs by the association in the financial statements of the association and, highlighted in bold print, in the response to any request of a prospective purchaser for the information prescribed under Section 22.1; and no member of the board of managers or the managing agent of the association shall be liable, and no cause of action may be brought for damages against these parties, for the lack or inadequacy of reserve funds in the association budget.

(5) At the end of an association's fiscal year and after the association has approved any end-of-year fiscal audit, if applicable, if the fiscal year ended with a surplus of funds over actual expenses, including budgeted reserve fund contributions, then, to the extent that there are not any contrary provisions in the association's declaration and bylaws, the board of managers has the authority, in its discretion, to dispose of the surplus in one or more of the following ways: (i) contribute the surplus to the association's reserve fund; (ii) return the surplus to the unit owners as a credit against the remaining monthly assessments for the current fiscal year; (iii) return the surplus to the unit owners in the form of a direct payment to the unit owners; or (iv) maintain the funds in the operating account, in which case the funds shall be applied as a credit when calculating the

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following year's annual budget. If the fiscal year ends in a deficit, then, to the extent that there are not any contrary provisions in the association's declaration and bylaws, the board of managers has the authority, in its discretion, to address the deficit by incorporating it into the following year's annual budget. If 20% of the unit owners of the association deliver a petition objecting to the action under this paragraph (5) within 30 days after notice to the unit owners of the action, the board of managers shall call a meeting of the unit owners within 30 days of the date of delivery of the petition. At the meeting, the unit owners may vote to select a different option than the option selected by the board of managers. Unless a majority of the total votes of the unit owners are cast at the meeting to reject the board's selection and select a different option, the board's decision is ratified.

- (d) (Blank).
- (e) The condominium instruments may provide for the assessment, in connection with expenditures for the limited common elements, of only those units to which the limited common elements are assigned.
- 23 (f) Payment of any assessment shall be in amounts and at 24 times determined by the board of managers.
- 25 (g) Lien.
- 26 (1) If any unit owner shall fail or refuse to make any

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payment of the common expenses or the amount of any unpaid fine when due, the amount thereof together with any interest, late charges, reasonable attorney fees incurred enforcing the covenants of the condominium instruments, rules and regulations of the board of managers, or any applicable statute or ordinance, and costs of collections shall constitute a lien on the interest of the unit owner in the property prior to all other liens and encumbrances, recorded or unrecorded, except only (a) taxes, special assessments and special taxes theretofore or thereafter levied by any political subdivision municipal or corporation of this State and other State or federal taxes which by law are a lien on the interest of the unit owner prior to preexisting recorded encumbrances thereon and (b) encumbrances on the interest of the unit owner recorded prior to the date of such failure or refusal which by law would be a lien thereon prior to subsequently recorded encumbrances. Any action brought to extinguish the lien of the association shall include the association as a party.

(2) With respect to encumbrances executed prior to August 30, 1984 or encumbrances executed subsequent to August 30, 1984 which are neither bonafide first mortgages nor trust deeds and which encumbrances contain a statement of a mailing address in the State of Illinois where notice may be mailed to the encumbrancer thereunder, if and whenever and as often as the manager or board of managers

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shall send, by United States certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to any such encumbrancer at the mailing address set forth in the recorded encumbrance a statement of the amounts and due dates of the unpaid common expenses with respect to the encumbered unit, then, unless otherwise provided in the declaration or bylaws, the prior recorded encumbrance shall be subject to the lien of all unpaid common expenses with respect to the unit which become due and payable within a period of 90 days after the date of mailing of each such notice.

(3) The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, or a mortgagee who receives title to a unit by deed in lieu of foreclosure or judgment by common strict foreclosure or otherwise takes possession pursuant to court order under the Illinois Mortgage Foreclosure Law, shall have the duty to pay the unit's proportionate share of the common expenses for the unit assessed from and after the first day of the month after the date of the judicial foreclosure sale, delivery of the deed in lieu of foreclosure, entry of a judgment in common law strict foreclosure, or taking of possession pursuant such court order. Such to payment confirms extinguishment of any lien created pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection (g) by virtue of the failure or refusal of a prior unit owner to make payment of common expenses, where the judicial foreclosure sale has been

confirmed by order of the court, a deed in lieu thereof has been accepted by the lender, or a consent judgment has been entered by the court.

- (4) The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title.
- (5) The notice of sale of a condominium unit under subsection (c) of Section 15-1507 of the Code of Civil Procedure shall state that the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g) (1) and (g) (4) of Section 9 of this Act. The statement of assessment account issued by the association to a unit owner under subsection (i) of Section 18 of this Act, and the disclosure statement

- issued to a prospective purchaser under Section 22.1 of this Act, shall state the amount of the assessments and the legal fees, if any, required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of this Act.
  - (h) A lien for common expenses shall be in favor of the members of the board of managers and their successors in office and shall be for the benefit of all other unit owners. Notice of the lien may be recorded by the board of managers, or if the developer is the manager or has a majority of seats on the board of managers and the manager or board of managers fails to do so, any unit owner may record notice of the lien. Upon the recording of such notice the lien may be foreclosed by an action brought in the name of the board of managers in the same manner as a mortgage of real property.
  - (i) Unless otherwise provided in the declaration, the members of the board of managers and their successors in office, acting on behalf of the other unit owners, shall have the power to bid on the interest so foreclosed at the foreclosure sale, and to acquire and hold, lease, mortgage and convey it.
  - (j) Any encumbrancer may from time to time request in writing a written statement from the manager or board of managers setting forth the unpaid common expenses with respect to the unit covered by his encumbrance. Unless the request is complied with within 20 days, all unpaid common expenses which become due prior to the date of the making of such request

- 1 shall be subordinate to the lien of the encumbrance. Any
- 2 encumbrancer holding a lien on a unit may pay any unpaid common
- 3 expenses payable with respect to the unit, and upon payment
- 4 the encumbrancer shall have a lien on the unit for the amounts
- 5 paid at the same rank as the lien of his encumbrance.
- 6 (k) Nothing in Public Act 83-1271 is intended to change
- 7 the lien priorities of any encumbrance created prior to August
- 8 30, 1984.
- 9 (Source: P.A. 100-292, eff. 1-1-18.)
- 10 (765 ILCS 605/15) (from Ch. 30, par. 315)
- 11 Sec. 15. Sale of property.
- 12 (a) Unless a greater percentage is provided for in the
- declaration or bylaws, and notwithstanding the provisions of
- 14 Sections 13 and 14 hereof, a majority of the unit owners where
- the property contains 2 units, or not less than 66 2/3% where
- the property contains 3 three units, or and not less than 75%
- where the property contains 4 to 6 or more units, or not less
- than 85% where the property contains 7 or more units may, by
- 19 affirmative vote at a meeting of unit owners duly called for
- such purpose, elect to sell the property. A vote to approve a
- 21 deconversion shall be independently conducted and shall be at
- 22 the expense of the party acquiring ownership rights to the
- 23 property. Any party, including the board of managers, involved
- in the marketing or sale of the property may be privy only to
- 25 the percentage of votes collected, but not the voting tallies,

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until the final vote is revealed. Such action shall be binding upon all unit owners, and it shall thereupon become the duty of every unit owner to execute and deliver such instruments and to perform all acts as in manner and form may be necessary to effect such sale, provided, however, that any unit owner who did not vote in favor of such action and who has filed written objection thereto with the manager or board of managers within 20 days after the date of the meeting at which such sale was approved shall be entitled to receive from the proceeds of such sale an amount equivalent to the greater of: (i) the value of his or her interest, as determined by a fair appraisal, less the amount of any unpaid assessments or charges due and owing from such unit owner or (ii) the outstanding balance of any bona fide debt secured by the objecting unit owner's interest which was incurred by such unit owner in connection with the acquisition or refinance of the unit owner's interest, less the amount of any unpaid assessments or charges due and owing from such unit owner. The objecting unit owner is also entitled to receive from the proceeds of a sale under this Section reimbursement for reasonable relocation determined in the same manner as under the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended from time to time, and as implemented by regulations promulgated under that Act.

(b) If there is a disagreement as to the value of the interest of a unit owner who did not vote in favor of the sale

of the property, that unit owner shall have a right to designate an expert in appraisal or property valuation to represent him, in which case, the prospective purchaser of the property shall designate an expert in appraisal or property valuation to represent him, and both of these experts shall mutually designate a third expert in appraisal or property valuation. The 3 experts shall constitute a panel to determine by vote of at least 2 of the members of the panel, the value of that unit owner's interest in the property. The changes made by this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly apply to sales under this Section that are pending or commenced on and after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly.

written offer to sell the property shall inform the unit owners that the association shall choose counsel to represent its interests during the real estate sale process with an affirmative vote of not less than 75% of ownership. The association shall inform the unit owners at the time of an affirmative vote to investigate an offer to purchase a condominium property or list the property for sale that: (1) the attorney of record represents the association and not the individual unit owner; (2) the interests of the association may conflict with the interests of a specific unit owner; and (3) any unit owner may retain the representation of independent counsel. The attorney of record, or his or her

- employees, agents, or assigns, shall not engage in any work,
- 2 paid or unpaid, that creates an actual or potential conflict
- 3 of interest. If a conflict of interest exists, the attorney
- 4 <u>shall inform the association.</u>
- 5 (d) It is a violation of this Act for a person,
- 6 partnership, corporation, or other legal entity entitled to
- 7 transact business on behalf of others, to communicate with a
- 8 unit owner, or any member of his or her household, for the
- 9 purpose of purchasing his or her property once the unit owner
- 10 has affirmatively requested that such a communication not be
- 11 made.
- 12 (e) It is a violation of this Act for a buyer, or his or
- 13 her agent, representative, assign, or affiliate, who is
- 14 considering buying a condominium building to make or attempt
- 15 to make an offer on the property, or, in the process of
- 16 purchasing the property, including any time after an offer has
- been made, to offer any consideration, financial or otherwise,
- as an incentive to procure the affirmative vote to the bulk
- 19 sale from the unit owner or to influence the outcome of the
- 20 condominium ownership's vote in favor of the buyer or his or
- 21 her agent, representative, assign, affiliate, or related
- 22 entity. A buyer may offer financial consideration in exchange
- for the purchase of a condominium unit or building, however,
- the buyer, or his or her agent, representative, or affiliate,
- 25 may not offer consideration to any individual or entity who is
- an owner in the building he or she is seeking to purchase

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- 1 beyond what has been specified for each owner in the purchase 2 offer document. Consideration, financial or otherwise, in 3 excess of what was promised to each unit owner in a written contract that all owners are privy to is a prohibited form of 4 5 vote-buying and a disallowed guid pro quo. Any violation of 6 this subsection that occurs without the disclosure and consent of the board of managers and the condominium association shall 7 8 render the bulk sale agreement illegitimate and unenforceable. 9 (Source: P.A. 100-292, eff. 1-1-18.)
- 10 (765 ILCS 605/18) (from Ch. 30, par. 318)
- Sec. 18. Contents of bylaws. The bylaws shall provide for at least the following:
  - (a) (1) The election from among the unit owners of a board of managers, the number of persons constituting such board, and that the terms of at least one-third of the members of the board shall expire annually and that all members of the board shall be elected at large; if there are multiple owners of a single unit, only one of the multiple owners shall be eligible to serve as a member of the board at any one time;
    - (2) the powers and duties of the board;
- 22 (3) the compensation, if any, of the members of the board;
- 24 (4) the method of removal from office of members of the board;

- (5) that the board may engage the services of a manager or managing agent;
- (6) that each unit owner shall receive, at least 25 days prior to the adoption thereof by the board of managers, a copy of the proposed annual budget together with an indication of which portions are intended for reserves, capital expenditures or repairs or payment of real estate taxes;
- (7) that the board of managers shall annually supply to all unit owners an itemized accounting of the common expenses for the preceding year actually incurred or paid, together with an indication of which portions were for reserves, capital expenditures or repairs or payment of real estate taxes and with a tabulation of the amounts collected pursuant to the budget or assessment, and showing the net excess or deficit of income over expenditures plus reserves;
- (8) (i) that each unit owner shall receive notice, in the same manner as is provided in this Act for membership meetings, of any meeting of the board of managers concerning the adoption of the proposed annual budget and regular assessments pursuant thereto or to adopt a separate (special) assessment, (ii) that except as provided in subsection (iv) below, if an adopted budget or any separate assessment adopted by the board would result in the sum of all regular and separate assessments payable

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in the current fiscal year exceeding 115% of the sum of all regular and separate assessments payable during the preceding fiscal year, the board of managers, upon written petition by unit owners with 20 percent of the votes of the association delivered to the board within 21 days of the board action, shall call a meeting of the unit owners within 30 days of the date of delivery of the petition to consider the budget or separate assessment; unless a majority of the total votes of the unit owners are cast at the meeting to reject the budget or separate assessment, it is ratified, (iii) that any common expense not set forth in the budget or any increase in assessments over the amount adopted in the budget shall be separately assessed against all unit owners, (iv) that separate assessments for expenditures relating to emergencies or mandated by law may be adopted by the board of managers without being subject to unit owner approval or the provisions of item (ii) above or item (v) below. As used herein, "emergency" means an immediate danger to structural integrity of the common elements or to the life, health, safety or property of the unit owners, (v) that assessments for additions and alterations to the common elements or to association-owned property not included in the adopted annual budget, shall be separately assessed and are subject to approval of two-thirds of the total votes of all unit owners, (vi) that the board of

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managers may adopt separate assessments payable over more than one fiscal year. With respect to multi-year assessments not governed by items (iv) and (v), the entire amount of the multi-year assessment shall be deemed considered and authorized in the first fiscal year in which the assessment is approved;

(9) (A) that every meeting of the board of managers shall be open to any unit owner, except that the board may close any portion of a noticed meeting or meet separately from a noticed meeting to: (i) discuss litigation when an action against or on behalf of the particular association has been filed and is pending in a court or administrative tribunal, or when the board of managers finds that such an action is probable or imminent, (ii) discuss appointment, employment, engagement, or dismissal of an employee, independent contractor, agent, or other provider goods and services, (iii) interview a potential of employee, independent contractor, agent, or other provider of goods and services, (iv) discuss violations of rules and regulations of the association, (v) discuss a unit owner's unpaid share of common expenses, or (vi) consult with the association's legal counsel; that any vote on these matters shall take place at a meeting of the board of managers or portion thereof open to any unit owner;

(B) that board members may participate in and act at any meeting of the board of managers in person, by

telephonic means, or by use of any acceptable technological means whereby all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with each other; that participation constitutes attendance and presence in person at the meeting;

- (C) that any unit owner may record the proceedings at meetings of the board of managers or portions thereof required to be open by this Act by tape, film or other means, and that the board may prescribe reasonable rules and regulations to govern the right to make such recordings;
- (D) that notice of every meeting of the board of managers shall be given to every board member at least 48 hours prior thereto, unless the board member waives notice of the meeting pursuant to subsection (a) of Section 18.8; and
- (E) that notice of every meeting of the board of managers shall be posted in entranceways, elevators, or other conspicuous places in the condominium at least 48 hours prior to the meeting of the board of managers except where there is no common entranceway for 7 or more units, the board of managers may designate one or more locations in the proximity of these units where the notices of meetings shall be posted; that notice of every meeting of the board of managers shall also be given at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, or such longer notice as this Act may

separately require, to: (i) each unit owner who has provided the association with written authorization to conduct business by acceptable technological means, and (ii) to the extent that the condominium instruments of an association require, to each other unit owner, as required by subsection (f) of Section 18.8, by mail or delivery, and that no other notice of a meeting of the board of managers need be given to any unit owner;

- (10) that the board shall meet at least 4 times annually;
- (11) that no member of the board or officer shall be elected for a term of more than 2 years, but that officers and board members may succeed themselves;
- (12) the designation of an officer to mail and receive all notices and execute amendments to condominium instruments as provided for in this Act and in the condominium instruments;
- (13) the method of filling vacancies on the board which shall include authority for the remaining members of the board to fill the vacancy by two-thirds vote until the next annual meeting of unit owners or for a period terminating no later than 30 days following the filing of a petition signed by unit owners holding 20% of the votes of the association requesting a meeting of the unit owners to fill the vacancy for the balance of the term, and that a meeting of the unit owners shall be called for purposes of

filling a vacancy on the board no later than 30 days following the filing of a petition signed by unit owners holding 20% of the votes of the association requesting such a meeting, and the method of filling vacancies among the officers that shall include the authority for the members of the board to fill the vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term;

- (14) what percentage of the board of managers, if other than a majority, shall constitute a quorum;
- (15) provisions concerning notice of board meetings to members of the board;
- (16) the board of managers may not enter into a contract with a current board member or with a corporation or partnership or affiliate of the corporation in which a board member or a member of the board member's immediate family has 25% or more interest, unless notice of intent to enter the contract is given to unit owners within 20 days after a decision is made to enter into the contract and the unit owners are afforded an opportunity by filing a petition, signed by 20% of the unit owners, for an election to approve or disapprove the contract; such petition shall be filed within 30 days after such notice and such election shall be held within 30 days after filing the petition; for purposes of this subsection, a board member's immediate family means the board member's spouse, parents, and children;

- (17) that the board of managers may disseminate to unit owners biographical and background information about candidates for election to the board if (i) reasonable efforts to identify all candidates are made and all candidates are given an opportunity to include biographical and background information in the information to be disseminated; and (ii) the board does not express a preference in favor of any candidate;
- (18) any proxy distributed for board elections by the board of managers gives unit owners the opportunity to designate any person as the proxy holder, and gives the unit owner the opportunity to express a preference for any of the known candidates for the board or to write in a name;
- (19) that special meetings of the board of managers can be called by the president or 25% of the members of the board;
- (20) that the board of managers may establish and maintain a system of master metering of public utility services and collect payments in connection therewith, subject to the requirements of the Tenant Utility Payment Disclosure Act; and
- (21) that the board may ratify and confirm actions of the members of the board taken in response to an emergency, as that term is defined in subdivision (a)(8)(iv) of this Section; that the board shall give

notice to the unit owners of: (i) the occurrence of the emergency event within 7 business days after the emergency event, and (ii) the general description of the actions taken to address the event within 7 days after the emergency event.

The intent of the provisions of Public Act 99-472 adding this paragraph (21) is to empower and support boards to act in emergencies.

- (b) (1) What percentage of the unit owners, if other than 20%, shall constitute a quorum provided that, for condominiums with 20 or more units, the percentage of unit owners constituting a quorum shall be 20% unless the unit owners holding a majority of the percentage interest in the association provide for a higher percentage, provided that in voting on amendments to the association's bylaws, a unit owner who is in arrears on the unit owner's regular or separate assessments for 60 days or more, shall not be counted for purposes of determining if a quorum is present, but that unit owner retains the right to vote on amendments to the association's bylaws;
- (2) that the association shall have one class of voting membership;
- (3) that the members shall hold an annual meeting, one of the purposes of which shall be to elect members of the board of managers;
  - (4) the method of calling meetings of the unit owners;

- (5) that special meetings of the members can be called by the president, board of managers, or by 20% of unit owners;
- shall be mailed or delivered giving members no less than 10 and no more than 30 days notice of the time, place and purpose of such meeting except that notice may be sent, to the extent the condominium instruments or rules adopted thereunder expressly so provide, by electronic transmission consented to by the unit owner to whom the notice is given, provided the director and officer or his agent certifies in writing to the delivery by electronic transmission;
- (7) that voting shall be on a percentage basis, and that the percentage vote to which each unit is entitled is the percentage interest of the undivided ownership of the common elements appurtenant thereto, provided that the bylaws may provide for approval by unit owners in connection with matters where the requisite approval on a percentage basis is not specified in this Act, on the basis of one vote per unit;
- (8) that, where there is more than one owner of a unit, if only one of the multiple owners is present at a meeting of the association, he is entitled to cast all the votes allocated to that unit, if more than one of the multiple owners are present, the votes allocated to that unit may

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be cast only in accordance with the agreement of a majority in interest of the multiple owners, unless the declaration expressly provides otherwise, that there is majority agreement if any one of the multiple owners cast the votes allocated to that unit without protest being made promptly to the person presiding over the meeting by any of the other owners of the unit;

- (9) (A) except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph (9) in connection with board elections, that a unit owner may vote by proxy executed in writing by the unit owner or by his duly authorized attorney in fact; that the proxy must bear the date of execution and, unless the condominium instruments or the written proxy itself provide otherwise, is invalid after 11 months from the date of its execution; to the extent the condominium instruments or rules adopted thereunder expressly so provide, a vote or proxy may be submitted by electronic transmission, provided that any such electronic transmission shall either set forth or be submitted with information from which it can be determined that the electronic transmission was authorized by the unit owner or the unit owner's proxy;
- (B) that if a rule adopted at least 120 days before a board election or the declaration or bylaws provide for balloting as set forth in this subsection, unit owners may not vote by proxy in board elections, but may vote only (i)

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by submitting an association-issued ballot in person at the election meeting or (ii) by submitting an association-issued ballot to the association or its designated agent by mail or other means of delivery specified in the declaration, bylaws, or rule; that the ballots shall be mailed or otherwise distributed to unit owners not less than 10 and not more than 30 days before the election meeting, and the board shall give unit owners not less than 21 days' prior written notice of deadline for inclusion of a candidate's name on ballots; that the deadline shall be no more than 7 days before the ballots are mailed or otherwise distributed to unit owners; that every such ballot must include the names all candidates who have given the board or its authorized agent timely written notice of their candidacy must give the person casting the ballot opportunity to cast votes for candidates whose names do not appear on the ballot; that a ballot received by the association or its designated agent after the close of voting shall not be counted; that a unit owner who submits a ballot by mail or other means of delivery specified in the declaration, bylaws, or rule may request and cast a ballot in person at the election meeting, and thereby void any ballot previously submitted by that unit owner;

(B-5) that if a rule adopted at least 120 days before a board election or the declaration or bylaws provide for

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balloting as set forth in this subparagraph, unit owners may not vote by proxy in board elections, but may vote only (i) by submitting an association-issued ballot in person the election meeting; or (ii) by any acceptable technological means as defined in Section 2 of this Act; instructions regarding the use of electronic means for voting shall be distributed to all unit owners not less than 10 and not more than 30 days before the election meeting, and the board shall give unit owners not less than 21 days' prior written notice of the deadline for inclusion of a candidate's name on the ballots; the deadline shall be no more than 7 days before the instructions for voting using electronic or acceptable technological means is distributed to unit owners; every instruction notice must include the names candidates who have given the board or its authorized agent timely written notice of their candidacy and must give the person voting through electronic or acceptable technological means the opportunity to cast votes for candidates whose names do not appear on the ballot; a unit owner who submits a vote using electronic or acceptable technological means may request and cast a ballot in person at the election meeting, thereby voiding any vote previously submitted by that unit owner;

(C) that if a written petition by unit owners with at least 20% of the votes of the association is delivered to

the board within 30 days after the board's approval of a rule adopted pursuant to subparagraph (B) or subparagraph (B-5) of this paragraph (9), the board shall call a meeting of the unit owners within 30 days after the date of delivery of the petition; that unless a majority of the total votes of the unit owners are cast at the meeting to reject the rule, the rule is ratified;

- (D) that votes cast by ballot under subparagraph (B) or electronic or acceptable technological means under subparagraph (B-5) of this paragraph (9) are valid for the purpose of establishing a quorum;
- (10) that the association may, upon adoption of the appropriate rules by the board of managers, conduct elections by secret ballot whereby the voting ballot is marked only with the percentage interest for the unit and the vote itself, provided that the board further adopt rules to verify the status of the unit owner issuing a proxy or casting a ballot; and further, that a candidate for election to the board of managers or such candidate's representative shall have the right to be present at the counting of ballots at such election;
- (11) that in the event of a resale of a condominium unit the purchaser of a unit from a seller other than the developer pursuant to an installment sales contract for purchase shall during such times as he or she resides in the unit be counted toward a quorum for purposes of

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election of members of the board of managers at any meeting of the unit owners called for purposes of electing members of the board, shall have the right to vote for the election of members of the board of managers and to be elected to and serve on the board of managers unless the seller expressly retains in writing any or all of such rights. In no event may the seller and purchaser both be counted toward a quorum, be permitted to vote for a particular office or be elected and serve on the board. Satisfactory evidence of the installment sales contract shall be made available to the association or its agents. For purposes of this subsection, "installment sales contract" shall have the same meaning as set forth in Section 5 of the Installment Sales Contract Act and Section 1(e) of the Dwelling Unit Installment Contract Act;

- (12) the method by which matters subject to the approval of unit owners set forth in this Act, or in the condominium instruments, will be submitted to the unit owners at special membership meetings called for such purposes; and
- (13) that matters subject to the affirmative vote of not less than 2/3 of the votes of unit owners at a meeting duly called for that purpose, shall include, but not be limited to:
  - (i) merger or consolidation of the association;

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- (iii) the purchase or sale of land or of units on behalf of all unit owners.
- (c) Election of a president from among the board of managers, who shall preside over the meetings of the board of managers and of the unit owners.
- (d) Election of a secretary from among the board of managers, who shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the board of managers and of the unit owners and who shall, in general, perform all the duties incident to the office of secretary.
- (e) Election of a treasurer from among the board of managers, who shall keep the financial records and books of account.
- (f) Maintenance, repair and replacement of the common elements and payments therefor, including the method of approving payment vouchers.
- (g) An association with 30 or more units shall obtain and maintain fidelity insurance covering persons who control or disburse funds of the association for the maximum amount of coverage available to protect funds in the custody or control of the association plus the association reserve fund. All management companies which

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are responsible for the funds held or administered by the association shall maintain and furnish to the association fidelity bond for the maximum amount of coverage protect funds in the custody of available to management company at any time. The association shall bear the cost of the fidelity insurance and fidelity bond, otherwise provided by contract unless between association and a management company. The association shall be the direct oblique of any such fidelity bond. A management company holding reserve funds of an association shall at all times maintain a separate account for each association, provided, however, that for investment purposes, the Board of Managers of an association may management authorize company to maintain а association's reserve funds in a single interest bearing account with similar funds of other associations. management company shall at all times maintain records identifying all moneys of each association in investment account. The management company may hold all operating funds of associations which it manages in a single operating account but shall at all times maintain records identifying all moneys of each association in such operating account. Such operating and reserve funds held by the management company for the association shall not be subject to attachment by any creditor of the management company.

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the purpose of this subsection, a management company shall be defined as a person, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity entitled to transact business on behalf of others, acting on behalf of or as an agent for a unit owner, unit owners or association of unit owners for the purpose of carrying out the duties, responsibilities, and other obligations necessary for the day to day operation and management of any property subject to this Act. For purposes of this subsection, the term "fiduciary insurance coverage" shall be defined as both a fidelity bond and directors and officers liability coverage, the fidelity bond in the full amount of association funds and association reserves that will be in the custody of the association, and the directors and officers liability coverage at a level as shall be determined to be reasonable by the board of managers, if not otherwise established by the declaration or by laws.

Until one year after September 21, 1985 (the effective date of Public Act 84-722), if a condominium association has reserves plus assessments in excess of \$250,000 and cannot reasonably obtain 100% fidelity bond coverage for such amount, then it must obtain a fidelity bond coverage of \$250,000.

(h) Method of estimating the amount of the annual budget, and the manner of assessing and collecting from the unit owners their respective shares of such estimated

expenses, and of any other expenses lawfully agreed upon.

- (i) That upon 10 days notice to the manager or board of managers and payment of a reasonable fee, any unit owner shall be furnished a statement of his account setting forth the amount of any unpaid assessments or other charges due and owing from such owner.
- (j) Designation and removal of personnel necessary for the maintenance, repair and replacement of the common elements.
- (k) Such restrictions on and requirements respecting the use and maintenance of the units and the use of the common elements, not set forth in the declaration, as are designed to prevent unreasonable interference with the use of their respective units and of the common elements by the several unit owners.
- (1) Method of adopting and of amending administrative rules and regulations governing the operation and use of the common elements.
- (m) The percentage of votes required to modify or amend the bylaws, but each one of the particulars set forth in this section shall always be embodied in the bylaws.
- (n)(i) The provisions of this Act, the declaration, bylaws, other condominium instruments, and rules and regulations that relate to the use of the individual unit or the common elements shall be applicable to any person

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leasing a unit and shall be deemed to be incorporated in any lease executed or renewed on or after August 30, 1984 (the effective date of Public Act 83-1271).

- (ii) With regard to any lease entered into subsequent to July 1, 1990 (the effective date of Public Act 86-991), the unit owner leasing the unit shall deliver a copy of the signed lease to the board or if the lease is oral, a memorandum of the lease, not later than the date of occupancy or 10 days after the lease is signed, whichever occurs first. In addition to any other remedies, by filing an action jointly against the tenant and the unit owner, an association may seek to enjoin a tenant from occupying a unit or seek to evict a tenant under the provisions of Article IX of the Code of Civil Procedure for failure of the lessor-owner to comply with the leasing requirements prescribed by this Section or by the declaration, bylaws, and rules and regulations. The board of managers may proceed directly against a tenant, at law or in equity, or under the provisions of Article IX of the Code of Civil Procedure, for any other breach by tenant of any covenants, rules, regulations or bylaws.
- (o) The association shall have no authority to forbear the payment of assessments by any unit owner.
- (p) That when 30% or fewer of the units, by number, possess over 50% in the aggregate of the votes in the association, any percentage vote of members specified

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herein or in the condominium instruments shall require the specified percentage by number of units rather than by percentage of interest in the common elements allocated to units that would otherwise be applicable and garage units or storage units, or both, shall have, in total, no more votes than their aggregate percentage of ownership in the common elements; this shall mean that if garage units or storage units, or both, are to be given a vote, or portion of a vote, that the association must add the total number of votes cast of garage units, storage units, or both, and divide the total by the number of garage units, storage units, or both, and multiply by the aggregate percentage ownership of garage units and storage units to determine the vote, or portion of a vote, that garage units or storage units, or both, have. For purposes of this subsection (p), when making a determination of whether 30% or fewer of the units, by number, possess over 50% in the aggregate of the votes in the association, a unit shall not include a garage unit or a storage unit.

(q) That a unit owner may not assign, delegate, transfer, surrender, or avoid the duties, responsibilities, and liabilities of a unit owner under this Act, the condominium instruments, or the rules and regulations of the Association; and that such an attempted assignment, delegation, transfer, surrender, or avoidance shall be deemed void.

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1 (r) Unless a lesser percentage of ownership is 2 provided for in the bylaws, no person, heir assign, family 3 member, affiliate, partnership, corporation, proxy of a corporation and its beneficial owners, other legal entity 4 5 entitled to transact business on behalf of others, or legal entity acting on behalf of a corporation or its 6 beneficial owners may own more than 10% of the units for a 7 8 property containing 30 or more units, more than 15% of the 9 units for a property containing 20 to 29 units, more than 10 20% of the units for a property containing 5 to 19 units, 11 and no more than a single unit for a property containing 12 fewer than 5 units.

The provisions of this Section are applicable to all condominium instruments recorded under this Act. Any portion of a condominium instrument which contains provisions contrary to these provisions shall be void as against public policy and ineffective. Any such instrument which fails to contain the provisions required by this Section shall be deemed to incorporate such provisions by operation of law.

- 20 (Source: P.A. 99-472, eff. 6-1-16; 99-567, eff. 1-1-17;
- 21 99-642, eff. 7-28-16; 100-292, eff. 1-1-18; 100-416, eff.
- 22 1-1-18; 100-863, eff. 8-14-18.)
- 23 (765 ILCS 605/18.4) (from Ch. 30, par. 318.4)
- Sec. 18.4. Powers and duties of board of managers. The board of managers shall exercise for the association all

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powers, duties and authority vested in the association by law or the condominium instruments except for such powers, duties and authority reserved by law to the members of the association. The powers and duties of the board of managers shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

To provide for the operation, care, upkeep, maintenance, replacement and improvement of the common elements. Nothing in this subsection (a) shall be deemed to invalidate any provision in a condominium instrument placing limits on expenditures for the common elements, provided, that such limits shall not be applicable to expenditures for repair, replacement, or restoration of existing portions of the common elements. "repair, replacement or restoration" means expenditures to deteriorated or damaged portions of the property related to the existing decorating, facilities, or structural or mechanical components, interior or exterior surfaces, or energy systems and equipment with the functional equivalent of the original portions of such areas. Replacement of the common elements may result in an improvement over the original quality of such elements or facilities; provided that, unless the improvement is mandated by law or is an emergency as defined in item (iv) of subparagraph (8) of paragraph (a) of Section 18, if the improvement results in a proposed expenditure exceeding 5% of the annual budget, the board of managers, upon written

petition by unit owners with 20% of the votes of the association delivered to the board within 21 days of the board action to approve the expenditure, shall call a meeting of the unit owners within 30 days of the date of delivery of the petition to consider the expenditure. Unless a majority of the total votes of the unit owners are cast at the meeting to reject the expenditure, it is ratified. The board of managers shall obtain statements from licensed independent contractors validating the need and the cost for any expenditures for repair, replacement, or restoration of the common elements.

- (b) To prepare, adopt and distribute the annual budget for the property.
  - (c) To levy and expend assessments.
  - (d) To collect assessments from unit owners.
- (e) To provide for the employment and dismissal of the personnel necessary or advisable for the maintenance and operation of the common elements.
- (f) To obtain adequate and appropriate kinds of insurance.
- (g) To own, convey, encumber, lease, and otherwise deal with units conveyed to or purchased by it.
- (h) To adopt and amend rules and regulations covering the details of the operation and use of the property, after a meeting of the unit owners called for the specific purpose of discussing the proposed rules and regulations.

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Notice of the meeting shall contain the full text of the proposed rules and regulations, and the meeting shall conform to the requirements of Section 18(b) of this Act, except that no quorum is required at the meeting of the unit owners unless the declaration, bylaws or other condominium instrument expressly provides to the contrary. However, no rule or regulation may impair any rights quaranteed by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States or Section 4 of Article I of the Illinois Constitution including, but not limited to, the free exercise of religion, nor may any rules or regulations conflict with the provisions of this Act or condominium instruments. No rule or regulation shall prohibit any reasonable accommodation for religious practices, including the attachment of religiously mandated objects to the front-door area of a condominium unit.

- (i) To keep detailed, accurate records of the receipts and expenditures affecting the use and operation of the property.
- (j) To have access to each unit from time to time as may be necessary for the maintenance, repair or replacement of any common elements or for making emergency repairs necessary to prevent damage to the common elements or to other units.
  - (k) To pay real property taxes, special assessments,

and any other special taxes or charges of the State of Illinois or of any political subdivision thereof, or other lawful taxing or assessing body, which are authorized by law to be assessed and levied upon the real property of the condominium.

- (1) To impose charges for late payment of a unit owner's proportionate share of the common expenses, or any other expenses lawfully agreed upon, and after notice and an opportunity to be heard, to levy reasonable fines for violation of the declaration, by-laws, and rules and regulations of the association.
- (m) By a majority vote of the entire board of managers, to assign the right of the association to future income from common expenses or other sources, and to mortgage or pledge substantially all of the remaining assets of the association.
- (n) To record the dedication of a portion of the common elements to a public body for use as, or in connection with, a street or utility where authorized by the unit owners under the provisions of Section 14.2.
- (o) To record the granting of an easement for the laying of cable television or high speed Internet cable where authorized by the unit owners under the provisions of Section 14.3; to obtain, if available and determined by the board to be in the best interests of the association, cable television or bulk high speed Internet service for

all of the units of the condominium on a bulk identical service and equal cost per unit basis; and to assess and recover the expense as a common expense and, if so determined by the board, to assess each and every unit on the same equal cost per unit basis.

- (p) To seek relief on behalf of all unit owners when authorized pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 10 from or in connection with the assessment or levying of real property taxes, special assessments, and any other special taxes or charges of the State of Illinois or of any political subdivision thereof or of any lawful taxing or assessing body.
- (q) To reasonably accommodate the needs of a unit owner who is a person with a disability as required by the federal Civil Rights Act of 1968, the Human Rights Act and any applicable local ordinances in the exercise of its powers with respect to the use of common elements or approval of modifications in an individual unit.
- (r) To accept service of a notice of claim for purposes of the Mechanics Lien Act on behalf of each respective member of the Unit Owners' Association with respect to improvements performed pursuant to any contract entered into by the Board of Managers or any contract entered into prior to the recording of the condominium declaration pursuant to this Act, for a property containing more than 8 units, and to distribute the notice

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to the unit owners within 7 days of the acceptance of the service by the Board of Managers. The service shall be effective as if each individual unit owner had been served individually with notice.

- (s) To adopt and amend rules and regulations (1) authorizing electronic delivery of notices and other communications required or contemplated by this Act to each unit owner who provides the association with written authorization for electronic delivery and an electronic address to which such communications are be electronically transmitted; and (2) authorizing each unit owner to designate an electronic address or a U.S. Postal Service address, or both, as the unit owner's address on any list of members or unit owners which an association is required to provide upon request pursuant to any provision of this Act or any condominium instrument.
- (t) To reject any arrangement that establishes an agreement for a buyer to purchase a condominium building, including a letter of intent.
- (u) To refrain from investigating an offer to purchase a condominium property or listing the property for sale without first receiving authorization from the association through an affirmative vote of not less than 75% of unit owners based on the percentage of ownership.

In the performance of their duties, the officers and members of the board, whether appointed by the developer or

elected by the unit owners, shall exercise the care required
of a fiduciary of the unit owners. Every officer and member of
the board who violates, participates in, or permits any
officer, agent, or assign of the board to breach his or her
fiduciary duty shall be held liable in his or her personal or
individual capacity under this Section for the following:

- (1) an act or omission that is grossly negligent;
- (2) a breach of the officer's duty of loyalty to the association;
- (3) an act or omission not in good faith or that involves intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of the law;
- (4) a transaction from which the officer derived an improper personal benefit; or
- (5) an act or omission occurring before the effective date of a provision authorized by this Section.

The collection of assessments from unit owners by an association, board of managers or their duly authorized agents shall not be considered acts constituting a collection agency for purposes of the Collection Agency Act.

The provisions of this Section are applicable to all condominium instruments recorded under this Act. Any portion of a condominium instrument which contains provisions contrary to these provisions shall be void as against public policy and ineffective. Any such instrument that fails to contain the provisions required by this Section shall be deemed to

- 1 incorporate such provisions by operation of law.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15; 99-849, eff. 1-1-17;
- 3 100-292, eff. 1-1-18.)
- 4 (765 ILCS 605/19) (from Ch. 30, par. 319)
- 5 Sec. 19. Records of the association; availability for
- 6 examination.
- 7 (a) The board of managers of every association shall keep
- 8 and maintain the following records, or true and complete
- 9 copies of these records, at the association's principal
- 10 office:
- 11 (1) the association's declaration, bylaws, and plats
- of survey, and all amendments of these;
- 13 (2) the rules and regulations of the association, if
- 14 any;
- 15 (3) if the association is incorporated as
- 16 corporation, the articles of incorporation of the
- 17 association and all amendments to the articles of
- incorporation;
- 19 (4) minutes of all meetings of the association and its
- 20 board of managers for the immediately preceding 7 years;
- 21 (5) all current policies of insurance of the
- 22 association:
- 23 (6) all contracts, leases, and other agreements then
- in effect to which the association is a party or under
- 25 which the association or the unit owners have obligations

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- (6.5) all statements from licensed independent contractors validating the need and the cost for any expenditures for repair, replacement, or restoration of the common elements;
- (7) a current listing of the names, addresses, email addresses, telephone numbers, and weighted vote of all members entitled to vote;
- (8) ballots and proxies related to ballots for all matters voted on by the members of the association during the immediately preceding 12 months, including, but not limited to, the election of members of the board of managers; and
- (9) the books and records for the association's current and 10 immediately preceding fiscal years, including, but not limited to, itemized and detailed records of all receipts, expenditures, and accounts; and  $\div$
- (10) the communications of any member of the board of managers regarding an attempt to sell the condominium property.
- (b) Any member of an association shall have the right to inspect, examine, and make copies of the records described in subdivisions (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (6.5), and (9), and (10) of subsection (a) of this Section, in person or by agent, at any reasonable time or times, at the association's principal office. The board of managers shall provide unit

- 1 owners a copy of the records described in subdivision (6.5) of 2 subsection (a), so that the unit owners may review them before 3 voting to approve expenditures. In order to exercise this right, a member must submit a written request to the 4 5 association's board of managers or its authorized agent, stating with particularity the records sought to be examined. 6 7 Failure of an association's board of managers to make 8 available all records so requested within 10 business days of 9 receipt of the member's written request shall be deemed a
- Any member who prevails in an enforcement action to compel examination of records described in subdivisions (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (6.5), and (9), and (10) of subsection (a) of this Section shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs from the association.
- 16 (c) (Blank).

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- 17 (d) (Blank).
- 18 (d-5) As used in this Section, "commercial purpose" means 19 the use of any part of a record or records described in 20 subdivisions (7) and (8) of subsection (a) of this Section, or 21 information derived from such records, in any form for sale, 22 resale, or solicitation or advertisement for sales or 23 services.
- (e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (g) of this Section, any member of an association shall have the right to inspect, examine, and make copies of the records described in

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subdivisions (7) and (8) of subsection (a) of this Section, in person or by agent, at any reasonable time or times but only for a purpose that relates to the association, at the association's principal office. In order to exercise this right, a member must submit a written request, to the association's board of managers or its authorized agent, stating with particularity the records sought to be examined. As a condition for exercising this right, the board of managers or authorized agent of the association may require the member to certify in writing that the information contained in the records obtained by the member will not be used by the member for any commercial purpose or for any purpose that does not relate to the association. The board of managers of the association may impose a fine in accordance with item (1) of Section 18.4 upon any person who makes a false certification. Subject to the provisions of subsection (g) of this Section, failure of an association's board of managers to make available all records so requested within 10 business days of receipt of the member's written request shall be deemed a denial; provided, however, that the board of managers of an association that has adopted a secret ballot election process as provided in Section 18 of this Act shall not be deemed to have denied a member's request for records described in subdivision (8) of subsection (a) of this Section if voting ballots, without identifying unit numbers, are made available to the requesting member within 10 business days of receipt of

the member's written request. All information and documentation regarding the process, including all parties involved and all information and documentation regarding the need for and cost of a repair, replacement, or other alleged need for a special assessment for the condominium property, shall be disclosed to all unit owners at least 30 days prior to a vote.

Any member who prevails in an enforcement action to compel examination of records described in subdivision (7) or (8) of subsection (a) of this Section shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs from the association only if the court finds that the board of directors acted in bad faith in denying the member's request.

- making requested records available for inspection and examination under this Section may be charged by the association to the requesting member. If a member requests copies of records requested under this Section, the actual costs to the association of reproducing the records may also be charged by the association to the requesting member.
- (g) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (e) of this Section, unless otherwise directed by court order, an association need not make the following records available for inspection, examination, or copying by its members:
  - (1) documents relating to appointment, employment, discipline, or dismissal of association employees;

1	(2) documents relating to actions pending against or
2	on behalf of the association or its board of managers in a
3	court or administrative tribunal:

- (3) documents relating to actions threatened against, or likely to be asserted on behalf of, the association or its board of managers in a court or administrative tribunal;
- (4) documents relating to common expenses or other charges owed by a member other than the requesting member; and
- (5) documents provided to an association in connection with the lease, sale, or other transfer of a unit by a member other than the requesting member.
- (h) The provisions of this Section are applicable to all condominium instruments recorded under this Act. Any portion of a condominium instrument that contains provisions contrary to these provisions shall be void as against public policy and ineffective. Any condominium instrument that fails to contain the provisions required by this Section shall be deemed to incorporate the provisions by operation of law.
- 21 (Source: P.A. 100-292, eff. 1-1-18; 100-863, eff. 8-14-18.)

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