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South Carolina House Legislative Oversight Committee
South Carolina House of Representatives
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RE: Follow-up to December 9, 2019, Subcommittee Meeting and Preparation for Future Meetings

Dear Representative Clary:

Please find the attached responses to your letter of December 12, 2019, requesting additional information following the Secretary of State's presentations to the Executive Subcommittee on December 5, 2019 and December 9, 2019. We appreciate the opportunity to work with the House Legislative Oversight Committee in improving state government for the citizens of South Carolina, and will be happy to provide additional information as needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shannon A. Wiley".

Shannon A. Wiley
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Angel charity selection process

- 1. Please explain the process for selecting annual angel charities, in phases, from start to final selection, and, at each phase, please provide the following for each of the last three years: (a) criteria to qualify for that phase; (b) whether the criteria is in statute, regulation, or based on internal agency decision; (c) number of charities qualifying for the phase; and (d) any recognition the charities may receive during the process.**

For the past 22 years, the Secretary of State's Office has named charitable organizations as "Angels" in order to promote wise charitable giving at the beginning of the holiday season. The objective criteria for naming a charitable organization as an "Angel" are as follows:

- The charitable organization must have a program service expenditure percentage of 80% or greater for the most recently filed annual financial report. This is the percentage of total expenditures, not total revenue.
- The charitable organization must have been in existence for three or more fiscal years.
- The charitable organization must be in compliance with the South Carolina Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act (properly registered and no violations within the past two years).
- The charitable organization must rely predominantly on donor contributions rather than grant funding.
- The charitable organization should use volunteers.
- The charitable organization must not have high fundraising expenses or use professional solicitors.
- The charitable organization must have a presence in South Carolina beyond registration as a charity with the Secretary of State.
- The charitable organization must not have been previously named an Angel. For the past three years, however, Secretary Hammond has named one Honorary Angel, which is a previously-recognized Angel that has continued to adhere to the standards outlined above.

In addition to the objective criteria, the agency considers subjective criteria in that it attempts to name Angels that offer a variety of program services, and which are located in different geographic areas. The agency also welcomes nominations from the public for Angels. Public nomination does not guarantee that the charitable organization will be named an Angel, since the organization still must meet the objective criteria for Angels.

The criteria for recognition of charitable organizations as Angels are based on internal agency decision, and are not in statute or regulation. The agency, however, believes that naming Angels is one method of fulfilling the Secretary of State's statutory duty under S.C. Code Ann. § 33-56-80 to publish and make available to the public explanatory information, duties imposed, and means for enforcing the Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act. More specifically, the agency believes that recognition of Angels promotes wise charitable giving by encouraging donors to research charities before making a contribution.

The phases of the Angel selection process are as follows:

Phase One: The agency runs a database query that includes all charitable organizations that have reported a program service percentage of 80% or greater in their most recently filed annual financial report.

- Criteria to Qualify for Phase: The charitable organization must have a program service expenditure percentage of 80% or greater for the most recently filed annual financial report.
- Whether Criteria is in Statute, Regulation or Internal Agency Decision: Internal Agency Decision
- Number of Charities Qualifying:
 - 2017: 3,317
 - 2018: 3,048
 - 2019: 4,042
- Recognition Charities Receive During the Process: None

Phase Two: The agency issues a press release requesting Angel nominations from the public. The press release includes a summary of the objective Angel criteria. Nominations must be in writing and submitted prior to October 1st.

- Criteria to Qualify for Phase:
 - The agency accepts and reviews all written nominations for Angels. Although the objective criteria is summarized in the press release, not all nominations meet the objective criteria and therefore may not be considered for recognition as an Angel. The number of charities listed below as qualifying represents the number of nominations received by the agency, and does not reflect those entities that met all objective criteria for Angels.
- Whether Criteria is in Statute, Regulation or Internal Agency Decision: Internal Agency Decision
- Number of Charities Qualifying*:
 - 2017: 8
 - 2018: 6
 - 2019: 11

**The number of charities listed as qualifying represents the number of nominations received by the agency, and does not reflect those entities that met all objective criteria for Angels.*
- Recognition Charities Receive During the Process: If a charitable organization receives a nomination from the member of the public, but is not selected as an Angel, the agency will notify the charity by letter following the Angel Announcement that they received a nomination and may be considered for recognition in the future.

Phase Three: Agency staff reviews charitable organizations from the database query and public nominations to determine if they meet all of the objective criteria for Angels, and selects candidates that represent a variety of charitable purposes and geographic areas for further review.

- Criteria to Qualify for Phase:
 - The charitable organization must have a program service expenditure percentage of 80% or greater for the most recently filed annual financial report.
 - The charitable organization must have been in existence for three or more fiscal years.
 - The charitable organization must be in compliance with the South Carolina Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act (properly registered and no violations within the past two years).
 - The charitable organization must rely predominantly on donor contributions rather than grant funding.
 - The charitable organization should use volunteers.
 - The charitable organization must not have high fundraising expenses or use professional solicitors.
 - The charitable organization must have a presence in South Carolina beyond registration as a charity with the Secretary of State.
 - The charitable organization must not have been previously named an Angel.
- Whether Criteria is in Statute, Regulation or Internal Agency Decision: Internal Agency Decision
- Number of Charities Qualifying*:
 - 2017: 24
 - 2018: 33
 - 2019: 36

**These include the charities for which written notes exist and were retained, and do not include organizations that were discussed without making notes or for which notes were not retained.*
- Recognition Charities Receive During the Process: None

Phase Four: Agency staff reviews the list of prior Angels to select candidates for an Honorary Angel.

- Criteria to Qualify for Phase:
 - The charitable organization must have a program service expenditure percentage of 80% or greater for the most recently filed annual financial report.
 - The charitable organization must have been in existence for three or more fiscal years.
 - The charitable organization must be in compliance with the South Carolina Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act (properly registered and no violations within the past two years).
 - The charitable organization must rely predominantly on donor contributions rather than grant funding.
 - The charitable organization should use volunteers.
 - The charitable organization must not have high fundraising expenses or use professional solicitors.

- The charitable organization must have a presence in South Carolina beyond registration as a charity with the Secretary of State.
- The charitable organization must have previously been named an Angel, but not an Honorary Angel.
- Whether Criteria is in Statute, Regulation or Internal Agency Decision: Internal Agency Decision
- Number of Charities Qualifying:
 - 2017: There were 199 former Angels available for consideration. Staff did not retain records of the number of former Angels that still met the criteria for Angels.
 - 2018: There were 208 former Angels available for consideration. Staff did not retain records of the number of former Angels that still met the criteria for Angels.
 - 2019: There were 217 former Angels available for consideration. Staff did not retain records of the number of former Angels that still met the criteria for Angels.
- Recognition Charities Receive During the Process: None

Phase Five: Agency staff presents approximately 20 Angel candidates to Secretary Hammond and Deputy Secretary of State Melissa Dunlap. Agency staff also presents approximately 2-3 Honorary Angel candidates for consideration. From these candidates, Secretary Hammond and staff select the 10 charities to be named as Angels and one prior Angel to be named as an Honorary Angel.

- Criteria to Qualify for Phase:
 - The charitable organization must have a program service expenditure percentage of 80% or greater for the most recently filed annual financial report.
 - The charitable organization must have been in existence for three or more fiscal years.
 - The charitable organization must be in compliance with the South Carolina Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act (properly registered and no violations within the past two years).
 - The charitable organization must rely predominantly on donor contributions rather than grant funding.
 - The charitable organization should use volunteers.
 - The charitable organization must not have high fundraising expenses or use professional solicitors.
 - The charitable organization must have a presence in South Carolina beyond registration as a charity with the Secretary of State.
 - The charitable organization must not have been previously named an Angel to be recognized as an Angel. A previously named Angel may be named an Honorary Angel.
- Whether Criteria is in Statute, Regulation or Internal Agency Decision: Internal Agency Decision
- Number of Charities Qualifying:
 - 2017: 17
 - 2018: 30
 - 2019: 20
- Recognition Charities Receive During the Process: None

Phase Six: The Secretary of State's Office announces 10 charitable organizations as Angels and 1 charitable organization as an Honorary Angel.

- Criteria to Qualify for Phase:
 - The charitable organization must have a program service expenditure percentage of 80% or greater for the most recently filed annual financial report.
 - The charitable organization must have been in existence for three or more fiscal years.
 - The charitable organization must be in compliance with the South Carolina Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act (properly registered and no violations within the past two years).
 - The charitable organization must rely predominantly on donor contributions rather than grant funding.
 - The charitable organization should use volunteers.
 - The charitable organization must not have high fundraising expenses or use professional solicitors.
 - The charitable organization must have a presence in South Carolina beyond registration as a charity with the Secretary of State.

- The charitable organization must not have been previously named an Angel to be recognized as an Angel. A previously named Angel may be named an Honorary Angel.
- Whether Criteria is in Statute, Regulation or Internal Agency Decision: Internal Agency Decision
- Number of Charities Qualifying:
 - 2019: 11
 - 2018: 11
 - 2017: 11
- Recognition Charities Receive During the Process: The agency holds a ceremony and a reception to honor the Angels and Honorary Angel. The agency also issues a press release announcing the Angels and Honorary Angel.

Boards and commissions

2. **What information is necessary for the SoS to create a way for the public to search board/commission appointments for which an individual elected official’s delegation is responsible, by the name of the elected official? What information would the SoS need to enable a member of the public to sort those appointments by status of the appointment (e.g., filled, vacant, expired)?**

In order to provide state board and commission position information based upon an individual elected official, the members of the General Assembly would need to inform the Secretary of State of which delegations each individual legislator is a member of, including the congressional district delegation, judicial circuit delegation, and county delegation. Currently, the statutes do not require the Secretary of State to monitor information in this format, so our database is not designed to track positions by the individual legislators involved in the appointment process. As set forth in the statute that corresponds to a particular board or commission, positions are categorized by district, county, or circuit, when applicable. Even if the necessary delegation information is provided to our office, adding functionality for a search by individual legislator would require significant changes to the database involving a considerable amount of staff time.

Currently, the state board and commission search on the website does allow for a search by a particular district or circuit as well as by appointing authority. This search function also allows the customer to choose whether to show active positions (which includes filled expired terms) or vacant positions or both. We can also provide this search internally in a report format for state and local boards upon request. For members of the public uncertain of their congressional district, they can use the “Find my Legislator” function at www.scstatehouse.gov to determine the congressional district in which they reside.

3. **If the SoS had information indicating which elected officials serve in which delegations, could the SoS setup an automatic communication to notify legislators bi-annually of (a) current vacant/expired board/commission positions, and (b) board/commission positions expiring within the next year?**

The boards and commissions database does not have a notification function at this time. In order to set up an automatic communication, our software engineer would have to build this functionality into the database. In addition to creation of the actual notification system, this would also require the system to connect each individual legislator to each delegation that the legislator is a member of in order to determine which reports to send to each individual legislator. In addition, it would require the Secretary of State to determine email contact information for each legislator and enter it into the database. These steps would require significant staff time as well as major changes to the database.

4. **If state boards and commissions were required to provide the SoS an email address for each state board and commission member (e.g., official one issued by the board or commission if the member does not want to provide a personal email address), would there be any challenges in the SoS adding this information to the SoS website? Would the SoS have any concerns about adding this information?**

The database does not currently have a field for entry of an email address for members of boards and commissions, as it is not information required by statute. The only contact information maintained is a

mailing address for purposes of providing an oath and issuing a commission. If an email address were required information under the statute, the Secretary of State would comply and maintain that information. However, there are concerns over privacy and security as it relates to posting email addresses on the Secretary of State's website. While some of the larger boards and commissions may issue email addresses to board or commission members, we suspect that many of these boards and commissions do not provide email addresses for use by members. The agency has concerns about hackers and spammers scraping the website for these email addresses and using them to gather information for illegal purposes.

5. What is necessary for the SoS to include, within the search results for board/commission members on the SoS website, links to laws applicable to each board/commission position so a user may access information on qualifications and responsibilities related to the position?

The database is structured so that statutory references link to the board or commission and not the individual positions within that board or commission. Therefore, when you search for a particular board, there is a link to the statutory reference, but when you search for particular positions, the results are typically a list of positions on various boards and commissions that do not have a link to statutes. IT staff can determine if it is possible to add a hyperlink with the board name in a list of search results for board and commission members, but it is not currently linked in this way.

6. What suggestions does the SoS have for the General Assembly to assist it in obtaining accurate information from state boards and commissions in a timely manner?

State law already requires state boards and commissions to report membership information to the Secretary of State's Office. In practice, it is the appointing authority that typically reports the information to our office. For the most accurate and up-to-date information, it would be helpful to have appointing authorities copy the Secretary of State on any appointment letters. Several appointing authorities already do this and it is helpful in making sure the information we have is current without requiring an additional letter or notification.

7. Please provide any information available to the SoS on methods utilized by other states to obtain accurate information from state boards and commissions in a timely manner?

The Secretary of State is not currently in possession of information responsive to this question.

8. Is the information below accurate?

- a. **As of December 9, 2019, there were over 840 individuals with expired terms serving in a hold over capacity across more than 150 different boards and commissions.**
- b. **As of December 4, 2019, there were over 450 vacant board and commission seats.**

As stated in our response dated December 4, 2019, data in the boards and commissions database is constantly being updated and we do not capture the point of time of the data. The information provided on December 4, 2019 and December 9, 2019 was accurate as of those dates based upon the information provided to the Secretary of State's Office. Current numbers are also provided in the response to question 12.

9. Would the SoS be opposed to considering creation of a web form to allow a state board or commission member to update their information regarding an appointment, election, resignation or vacancy? Why or why not?

It is best to receive information regarding appointments, elections, resignations, and vacancies from the appointing authority or the boards and commissions themselves to ensure that the information is accurate, especially with regard to term dates. In addition, a web form would allow anyone to submit information, making it difficult to verify the information or the identity of the person providing the information. For security purposes, we would need to create a registration process to ensure only an authorized person is submitting the information. It is more efficient to receive the information in a formal format to avoid the need for a verification process and to be certain that our records reflect the correct makeup of boards and commissions as appointed by the appointing authorities.

10. If authorized in statute, would the SoS be opposed to providing a board or commission member’s term end date, as the end date is outlined in the applicable statute, instead of relying on the board or commission to provide that information?

The Secretary of State will follow the requirements set forth in statute. However, we do not think our office is the best party to determine expiration dates. Our role is to monitor positions, not to define their terms. The Secretary of State believes the appointing authority is in the best position to determine the term dates when making an appointment. In addition, the Division of Notaries, Authentications, Boards and Commissions has a staff of three people who, in addition to processing boards and commissions appointments, process notary applications, authentications requests, and election results, among other duties.

11. Could the SoS maintain historical information on the number of vacancies and expired terms going forward?

The Secretary of State’s Office could potentially capture vacancies and expired terms moving forward. However, it would be important to set parameters on the maintenance of historical information, as this would require additional storage at an additional expense. On any given day, there are approximately 1,000 vacancy and expired terms records. If we save and maintain these records on a daily basis, we would be at over 1 million vacancy and expired terms records captured and saved within three years. This would lead to an increase in maintenance costs due to the additional storage needed. Therefore, determining how and when to maintain historical information would be vital to determining what the cost would be, specifically how often the information is saved (e.g. daily, monthly, yearly) and how long the information is retained (e.g. 3 years, 5 years, 10 years).

12. Please provide the following information: (a) number of vacant board/commission positions; (b) number of expired board/commission positions; and (c) number of filled and not expired board/commission positions.

Please see the table below showing the information that was current as of December 31, 2019:

a.	Number of vacant board/commission positions	473
b.	Number of expired board/commissions positions	811
c.	Number of filled and not expired board/commission positions	1,740

Corporations and filings

13. Please provide a table listing the different entities (e.g., corporation, s-corporation, etc.) within the agency’s “business corporation” filings.¹

Under S.C. Code Ann. §§ 33-1-101 and 33-38-120, the South Carolina Business Corporation Act of 1988 applies to the following types of business entities:

- Business Corporations
- Statutory Close Corporations
- Professional Corporations
- Benefit Corporations

The types of business entities included in the number of filings provided for Deliverable 58 are the following:

- Business Corporations
- Statutory Close Corporations
- Professional Corporations
- Cooperative Associations
- Business Trusts

¹ Secretary of State presentation - Business filings, information technology, and administration, Slide 8.

The reason that filings for cooperative associations and business trusts were included under business corporation filings is that they are not coded separately from other types of for-profit business filings in the Business Filings database.

14. What are potential reasons for an increase of more than 6,000 in business corporation filings between fiscal year 2017-18 and 2018-19?²

In FY 2018-19, the agency received 7,079 administrative dissolutions from the Department of Revenue. This was a large number in comparison to prior years (i.e. 4 were received in FY 2017-18, 0 were received in FY 2016-17, and 2,322 were received in FY 2015-16), and resulted in the significant increase in the number of business corporation filings from FY 2017-18.

15. Please explain the difference in a nonprofit corporation and a benefit corporation. Also, please provide the potential advantages or disadvantages of each.

A nonprofit corporation is a corporation formed pursuant to the South Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act (S.C. Code Ann. §§ 33-31-101, et. seq.). A nonprofit corporation is organized for purposes other than generating a profit, and must be a public benefit, mutual benefit, or religious corporation. A nonprofit corporation is exempt from paying taxes if it is granted 501(c) status by the Internal Revenue Service. In South Carolina, a nonprofit corporation can be a domestic or foreign corporation.

A benefit corporation is a corporation formed pursuant to the South Carolina Benefit Corporation Act (S.C. Code Ann. §§ 33-38-110, et. seq.). A benefit corporation is a for-profit corporation that has as one of its corporate purposes a general public benefit. A general public benefit is defined under S.C. Code Ann. §§ 33-38-130(A)(5) as a “material positive impact on society and the environment taken as a whole, as assessed against a third-party standard, from the business and operations of a benefit corporation.” The benefit corporation may also include a specific public benefit as a corporate purpose. Specific public benefit is defined under S.C. Code Ann. §§ 33-38-130(A)(7) as a “benefit that serves one or more public welfare, religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or other purposes or benefits beyond the strict interest of the shareholders or the benefit corporation.” A benefit corporation is taxed like a business corporation. In South Carolina, a benefit corporation must be a domestic corporation.

The key advantage of a benefit corporation over a nonprofit corporation is that the benefit corporation is a for-profit entity that can divert some of its corporate profits to a public benefit purpose. Since the benefit corporation is for-profit, however, it has the disadvantage of not being tax exempt.

16. Since SoS personnel testified that an applicant receives a letter listing the specific reasons their business filing was rejected, if it is rejected, is the SoS able to track the annual number of business filing rejections by reason for rejection? If so, is the information used in trainings and webinars the SoS conducts or shared with the General Assembly for consideration of potential legislative changes? If not, could the SoS track this information going forward?

The agency has a list of rejection reasons in the business filings database that was launched in 2017. Also, the list of rejection reasons can be edited as needed (this editing feature was recently added to the database). The rejection data has not been used in trainings and webinars or shared with the General Assembly for consideration of potential legislative changes; however, the agency can produce a report of rejection reasons and the number of times that they have been used in a given period.

17. Please provide a table with the reasons for which a business corporation can be administratively dissolved and, for each reason/condition for each of the last three years include the following: (a) applicable statute; (b) entity responsible for identifying whether the reason/condition exists (e.g., Department of Revenue, Secretary of State’s Office); (c) process at the applicable agency to regularly

² Secretary of State presentation - Business filings, information technology, and administration, Slide 8.

identify the reason/condition, if any (e.g., regular audits, etc.) and (d) number of business corporations administratively dissolved for the reason/condition.

Please see Attachment A, which sets forth the administrative dissolution process by type of entity and provides the statutory reference, reasons for dissolution and who determines the reason for dissolution, and the action requirements for the process of administrative dissolution when initiated by the Secretary of State's Office. When an entity has failed to file a required filing with the Department of Revenue (DOR), DOR sends notice to the entity. If the problem is not remedied, DOR sends the entity's name and address to the Secretary of State's Office to issue a certificate of administrative dissolution or revocation. The Secretary of State's Office initiates the process of administrative dissolution upon receipt of notice from a member of the public or from staff that a company has failed to maintain accurate registered agent and office information. In addition, the Secretary of State's Office is currently working to finalize a process within the Business Entities Online system to be able to automatically put entities that have no registered agent or office into a queue so that staff can initiate the process of administrative dissolution. This process will also allow for final dissolution and revocation to be calendared from the date of notice so that staff can complete the administrative dissolution or revocation if grounds for dissolution or revocation are not remedied.

While the certificate of administrative dissolution or revocation references the specific reason for administrative dissolution, there is not a mechanism in the database to capture the reason for dissolution as data. Therefore, we cannot provide a report listing the number of entities dissolved for each reason provided under statute. The total number of administrative dissolutions for each of the last several years are as follows:

Calendar Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Administrative Dissolution	2,852	2,014	1	6,293	3,061

18. Has the SoS ever performed an audit of all registered non-profits to determine which do not have a registered agent or registered office? If yes, when was the last time it was done?

No; however, this is a project that the SoS can begin once the House Legislative Oversight process is completed.

19. Can the SoS track the annual number of UCC filing rejections by reason for rejection? If so, is the information used in trainings and webinars the SoS conducts or shares with the General Assembly for consideration of potential legislative changes? If not, could the SoS track this information going forward?

The agency can produce a report on the number of rejections, but cannot produce a report on the number of rejections by reason for rejection. The agency, however, would be able to obtain a report on the number of rejections by reason for rejection through South Carolina Interactive (SCI). The rejection data has not been used in trainings and webinars or shared with the General Assembly for consideration of potential legislative changes.

20. Please provide the names of the entities with bulk data subscriptions. Also, is the SoS aware of whether entities can obtain subscriptions to data SCI maintains for other agencies?

The following entities presently have bulk data subscriptions through SCI:

Corporation – Bulk Data

- Numerated Growth Technologies
- Cogency Global Inc.
- Middelink, Inc.
- Lexis Nexis
- Experian Business Information PO# 4098268660-0

Corporation – New Bulk Data

- Cross & Company
- DataMagic Systems
- IDM
- MarketForce
- B2B DATA GROUP

UCC Images

- Bankers Reporting Service

UCC Bulk Data

- Bankers Reporting Service

UCC and Corporation Bulk Data

- CTLS Data
- Dun & Bradstreet

Notary – Bulk Data

- Anchor Rubber Stamp
- Presto Direct

In addition to data from the Secretary of State's Office, entities can obtain subscriptions through SCI for data from the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Social Services. The available subscriptions are listed in SCI's Subscriber Registration Agreement that is provided through this link:

<https://ucconline.sc.gov/UCCFiling/SC%20Subscriber%20Agreement%20v2.2%2008072017.pdf>

The agency is unaware of any other data subscriptions available through SCI.

Fees for business and UCC filings³

21. Please provide a table listing business filing fees in South Carolina and fees for comparable business filings in other Southeastern states.

Please see the table of the most common types of business filings and fees for the Southeastern states, including South Carolina, that is provided in Attachment B.

22. Please provide a table listing each business filing and fee in South Carolina and, for each filing for each of the last five years, the number of filings, total fees collected, amount that went to SoS, and amount that went to the general fund.

Please see the tables that are provided in Attachments C(1) through C(6).

23. Please provide a table listing UCC filing fees in South Carolina and fees for comparable UCC filings in other Southeastern states.

Please see the table of the types of UCC filings and fees for the Southeastern states, including South Carolina, that is provided in Attachment D.

³ According to the agency, fees for business filings have not been revised in 15 or more years, depending on the entity type. A complete list of all business filing fees is available at <https://businessfilings.sc.gov/businessfiling> See Secretary of State presentation – Business filings, information technology, and administration, slide 64.

According to the agency, fees for UCC filings have not been revised in over 16 years. See Secretary of State presentation – Business filings, information technology, and administration, slide 66.

24. Please provide a table listing each UCC filing and fee in South Carolina and, for each filing for each of the last five years, the number of filings, total fees collected, amount that went to SoS, and amount that went to the general fund.

Please see the tables that are provided in Attachment E.

Railroad filings

25. When was the last time there was a railroad filing?⁴

The last railroad filing received by the SoS was on September 22, 2017. The filing was a certificate of amendment for dissolution under S.C. Code Ann. § 58-15-160.

26. Does the collection of information in railroad filings already occur through other filings? If so, through which filings? If not, could they be incorporated with other filings to avoid the need of having a separate filing?

A corporation that operates a railroad may have filings under the South Carolina Business Corporations Act; however, railroad filings are maintained separately. These include railroad deeds and mortgages under Chapter 11 of Title 30 and corporate filings under Chapters 15 and 17 of Title 58. The statutes governing these filings are fairly dated, and it may be worth forming a study committee that involves stakeholders to review the statutes and propose amendments as needed.

Notaries

27. If notary applications were sent directly to the SoS, how would the SoS see the process working and would local delegations still be involved in the process, if they desired to continue being involved?

If S.C. Code Ann. §§ 26-1-25 and -30 were repealed, notary applicants would send their applications directly to the Secretary of State's Office. Agency staff would review the application to determine if all statutory requirements were met and verify the applicant's voter registration with the State Election Commission. If the application were complete and acceptable, agency staff would then file the application, print a commission, and mail it to the applicant. If the application were not acceptable, then agency staff would reject the application and mail it to the applicant with a letter stating the reasons for rejection.

If legislative delegations wanted to remain involved with the notary commission process, the Secretary of State could provide names and addresses of commissioned notaries to the delegations on a regular basis so that the legislative delegation could send the notary a letter congratulating them on their appointment.

28. Are notary publics required to enroll their commission with the clerk of court in statute? If so, please provide the applicable statute and whether the SoS would support, oppose, or take no position on repeal of the statute.⁵

Notaries public are required to enroll their notary commissions with the clerk of court in the county in which they reside under S.C. Code Ann. § 26-1-50:

SECTION 26-1-50. Enrollment of commission.

Within fifteen days after he has been commissioned, a notary public must exhibit his commission to the clerk of the court of the county in which he resides and be enrolled by the clerk.

The Secretary of State would support the repeal of S.C. Code Ann. § 26-1-50, since the agency's website provides a Notary Search engine that allows members of the public to search notaries by name and by county. The agency believes that repealing the statute would save both notaries and counties time and resources.

⁴ Secretary of State presentation - Business filings, information technology, and administration, Slide 29.

⁵ The agency states the notary public enrolling their commission with the clerk of court in the county in which they reside is part of the notary public application process, but notes failure to do so does not invalidate the notary's commission or notarial acts. Secretary of State presentation – Notaries, boards and commissions, authentications, and apostilles, Slide 9.

29. Please provide a list of other states in the Southeast that require some type of training prior to becoming a notary and the type of training required.

Please see the table that is provided in Attachment F.

Fees for notaries⁶

30. Please provide a table listing the fee for notary public applications and, change in status forms, in South Carolina and fees for comparable filings in other Southeastern states.

Please see the table of the fees for notary applications and other forms in the Southeastern states, including South Carolina, that is provided in Attachment F.

31. Please provide a table listing the following, separately for notary public applications and notary public change in status forms, for each of the last five years: (a) number of filings, (b) total fees collected, (c) amount that went to SoS, and (d) amount that went to the general fund.

Notary Public Applications

	Calendar Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
a.	Number of filings	15,091	15,942	15,760	14,661	15,079
b.	Total fees collected	\$ 377,275	\$ 398,550	\$ 394,000	\$ 366,525	\$ 376,975
c.	Amount that went to SCSOS	0	0	0	0	0
d.	Amount that went to General Fund	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Notary Public Change in Status Forms

	Calendar Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
a.	Number of filings	1,356	1403	1,798	1,894	1,965
b.	Total fees collected	\$ 13,560	\$ 14,030	\$ 17,980	\$ 18,940	\$ 19,650
c.	Amount that went to SCSOS	0	0	0	0	0
d.	Amount that went to General Fund	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Oaths of office

32. What guidance, if any, does the SoS provide to newly elected individuals about who can administer an oath of office?

The Secretary of State’s Office provides three different types of oaths of office: one for judges, one for magistrates, and one for state and county officers. Since state and county officers do not typically have special requirements for the oath of office, the state and county officer oath includes wording that allows a notary public to administer the oath of office. The oath of office for judges includes a notation reminding them to take the oath of office before an authorized official as set forth in the S.C. Code of Laws. The oath of office for magistrates includes a signature block for the County Clerk of Court to administer the oath.

⁶ According to the agency, the \$25 fee for notary public applications has not increased since 1988 [1988 Act No. 658 (General Appropriations Act, Part II, Section 3A)], and the \$10 fee for notary public change in status forms has not changed since 1983 [1983 Act No. 151 (General Appropriations Act, Part II, Section 8B)]. See Secretary of State presentation – Notaries, boards and commissions, authentications, and apostilles, Slide 71.

Bonds for elected officials

33. Are all of the steps for filing bonds for special state constables necessary, or does the SoS have any recommendations for how to potentially streamline the process?

S.C. Code Ann. § 8-3-140 mandates the following process for approval and recordation of bonds for public officials:

The bonds of all public officers of the State shall, before they are accepted or recorded, be examined by the Attorney General or by one of the solicitors, who must certify in writing upon the bond that he approves the form and execution thereof. When so examined, approved and certified the bonds of State, district or circuit officers shall be filed with the Secretary of State and shall be recorded by him, without charge, in suitable books kept by him for the purpose and when so recorded shall be filed with the State Treasurer except that the bond of the State Treasurer shall be filed with the Governor.

The verbiage of Section 8-3-140 has not changed since at least 1902 (see Civ. C. '02 Section 591), and while it is difficult to determine the intent for having three separate constitutional officers involved in the filing of bonds, it seems that it would be more efficient to have bonds approved and recorded by one state official.

Crowdfunding taskforce

34. Please provide the following information related to the crowdfunding taskforce: (a) members of the taskforce; (b) purpose of the taskforce and issues/questions being discussed; and (c) timeline for anticipated actions by the taskforce.

The Crowdfunding Taskforce was formed to review issues arising from the recent proliferation of crowdfunding through social media, as it relates to charitable fundraising. The purpose of the Taskforce is to determine whether legislation is needed to address these issues and how such legislation would affect the Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act. The members of the Taskforce presently include the following:

- Secretary of State's Office: Shannon Wiley, General Counsel
Kim Wickersham, Director of Public Charities
- Attorney General's Office: Mary Frances Jowers, Assistant Deputy Attorney General
Matt Gates, Deputy Attorney General
- Together SC: Madeleine McGee, President
Ben Bullock, Director of Operations
Ann Timberlake, Lobbyist (Timberlake Communications)
- Blackbaud: Sally Erhenfried, Principal, Government Relations
Cameron Stoll, Counsel & Chief Privacy Officer
Jerry Needel, President & GM, Blackbaud Customer Solutions
Tom Sayles, Senior Director, Global Credit & AML (Anti Money Laundering)

The Taskforce has had two conference calls since its formation (October 31, 2019 and January 8, 2019). The goal of the Taskforce is to discuss the various issues surrounding crowdfunding (including fundraising for individuals, crowdfunding platforms, and donor advised funds), determine whether regulation is needed, and review model crowdfunding legislation that becomes available and consider how it would work in South Carolina. As of the date of this letter, the next step of the Taskforce is to develop public education materials related to crowdfunding, including an infographic on what donors should ask before making a contribution to a crowdfunding campaign.

Service of Process

35. Please provide a table listing the entities on whose behalf the SoS may accept service of process and the applicable statute for each.

Please see the table that is provided in Attachment G.

Municipalities

36. Please provide a flow chart illustrating the different phases of the municipal incorporation process.⁷

Please see the flow chart that is provided in Attachment H.

37. Who serves on the Joint Legislative Committee on Municipal Incorporation and what are the qualifications to serve on the committee?

The membership of the Joint Legislative Committee on Municipal Incorporation is provided under S.C. Code Ann. § 5-1-26(B):

(B) The committee consists of seven members:

- (1) two Senators appointed by the President of the Senate;
- (2) two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (3) one person appointed by the Governor;
- (4) one city manager or elected city official appointed by the President of the Senate from a list of three persons recommended by the Municipal Association of South Carolina; and
- (5) one county council member or county manager or administrator appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from a list of three persons recommended by the South Carolina Association of Counties.

As of the date of this letter, the members of the committee are as follows:

Senator Greg Hembree
Senator Floyd Nicholson
Representative Dennis C. Moss
Representative F. Michael “Mike” Sottile
Arthur L. Guerry (appointed by Governor)
Lessie Price (city manager or elected city official)
D. Paul Sommerville (county council member or county manager/administrator)

38. How does the SoS determine when a municipality is not performing municipal services that justify cancelling a municipalities certificate of incorporation? Does the SoS perform any regular reviews of municipalities?

Presently, the agency does not perform any regular reviews of municipalities to determine if they are providing services, or have met the criteria for forfeiture or cancellation under S.C. Code Ann. § 5-1-100. The agency intends to review the results of the 2020 Census to determine if any municipalities have populations less than 50 inhabitants, which would result in forfeiture of the certificate of incorporation under S.C. Code Ann. § 5-1-100(A). If the agency received an inquiry or complaint that a municipality was not performing municipal services, collecting taxes, and had not held an election in the preceding four years, the agency would investigate to determine if all three conditions were present. However, the agency has not received any recent inquiries or complaints that are three conditions were present for a specific municipality.

39. Please provide a table listing all municipalities in South Carolina and, for each, date of incorporation and county(ies) in which it is located.

Please see the table that is provided in Attachment I.

⁷ See Secretary of State presentation – Notaries, boards and commissions, authentications, and apostilles, Slides 17-21.

Special purpose districts

- 40. Would the SoS oppose placing information about special purpose districts online in a searchable format? If not, what would be required to do so?**

The Secretary of State publishes the biennial Special Purpose District Directory on the agency’s website in PDF format, which is searchable using the “find” function for a PDF. The Directory lists special purpose districts by county and includes a table of contents, and contains information required in the special purpose district notification form filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 6-11-1620.

Private personnel placement services and business opportunities

- 41. Are employment agencies regulated by any other entities, outside of the SoS?**

Although S.C. Code Ann. § 41-25-110 permits multiple agencies and private individuals to enforce the South Carolina Private Personnel Placement Services Act, the Secretary of State’s Office is unaware of any enforcement or regulatory actions taken by other agencies or individuals.

- 42. Is the SoS aware of whether the Department of Employment and Workforce collects any information on entities involved in private personnel placement services?**

No.

- 43. Would the SoS be willing to share information on private personnel placement services entities to the Department of Employment and Workforce to assist it in helping unemployed individuals obtain employment?**

Yes.

- 44. Would the SoS be willing to publish the list of private personnel placement service entities on its website with contact information in a format that is searchable by county?**

Yes.

- 45. Please provide a list of states that do and do not have statutes similar to South Carolina’s statutes related to private personnel placement services. For states that have similar statutes, please indicate the agency in which the attendant responsibilities are located.**

Please see the table that is provided in Attachment J.

- 46. Please provide a list of states that do and do not have statutes similar to South Carolina’s statutes related to business opportunities. For states that have similar statutes, please indicate the agency in which the attendant responsibilities are located.**

Please see the table that is provided in Attachment K.

Fees related to municipalities deliverables

- 47. Please provide a table listing the fee for service of process in South Carolina and comparable fees in other Southeastern states.⁸**

Please see the table of the fees for service of process in the Southeastern states, including South Carolina, that is provided in Attachment L.

⁸ According to the agency, the \$10 fee for service of process has not increased since passage of the S.C. Business Corporation Act of 1988 (1988 Act No. 444). See Secretary of State presentation – Municipalities, Slide 61.

48. Please provide a table that lists the following, for service of process for each of the last five years: (a) total number, (b) total fees collected, (c) amount that went to SoS, (d) amount that went to the general fund; and (e) amount needed to cover associated SoS costs.

	Fiscal Year	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
a.	Number of service of process requests (including rejections)	644 (this number does not include rejections because they were not tracked during that FY)	744	775	855	794
b.	Total fees collected	\$6,560.00	\$6,430.00	\$5,900.00	\$6,600.00	\$7,030.00
c.	Amount that went to SoS	0	0	0	0	0
d.	Amount that went to General Fund	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
e.	Amount needed to cover associated SoS costs	Undetermined [Employee costs: (deliverables 164 & 165): Undetermined; Postage (11/18/2014-6/30/2015 only): \$2,425.37]	\$40,136.61 [Employee costs (deliverables 164 & 165): \$34,012.94; Postage: \$6,123.67]	\$18,455.60 [Employee costs (deliverables 164 & 165): \$13,296.96; Postage: \$5,158.64]	\$20,344.23 [Employee costs (deliverables 164 & 165): \$15,393.99; Postage: \$4,950.24]	\$23,808.03 [Employee costs (deliverables 164 & 165): \$18,810.74; Postage: \$4,997.29]

49. Please provide a table listing the fee for application for a certificate of cable franchise authority in South Carolina and comparable fees in other Southeastern states.⁹

Please see the table of the fees for cable franchise filings in the Southeastern states, including South Carolina, that is provided in Attachment M.

⁹ According to the agency, the \$110 fee for application for a certificate of cable franchise authority has not increased since passage of the S.C. Competitive Cable Services Act (2006 Act No. 288). See Secretary of State presentation – Municipalities, Slide 61.

50. Please provide a table that lists the following, for certificate of cable franchise authority in South Carolina for each of the last five years: (a) total number, (b) total fees collected, (c) amount that went to SoS, (d) amount that went to the general fund, and (e) amount needed to cover associated SoS costs.

	Fiscal Year	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
a.	Number of certificates issued (includes notices, denials and certificates issued)	30	42	42	15	7
b.	Total fees collected	\$3,300.00	\$1,980.00	\$1,430.00	\$660.00	\$770.00
c.	Amount that went to SoS	0	0	0	0	0
d.	Amount that went to General Fund	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
e.	Amount needed to cover associated SoS costs	Undetermined [Employee costs (deliverables 187, 188 & 189): Undetermined; Postage estimate: \$32.64]	\$12,248.43 [Employee costs (deliverables 187, 188 & 189): \$12,208.91; Postage estimate: \$40.32]	\$1,299.64 [Employee costs (deliverables 187, 188 & 189): \$1,284.28; Postage estimate: \$15.36]	\$1,423.65 [Employee costs (deliverables 187, 188 & 189): \$1,412.15; Postage estimate: \$11.52]	\$1,463.70 [Employee costs (deliverables 187, 188 & 189): \$1,448.34; Postage estimate: \$15.36]

Rarely used deliverables

51. For each of the SoS' deliverables in which zero customers were served in the last three years (e.g., certificate of incorporation for redevelopment, etc.), please provide the year in which the deliverable was last provided and whether the SoS believes the deliverable is still needed. If not, please provide the applicable statute.

Please see the table that is provided in Attachment N.

SoS databases

52. Please provide a table listing the databases SoS currently has (e.g., boards and commissions), or is working to have (e.g., municipalities, special purpose districts, landlord-tenants, etc.), and the following for each:

- a. status of the database (e.g., complete, in creation, etc.) and, if not complete, anticipated completion date;**
- b. information the database does, or will, contain; and**
- c. current or planned benefits of the database (e.g., searchable information for the public online, ability for customers to enter information/forms online, ease in archiving, etc.).**

Please see the table that is provided in Attachment O.

53. Would the SoS oppose working with the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office and/or others who may have geographic information system mapping to determine opportunities for linking to the information each has available online about municipalities, special purpose districts, etc., or working together in other ways, to assist users in locating information.

No.

54. Please provide a table listing the categories of information the SoS has on its website in a searchable format and, for each, the ways in which it is searchable. See example below.

Information	Searchable by...
Boards and Commissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name of commission/board member (Last, First, and/or City) • Appointment Type (Gubernatorial, General Assembly, or Other); • District (Congressional, Judicial, or At Large); • Status (Active, Vacant, or Both)

Please see the table that is provided in Attachment P.

55. Please provide a table with the list of categories of information/documents maintained by the SoS that are not posted on the SoS’s website (e.g., complaints about charities) and, for each, why it is not posted online.

The Secretary of State’s Office serves as a repository for several types of documents as required by statute. Much of the information is available online, or will be available online in the future, indicated in Attachment P. Some of the information, however, is not posted online, including the following:

- Any personally identifiable information (PII) contained in filings, such as oaths of office; notary applications; registration forms for charities, professional fundraisers, and raffles; employment agency applications; and other documents that may contain information whose online publication would cause a risk to personal privacy.
- Unresolved enforcement actions under the South Carolina Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act. These include notices of violation and fines, pending investigations, and complaints about charitable organizations, professional fundraisers, and raffles that are subject to investigation.
- Investigations involving counterfeit goods, with the exception of press releases for significant enforcement actions.
- Items that are published on other state websites, such as ratified acts, executive orders, and election results.
- Statutorily required filings whose publication would not be useful or meaningful to the public at large, such as service of process requests.

As indicated for Question 54 above, it is the goal of the Secretary of State to publish information on its website to benefit its customers and the citizens of South Carolina as a whole. To that end, the agency will continue to provide online information that will be useful to the public, while maintaining personal privacy and avoiding duplication and unnecessary waste of resources.

Data sharing

56. Please explain how Application Programming Interfaces (API) work and how it allows the SoS to share information with the Emergency Management Division.

Application Programming Interfaces (API) provide a methodology for an agency partner to request access to information from a SoS database by allowing the data to be shared without a user interface. Interaction is provided between software components to allow the information to be sent between agencies much more quickly.

The South Carolina Emergency Management Division (EMD) and SoS worked with South Carolina Interactive (SCI) to develop an API to remove the manual process of EMD searching for business entity information on the SoS website. Prior to the implementation of the API, the Governor signed House Bill 5299 which became effective in June 2016. The act directed the Director of the South Carolina Emergency


Management Division to develop a system by which a person who transports goods or services, or assists in ensuring their availability, and a person who assists in the restoration of utility or other services can be certified as such for the purpose of reentry into an area subject to a state or local curfew.



Prior to certification, the employer must be in good standing with the SoS as a bona fide company doing business in South Carolina, which may be verified on the SoS website. A certification of the employer constitutes a certification of the employer's employees. Certification allows a person to reenter or remain in a curfew area for the limited purpose of transporting goods or services or assisting in the restoration of utility or other services, though it does not prohibit law enforcement or local officials from denying access to an area in order to preserve, protect, or sustain the life, health, safety, or economic well-being of a person or property or from granting access as otherwise deemed necessary.

Prior to this implementation of the API, EMD had one staff member handling the certification process and had registered 92 businesses in the four months following the effective date of House Bill 5299. But when Hurricane Matthew went through South Carolina in 2016, between pre-landfall, impact, and post-landfall of the hurricane, over 1,000 businesses registered with EMD for reentry. To accommodate the increase in volume, eight additional staff members worked on certifications around the clock for nine consecutive days.

The goal of the API was to remove the manual process of EMD staff performing the search with SOS, creating the certificate, and sending the certificate by mail. The API allows immediate verification of businesses and online certificate availability, reduces staff time spent on certification, and restores services to citizens more quickly.

The EMD Business Reentry application automatically verifies the business is in good standing prior to allowing the end user to continue, removing the need for EMD staff to search the SOS database. It is available to users at any time and will automatically generate the certification for the user to download and print immediately, making the approval process instantaneous.

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BUSINESS REENTRY

Welcome

South Carolina State Bill 5299 authorizes businesses to register for post-disaster reentry certification. A business must be in good standing with the office of the South Carolina Secretary of State in order to be certified. The program is free and is administered by the South Carolina Emergency Management Division and South Carolina Department of Commerce. Possessing Business Reentry Certification does not prohibit local officials from denying access to an area based on life, health, or safety considerations. County and municipal governance may have separate reentry procedures. Local ordinances or policies are not usurped by the State Business Reentry Certificate. Please check with the local emergency management official in the parental county where your business resides.

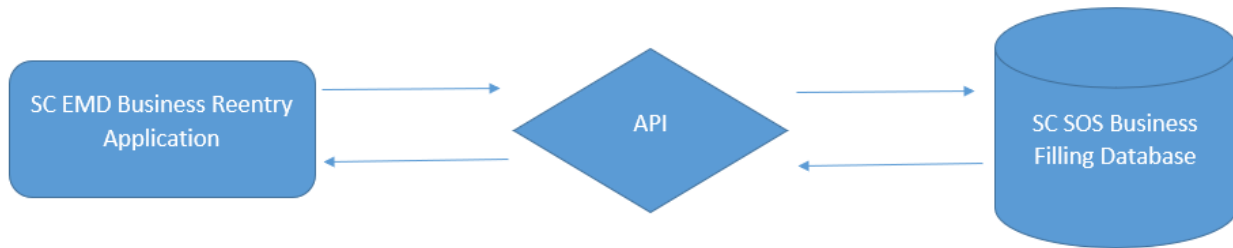
Note: Only one Post-Disaster Reentry Registration Number is required for businesses with multiple office locations. The agent from your business with authority to enter into the Memorandum of Agreement with the State of South Carolina should be the person that makes the request for post-disaster reentry certification.

Register your business today!

New User?
Please [register](#) for an account to begin the Re-entry process.

Returning User?
Please [proceed to login page](#).

Under the API, credentials and request criteria are sent to the API by the Business Reentry application. The data is then returned from the SoS Business Filings database through the API and back to the application immediately, as if the data was local to EMD, without the need for EMD staff to perform manual searches. The application was developed utilizing the SCI Application Design Standards where necessary.



57. Please provide a table listing information the SoS shares with other entities and for each type of information shared, please include whether the SoS sends or receives the information, manner in which the information is transmitted (e.g., database, API, email, hand delivery, etc.), and efficiencies or effectiveness improved from being able to share the information. See example below.

Information	Whether SoS sends or receives it	Entity to or from whom it is shared	Manner of transmission	Benefits
Certification letter and filed application for registration as a qualified business for each registered qualified business	SoS sends	Department of Revenue (DOR)		Assist DOR in carrying out its duties under the High Growth Small Business Job Creation Act

Information	Whether SoS sends or receives it	Entity to or from whom it is shared	Manner of transmission	Benefits
Weekly listing of new business entities and CL-1 filings for new corporate entities	Send	DOR	SFTP	Registers new businesses with DOR.
Certification for businesses to re-enter disaster areas (e.g. after hurricane evacuation)	Send	SCEMD	API	SCEMD application interfaces directly with SCSOS database to determine the status of businesses in an affected area.
UCC Bulk Filing capabilities through XML format	Receive	Multiple high volume filers of UCC filings	API	Allows UCC high volume filers to file using XML without manual user interface.
*Certification letter and filed application for registration as a qualified business for each registered qualified business	Send	DOR	Email	Assist DOR in carrying out its duties under the High Growth Small Business Job Creation Act.

Agency staff has had discussions with the Workers' Compensation Commission (WCC) for a potential API. This API would share data collected by the SOS for use with a WCC front-end application to assist with research of workers' compensation claims. This project is still in development.

*Upon clarification of the question from House Oversight staff, the example of the certification letter emailed to DOR would not be an example of data sharing that would be better transmitted through the use of an API.

Employee cross-training

58. In the Program Evaluation Report, the SoS listed a performance measure for cross-training staff. When does the SoS consider a staff member is “cross-trained,” and what percentage of staff are cross-trained as of November 2019?

Because the Secretary of State's Office is a small agency, it is helpful to have staff members cross-trained during times when there is a high volume of filings, and when other staff members are out of the office. In addition to benefiting the agency, cross-training benefits our employees. Cross-training in multiple areas of the agency provides staff opportunity for future growth within the agency. The agency considers a staff member to be “cross-trained” when the staff member is trained to perform functions outside of their assigned division, or outside of their assigned duties within their assigned division. As of November 2019, the percentage of staff members that were cross-trained was 68%.

Law recommendations

59. Does the SoS plan to remove Regulation 102-1 (Fees to Accompany Request for Confirmation of Solicitation Exemption) in updated regulations it files with the General Assembly?¹⁰ If so, when does the agency plan to file the updated regulations?

Because this regulation is under the purview of the Attorney General's Office, the Attorney General's Office will need to file the updated regulations. However, the Secretary of State's Office will send a letter to the Attorney General's Office alerting it to the outdated regulation and requesting its repeal.

60. Please provide updates to law recommendations from the agency's Program Evaluation Report, including additional recommendations, if there are any.

Please see the additional law changes added to Program Evaluation Report word document, which include removing requirements for filing notary commissions and electric cooperative business filings with counties.

Program Evaluation Report

61. Please provide an updated Program Evaluation Report.

The agency has submitted an updated Program Evaluation Report with these responses.

¹⁰ The Secretary of State recommended repeal of this regulation in its Program Evaluation Report.

Reasons and Statistics re: Administrative Dissolution of Business Corporations

Included in the Secretary of State's (SoS) January 17, 2020 letter to the House Legislative Oversight Committee (LOC). This information was provided in response to the following question in LOC's December 12, 2019, letter to the SoS: "17. Please provide a table with the reasons for which a business corporation can be administratively dissolved and, for each reason/condition for each of the last three years include the following: (a) applicable statute; (b) entity responsible for identifying whether the reason/condition exists (e.g., Department of Revenue, Secretary of State's Office); (c) process at the applicable agency to regularly identify the reason/condition, if any (e.g., regular audits, etc.) and (d) number of business corporations administratively dissolved for the reason/condition."

In addition to providing the information in this document, SoS provided the following response:

Please see Attachment A, which sets forth the administrative dissolution process by type of entity and provides the statutory reference, reasons for dissolution and who determines the reason for dissolution, and the action requirements for the process of administrative dissolution when initiated by the Secretary of State's Office. When an entity has failed to file a required filing with the Department of Revenue (DOR), DOR sends notice to the entity. If the problem is not remedied, DOR sends the entity's name and address to the Secretary of State's Office to issue a certificate of administrative dissolution or revocation. The Secretary of State's Office initiates the process of administrative dissolution upon receipt of notice from a member of the public or from staff that a company has failed to maintain accurate registered agent and office information. In addition, the Secretary of State's Office is currently working to finalize a process within the Business Entities Online system to be able to automatically put entities that have no registered agent or office into a queue so that staff can initiate the process of administrative dissolution. This process will also allow for final dissolution and revocation to be calendared from the date of notice so that staff can complete the administrative dissolution or revocation if grounds for dissolution or revocation are not remedied.

While the certificate of administrative dissolution or revocation references the specific reason for administrative dissolution, there is not a mechanism in the database to capture the reason for dissolution as data. Therefore, we cannot provide a report listing the number of entities dissolved for each reason provided under statute. The total number of administrative dissolutions for each of the last several years are as follows:

Calendar Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Administrative Dissolution	2,852	2,014	1	6,293	3,061

ATTACHMENT A

Administrative Dissolution and Administrative Revocation

Statute	Type	Grounds for Dissolution/Revocation	Action Requirements
33-14-200	Domestic Corporation	(1) DOR- Failure to pay taxes on time, failure to deliver annual report, or failure to file required tax returns within 60 days of notice. (2) SoS- Failure of registered agent- either not having one or failure to notify SoS of change. (3) SoS- Period of duration in articles of incorporation expires.	(1) Mail written notice of determination to corporation. (2) If corporation does not correct grounds within 60 days of mailing of written notice, SoS dissolves administratively with certificate of dissolution stating grounds and effective date, files the original, and sends copy to the corporation by registered or certified mail to the registered agent or secretary at the principal office. *If we receive notification from DOR of failure to file tax return within 60 days, we administratively dissolve with certificate of dissolution, grounds, and effective date. We file the original and send a copy certified mail to the registered agent or secretary of the corporation at the principal office.
33-15-300	Foreign Corporation	(1) DOR- Failure to pay taxes when due, file annual report, or failure to file required tax return within 60 days of notice. (2) SoS-Failure of registered agent- either not having one or failure to notify SoS of change. (3) SoS- Incorporator, director, officer or agent signs document he/she knows to be false with intent to file with SoS. (4) SoS- Certificate from home state that corporation has been dissolved or disappeared as result of merger.	(1) Mail written notice of determination to corporation. (2) If corporation does not correct grounds within 60 days of mailing of written notice, SoS revokes its certificate of authority by issuing certificate of revocation stating grounds and effective date, files the original, and sends copy to the corporation by registered or certified mail to the registered agent or secretary at the principal office. *If we receive notification from DOR of failure to file tax return within 60 days, the SoS administratively revokes with certificate of dissolution, grounds, and effective date. We file the original and send a copy certified mail to the registered agent or secretary of the corporation at the principal office.

33-44-809	Domestic LLC	<p>(1) DOR- "If the company does not pay a fee, tax, or penalty imposed by this chapter or other law within sixty days after it is due." There is no mechanism to administratively dissolve a domestic LLC for failure to maintain a registered agent or office.</p>	<p>(1) If SoS determines grounds exist, the agency enters a record of the determination and serves the company with a copy of the record. (2) If the grounds are not corrected within 60 days after service, the SoS administratively dissolves by signing a certificate of dissolution reciting grounds for dissolution and the effective date. The SoS files the original and serves the company with a copy.</p>
33-44-1006	Foreign LLC	<p>(1) DOR- Failure to pay taxes, fees, or penalties owed to the State. (2) SOS- Failure of registered agent- either not having one or failure to notify of change. (3) SOS- Misrepresentation of a material matter in any application or other record submitted by the LLC.</p>	<p>(1) Send notice of revocation 60 days before effective date to registered agent, or, if failure to maintain an agent, send to designated office. (2) The notice must specify causes for revocation. (3) If grounds are not cured, authority is revoked on the effective date.</p>
33-31-1420, - 1421	Domestic Nonprofit	<p>(1) SOS- Does not deliver report of change of principal office when due. (2) SOS- No registered agent or office or notification of change in registered agent and/or office. (3) SOS- Period of duration, if any, in articles of incorporation expires. (4) SOS- Corporation has been adjudicated bankrupt under Chapter 7 of US Bankruptcy Code.</p>	<p>(1) After determining grounds exist, serve written notice on corporation. If a public benefit corporation, also notify Attorney General's Office in writing. (2) If grounds are not corrected within 60 days after service perfected under 33-31-504, SoS administratively dissolves by signing certificate of dissolution giving grounds for dissolution and effective date. SoS files the original certificate and serves a copy on the corporation and, if a public benefit corporation, notification in writing to the Attorney General's Office.</p>
33-31-1530, - 1531	Foreign Nonprofit	<p>(1) SOS- Does not deliver report of change of principal office when due. (2) SOS- No registered agent or office or notification of change in registered agent and/or office. (3) SOS- Period of duration, if any, in articles of incorporation expires. (4) SOS- SoS receives certificate from SoS of state of incorporation that foreign nonprofit has been dissolved or disappeared as result of merger. (5) SOS- Corporation has been adjudicated bankrupt under Chapter 7 of US Bankruptcy Code.</p>	<p>(1) SoS serves written notice of determination that grounds exist to revoke authority. (2) If grounds are not corrected within 60 days after service of notice, the SoS revokes certificate of authority by signing a certificate reciting the grounds and effective date. The SoS files the original and serves a copy on the corporation and, if a public benefit corporation, notifies the Attorney General's Office in writing.</p>

Common types of business filings and fees for the Southeastern states

Included in the Secretary of State's (SoS) January 17, 2020 letter to the House Legislative Oversight Committee (LOC). This information was provided in response to the following question in LOC's December 12, 2019, letter to the SoS: "21. Please provide a table listing business filing fees in South Carolina and fees for comparable business filings in other Southeastern states."

In addition to providing the information in this document, SoS provided the following response:

- Please see the table of the most common types of business filings and fees for the Southeastern states, including South Carolina, that is provided in Attachment B.

ATTACHMENT B

Business Filing Fee Comparison (Southeastern States)

Business Corporations:

Type of Form	South Carolina	Alabama	Arkansas	Florida	Georgia	Kentucky	Louisiana	Mississippi	North Carolina	Tennessee	Virginia	West Virginia
Articles of Incorporation (Domestic)	\$110	\$100	\$50	\$70 (includes \$35 for filing fee and \$35 for registered agent designation)	\$110 paper; \$100 online	\$40 plus organization tax based on number of shares	\$75	\$50	\$125	\$100	\$25 plus \$75 to \$2,525 fee based on number of shares	\$100
Certificate of Authority (Foreign)	\$110	\$150	\$300	\$70 (includes \$35 for filing fee and \$35 for registered agent designation)	\$235 paper; \$225 online	\$90	\$125	\$500	\$250	\$600	\$25 plus \$75 to \$2,525 fee based on number of shares	\$100
Articles of Amendment (Domestic)	\$110	\$100	\$50-\$100	\$35	\$30 paper; \$20 online	\$40 plus organization tax if shares increase	\$75	\$50	\$50	\$20	\$25 plus fee based on increase in shares	\$25
Amended Certificate of Authority (Foreign)	\$110	\$25	\$300	\$35	\$30 paper; \$20 online	\$40	\$125	\$50	\$75	\$20	\$25 plus fee based on increase in shares	\$25
Certificate of Existence/Status	\$10	\$25	\$15	\$8.75	\$20 paper; \$10 online	\$10	\$20	\$25	\$15	\$20	\$6	\$10
Name Reservation (Domestic)	\$10	\$25	\$25	n/a	\$35 paper; \$25 online	\$15	\$25	\$25	\$30	\$20	\$10	\$15
Articles of Correction	\$10	n/a	\$30	\$35	\$20	\$20	\$75	\$50	\$10	\$20	\$25 plus fee based on increase in shares	n/a
Articles of Dissolution (Domestic)	\$10	\$100	\$50	\$35	\$10 paper; no fee online	\$40	\$75	\$25	\$30	\$20	\$10	\$25
Certificate of Withdrawal (Foreign)	\$10	\$100	\$300	\$35	\$10 paper; no fee online	\$40	\$125	\$25	\$25	\$20	\$10	\$25
Notice of Change of Agent or Office	\$10	\$25	No fee	\$35	\$5 per entity; minimum 4 entities	\$10	\$25	\$10	\$5	\$20	No fee	\$15
Annual Report/Registration/Status Report/Franchise Tax Report	Filed with DOR; Initial CL-1 Form is \$25	\$10 plus business privilege tax	\$150 with stock; \$300 without stock	\$150; \$550 if received after May 1st	\$60 paper; \$50 online	\$15	\$30	\$25	\$25	\$20	\$100 to \$1,700 based on number of shares	\$25

Nonprofit Corporations:

Type of Form	South Carolina	Alabama	Arkansas	Florida	Georgia	Kentucky	Louisiana	Mississippi	North Carolina	Tennessee	Virginia	West Virginia
Articles of Incorporation (Domestic)	\$25	\$100	\$50	\$70 (includes \$35 for filing fee and \$35 for registered agent designation)	\$110 paper; \$100 online	\$8	\$75	\$50	\$60	\$100	\$75	\$25
Certificate of Authority (Foreign)	\$10	\$150	\$300	\$70 (includes \$35 for filing fee and \$35 for registered agent designation)	\$235 paper; \$225 online	\$90	\$125	\$100	\$125	\$600	\$75	\$50
Articles of Amendment (Domestic)	\$10	\$50	\$50	\$35	\$30 paper; \$20 online	\$8	\$75	\$50	\$25	\$20	\$25	\$25
Amended Certificate of Authority (Foreign)	\$10	\$25	\$300	\$35	\$30 paper; \$20 online	\$40	\$125	\$50	\$25	\$20	\$25	\$25
Certificate of Existence/Status	\$10	\$25	\$15	\$8.75	\$20 paper; \$10 online	\$10	\$20	\$25	\$15	\$20	\$6	\$10
Articles of Correction	\$10	n/a	\$30	\$35	\$20	\$8	\$75	\$50	\$10	\$20	\$25	n/a
Articles of Dissolution (Domestic)	\$10	\$100	\$50	\$35	\$10 paper; no fee online	\$5	\$75	\$25	\$15	\$20	\$10	\$25
Certificate of Withdrawal (Foreign)	\$10	\$100	\$300	\$35	\$10 paper; no fee online	\$40	\$125	\$25	\$10	\$20	\$10	\$25
Notice of Change of Agent or Office	\$10	\$25	No fee	\$35	\$5 per entity; minimum 4 entities	\$10	\$25	\$10	\$5	\$20	No fee	\$15
Annual Report/Registration/Status Report/Franchise Tax Report	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$61.25	\$40 paper; \$30 online	\$15	\$10	\$25	n/a	\$5	\$25	\$25

Limited Liability Companies:

Type of Form	South Carolina	Alabama	Arkansas	Florida	Georgia	Kentucky	Louisiana	Mississippi	North Carolina	Tennessee	Virginia	West Virginia
Articles of Organization (Domestic)	\$110	\$100	\$50	\$125 (includes \$35 for filing fee and \$35 for registered agent designation)	\$110 paper; \$100 online	\$40	\$100	\$50	\$125	\$300-\$3,000 based on number of members	\$100	\$100
Certificate of Authority (Foreign)	\$110	\$150	\$300	\$125 (includes \$35 for filing fee and \$35 for registered agent designation)	\$235 paper; \$225 online	\$90	\$150	\$250	\$250	\$600	\$100	\$150
Articles of Amendment (Domestic)	\$110	\$100	\$25	\$25	\$30 paper; \$20 online	\$40	\$100	\$50	\$50	\$20	\$25	\$25
Amended Certificate of Authority (Foreign)	\$110	\$25	\$300	\$25	\$30 paper; \$20 online	\$40	\$150	\$50	\$50	\$20	\$25	\$25
Certificate of Existence/Status/Fact of Existence	\$10	\$25	\$15	\$5	\$20 paper; \$10 online	\$10	\$20	\$25	\$15	\$20	\$6	\$10
Articles of Correction	\$2	n/a	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$20	\$100	n/a	\$10	\$20	\$25	n/a
Articles of Termination/Dissolution (Domestic)	\$10	\$100	\$50	\$25	\$10 paper; no fee online	\$40	\$100	\$25	\$30	\$20	\$25	\$25
Certificate of Withdrawal/Cancellation (Foreign)	\$10	\$100	\$150	\$25	\$10 paper; no fee online	\$40	\$150	\$25	\$10	\$20	\$25	\$25
Notice of Change of Agent or Office	\$10	\$25	No fee	\$25	\$5 per entity; minimum 4 entities	\$10	\$25	\$10	\$5	\$20	No fee	\$15
Annual Report/Registration/Status Report/Franchise Tax Report	n/a unless taxed as a corporation	Minimum \$100 business privilege tax	\$150	\$138.75; \$538.75 if received after May 1st	\$60 paper; \$50 online	\$15	\$30	\$0 domestic; \$250 foreign	\$200	\$300-\$3,000 based number of members plus franchise tax	\$50	\$25

Limited Liability Partnerships:

Type of Form	South Carolina	Alabama	Arkansas	Florida	Georgia	Kentucky	Louisiana	Mississippi	North Carolina	Tennessee	Virginia	West Virginia
Application for Registration/ Certificate of Formation (Domestic)	\$100	\$100	\$50	\$1,000 (includes \$965 for filing fee and \$35 for registered agent designation)	\$35 paper; \$25 online	\$40	\$125	\$250	\$125	\$250-\$2,500 based on number of members	\$100	\$250
Application for Certification of Authority/Registration (Foreign)	\$100	\$150	\$300	\$1,000 (includes \$965 for filing fee and \$35 for registered agent designation)	\$210 paper; \$200 online	\$90	\$125	\$250	\$125	\$600	\$100	\$500
Articles of Amendment (Domestic)	\$100	\$100	\$15	\$52.50	\$30 paper; \$20 online	\$40	\$125	\$50	\$25	\$20	\$25	\$25
Articles of Amendment (Foreign)	\$100	\$100	\$15	\$52.50	\$30 paper; \$20 online	\$40	\$125	\$50	\$25	\$20	\$25	\$25
Cancellation/Termination (Domestic)	\$10	\$100	\$15	\$52.50	\$10 paper; no fee online	\$40	\$125	\$25	\$25	\$20	\$25	\$25
Cancellation/Termination/Withdrawal (Foreign)	\$10	\$100	No fee	\$52.50	\$10 paper; no fee online	\$40	\$125	\$25	\$25	\$20	\$25	\$25

Limited Partnerships:

Type of Form	South Carolina	Alabama	Arkansas	Florida	Georgia	Kentucky	Louisiana	Mississippi	North Carolina	Tennessee	Virginia	West Virginia
Certificate of Limited Partnership (Domestic)	\$10	\$100	\$50	\$1,000 (includes \$965 for filing fee and \$35 for registered agent designation)	\$110 paper; \$100 online	\$40	n/a	\$50	\$50	\$100	\$100	\$100
Application for Registration of Foreign Limited Partnership	\$10	\$150	\$300	\$1,000 (includes \$965 for filing fee and \$35 for registered agent designation)	\$235 paper; \$225 online	\$90	n/a	\$250	\$50	\$600	\$100	\$150
Amendment (Domestic)	\$10	\$50	\$15	\$52.50	\$30 paper; \$20 online	\$40	n/a	\$50	\$25	\$20	\$25	\$25
Amendment (Foreign)	\$10	\$25	n/a	\$52.50	\$30 paper; \$20 online	\$40	n/a	\$50	\$25	\$20	\$25	\$25
Cancellation/Termination (Domestic)	\$10	\$100	\$15	\$52.50	\$10 paper; no fee online	\$40	n/a	\$25	\$25	\$20	\$25	\$25
Cancellation/Termination/Withdrawal (Foreign)	\$10	\$100	No fee	\$52.50	\$10 paper; no fee online	\$40	n/a	\$25	\$25	\$20	\$25	\$25

Business filing fees in S.C. - Types, costs, and statistics from last five years

Included in the Secretary of State's (SoS) January 17, 2020 letter to the House Legislative Oversight Committee (LOC). This information was provided in response to the following question in LOC's December 12, 2019, letter to the SoS: "22. Please provide a table listing each business filing and fee in South Carolina and, for each filing for each of the last five years, the number of filings, total fees collected, amount that went to SoS, and amount that went to the general fund."

In addition to providing the information in this document, SoS provided the following response:

- Please see the tables that are provided in Attachments C(1) through C(6).

ATTACHMENT C(1)

SCSOS - BUSINESS FILING FEE SCHEDULE

ABR	
\$10.00	Annual Benefit Report - Benefit Corporation
AGT	
\$10.00	Notice of Change of Designated Office, Agent or Address of Registered Agent
\$10.00	Notice of Change of Registered Agent, Registered Address of Registered Agent or Both
\$2.00	Notice of Change of Registered Office
\$10.00	Notice of Change of Registered Office or Registered Agent or Both of a Foreign Corporation
\$2.00 - \$10.00	Notice of Change of Registered Office or Registered Agent or Both of a Nonprofit Corporation
\$2.00 - \$10.00	Notice of Change of Registered Office or Registered Agent or Both of a South Carolina Corporation
AMD	
\$110.00	Amended Articles of Organization
\$110.00	Articles of Amendment
\$110.00	Articles of Amendment - Election of Benefit Corporation Status
\$10.00	Articles of Revocation of Dissolution
\$10.00	Conversion of a Corporation to a Nonprofit Corporation
\$110.00	Conversion of a Corporation to Limited Liability Company
\$110.00	Conversion of a Limited Liability Company to a Corporation
\$10.00	Conversion of a Limited Liability Company to a Limited Partnership
\$10.00	Conversion of a Limited Liability Company to a Partnership
\$110.00	Conversion of a Partnership or a Limited Partnership to a Corporation
\$110.00	Domestication of Foreign Corporation to South Carolina Corporation
\$110.00	LLP to LLC Conversion
\$2.00	Members Statement of Dissociation
\$10.00	Notice of Transfer of a Reserved Limited Liability Company Name
\$110.00	Partnership to LLC Conversion
\$10.00	Restated Articles of Incorporation
\$110.00	Restated Articles of Incorporation with Amendments
\$110.00	Restated Articles of Organization
ANG	
\$0.00	Initial Application for Registration as a Qualified Business
\$0.00	Renewal Application for Registration as a Qualified Business
ANP	
\$0.00	501(c)(3) Attachment
ASM	
\$10.00	Assumed Name Certificate
AUT	
\$110.00	Application for a Certificate of Authority to Transact Business
CL1	
\$25.00	CL-1

COR	
\$10.00	Application to Reserve Corporate Name
\$2.00 - \$10.00	Articles of Correction
DIS	
\$10.00	Application for Cancellation of Limited Liability Partnership
\$10.00	Articles of Dissolution
\$10.00	Articles of Termination
\$10.00	Certificate of Cancellation
DLC	
\$110.00	Articles of Organization
\$110.00	Conversion of Limited Partnership to Limited Liability Company
DLP	
\$100.00	Application for Registration
ELA	
\$10.00	Articles of Amendment
\$10.00	Notice of Change of Principal Office
ELD	
\$10.00	Articles of Dissolution
ELE	
\$25.00	Articles of Incorporation
\$10.00	Restated Articles of Incorporation
ERR	
\$0.00	Admin Dissolution In Error
FAM	
\$110.00	Application for an Amended Certificate of Authority to Transact Business
\$110.00	Articles of Amendment
FIC	
\$2.00 - \$10.00	Adopting a Fictitious Name
\$2.00 - \$10.00	Adoption of a Fictitious Name
\$10.00	Corporation Adopting a Fictitious Name
FLC	
\$110.00	Application for a Certificate of Authority to Transact Business
FLP	
\$100.00	Application for a Certificate of Authority to Transact Business
FNE	
\$10.00	Application for Use of an Indistinguishable Name
INC	
\$110.00	Articles of Incorporation
\$110.00	Articles of Incorporation - Benefit Corporation
\$110.00	Articles of Incorporation for a Professional Corporation
\$110.00	Articles of Incorporation for a Statutory Close Corporation
\$110.00	Articles of Incorporation Professional - Statutory Close Corporation

LIM	
\$10.00	Application for Registration of Foreign Limited Partnership
\$10.00	Certificate of Limited Partnership
LPA	
\$10.00	Amendment of Certificate of Limited Partnership
\$10.00	Amendment to Registration of a Foreign Limited Partnership
LPR	
\$100.00	Application to Renew Certificate of Authority to Transact Business
\$100.00	Registration Renewal Application
MER	
\$10.00 - \$110.00	Application to Merge Out of Existence into a non-registered Foreign Entity
\$10.00 - \$110.00	Articles of Merger
MIL	
\$0.00	Articles of Incorporation for a Military Corporation
MSC	
\$10.00 - \$110.00	Articles of Merger
NAG	
\$2.00	Discontinuance of Registered Office
\$10.00	Resignation of Agent for Service of Process
\$10.00	Resignation of Registered Agent
\$5.00	Resignation of Registered Agent and Discontinuance of Registered Office
NAL	
\$0.00	Administrative Dissolution
REG	
\$25.00	Application to Register a LLC Name
\$10.00	Application to Register Corporate Name
REI	
\$25.00	Application for a Reinstatement of a Corporation Dissolved by Administrative Action
\$25.00	Application for Reinstatement by a Limited Liability Company Dissolved by Administrative Action
\$25.00	Application for Reinstatement of a Corporation When Certificate of Authority Has Been Revoked
RES	
\$25.00	Application to Reserve a Limited Liability Company Name
\$10.00	Application to Reserve a Nonprofit Corporation Name
\$10.00	Application to Reserve Corporate Name
\$10.00	Application to Reserve Limited Partnership Name
\$10.00	Restated Certificate of Limited Partnership
RNW	
\$10.00	Registration Renewal Application
SPC	
\$2.00 - \$135.00	Special Filing - Child
\$10.00 - \$135.00	Special Filing - Parent
WDR	

Included in SoS' January 17, 2020 letter to LOC

\$10.00	Application for a Certificate of Withdrawal
\$10.00	Application for Cancellation of a Certificate of Authority
\$10.00	Application for Surrender of Authority to Do Business
\$10.00	Certificate of Cancellation of Authority to Transact Business

ATTACHMENT C(2)

SCSOS - Business Filings and Filing Fees

07/01/2014 - 06/30/2015

Category/Subcategory		Transaction Count	Total Filing Fees
AGT			
	NOTICE OF CHANGE OF DESIGNATED OFFICE, AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS, OR ADDRESS OF	4,311	\$ 43,110.00
	NOTICE OF CHANGE OF REGISTERED OFFICE OR REGISTERED AGENT OR BOTH	2,396	\$ 22,482.00
	NOTICE OF CHANGE OF REGISTERED OFFICE OR REGISTERED AGENT OR BOTH(CORP, DOM/FRN,	1,142	\$ 11,420.00
	AGT Total:	7,849	
AMD			
	AMD - INCORPORATION DOMESTICATION	14	\$ 1,890.00
	AMENDED ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION	1,611	\$ 177,265.00
	ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT - BENEFIT CORPORATION	1	\$ 110.00
	ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT	548	\$ 60,280.00
	ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT TERMINATION OF BENEFIT CORPORATION STATUS	1	\$ 10.00
	ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT(LLP, DOM, PROF)	13	\$ 1,300.00
	ARTICLES OF REVOCATION OF DISSOLUTION	6	\$ 60.00
	MEMBERS STATEMENT OF DISSOCIATION(LLC, DOM/FRN, DOM: PROF/NON FRN: PROFIT)	899	\$ 1,798.00
	NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF A RESERVED LLC NAME(LLC, DOM, PROF/NON)	6	\$ 60.00
	NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF RESERVED CORPORATE NAME	4	\$ 40.00
	RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION	15	\$ 1,650.00
	RESTATED ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION(LLC, DOM, PROF/NON)	6	\$ 660.00
	AMD Total:	3,124	
ANG			
	HIGH GROWTH SMALL BUSINESS INC	20	\$ -
	HIGH GROWTH SMALL BUSINESS LLC	45	\$ -
	ANG Total:	65	
ASM			
	ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE	21	\$ 200.00
	ASM Total:	21	
AUT			
	APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS	2,819	\$ 366,155.00
	AUT Total:	2,819	
COR			
	ARTICLES OF CORRECTION	24	\$ 48.00
	ARTICLES OF CORRECTION(CORP, DOM/FRN, NON)	21	\$ 210.00
	ARTICLES OF CORRECTION(LLC, DOM/FRN, DOM: PROF/NON FRN: PROFIT)	137	\$ 426.00
	COR Total:	182	

DIS		
ARTICLES OF DISSOLUTION	1,747	\$ 17,370.00
ARTICLES OF TERMINATION(LLC, DOM, PROF/NON)	3,837	\$ 38,270.00
LIMITED PARTNERSHIP CANCELLATION	159	\$ 1,590.00
NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION(LLP, DOM, PROF)	21	\$ 210.00
DIS Total:	5,764	
DLC		
ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION	27,778	\$ 3,085,255.00
CONVERSION OF PARTNERSHIP OR LIMITED PARTNERSHIP TO LLC ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION	57	\$ 6,270.00
DLC Total:	27,835	
DLP		
APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION	166	\$ 17,125.00
DLP Total:	166	
ELA		
ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT(CORP, DOM, NON)	645	\$ 6,450.00
NOTICE OF CHANGE OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE(CORP, DOM/FRN, NON)	86	\$ 855.00
NOTIFICATION BY EXISTING CORPORATION(CORP, DOM/FRN, NON)	1	\$ -
ELA Total:	732	
ELD		
ARTICLES OF DISSOLUTION(CORP, DOM, NON)	224	\$ 2,230.00
ELD Total:	224	
ELE		
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION	2,544	\$ 64,000.00
ELE Total:	2,544	
ERR		
FORFEITURE IN ERROR	211	\$ -
ERR Total:	211	
FAM		
APPLICATION FOR AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS	318	\$ 34,460.00
APPLICATION FOR AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS(CORP,	8	\$ 880.00
APPLICATION FOR AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS(CORP,	360	\$ 39,100.00
APPLICATION FOR AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS(LLP, FRN,	1	\$ 100.00
FAM Total:	687	
FIC		
ADOPTING A FICTITIOUS NAME (LLC)	132	\$ 1,089.00
CORPORATION ADOPTING A FICTITIOUS NAME	116	\$ 929.00
FIC Total:	248	
FLC		
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS	3,233	\$ 360,725.00
FLC Total:	3,233	
FLP		
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS	26	\$ 2,600.00

		FLP Total:	26	
FOR				
	NOTICE OF DELINQUENT TAXES FROM SC DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE		6,078	\$ -
		FOR Total:	6,078	
INC				
	ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION		1,256	\$ 169,295.00
	ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION - BENEFIT CORPORATION		1	\$ 135.00
	ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION - DOMESTICATION		25	\$ 3,375.00
	ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION		81	\$ 10,935.00
	ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR A STATUTORY CLOSE CORPORATION		422	\$ 56,970.00
	ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR PROF CORP/STAT CLOSE		34	\$ 4,590.00
		INC Total:	1,819	
LIM				
	APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN LP		99	\$ 990.00
	CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP		109	\$ 1,090.00
		LIM Total:	208	
LPA				
	LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AMENDMENT		193	\$ 1,930.00
		LPA Total:	193	
LPR				
	APPLICATION TO RENEW CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS(LLP, FRN, PROF)		37	\$ 3,700.00
	RENEWAL APPLICATION(LLP, DOM, PROF)		105	\$ 10,500.00
		LPR Total:	142	
MER				
	ARTICLES OF MERGER		103	\$ 1,030.00
	ARTICLES OF MERGER OR SHARE EXCHANGE (CORP, DOM, PROFIT)		145	\$ 8,450.00
	ARTICLES OF MERGER(CORP, DOM, NON)		11	\$ 110.00
		MER Total:	259	
MSC				
	ARTICLES OF MERGER - BENEFIT CORPORATION (SURVIVOR)		1	\$ 110.00
	ARTICLES OF MERGER - NP CORP, DOM		9	\$ 90.00
	ARTICLES OF MERGER OR SHARE EXCHANGE (CORP, DOM, PROFIT)		111	\$ 12,100.00
	ARTICLES OF MERGER(LLC, DOM, PROF/NON)		90	\$ 9,500.00
		MSC Total:	211	
NAG				
	RESIGNATION OF AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS(LLC, DOM/FRN, DOM: PROF/NON FRN:		404	\$ 3,004.00
	RESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT AND DISCONTINUANCE OF REGISTERED OFFICE(CORP,		94	\$ 470.00
	RESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT OR DISCONTINUANCE OF REGISTERED OFFICE		213	\$ 2,048.00
		NAG Total:	711	
REG				
	APPLICATION TO REGISTER CORPORATE NAME		54	\$ 540.00
	APPLICATION TO REGISTER OR RENEW THE REGISTRATION OF A NAME		23	\$ 230.00

		REG Total:	77	
REI				
	APPLICATION FOR A REINSTATEMENT OF A CORPORATION DISSOLVED BY ADMINISTRATIVE	811	\$	20,275.00
	APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT BY A LLC DISSOLVED BY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION	12	\$	300.00
		REI Total:		823
RES				
	APPLICATION TO RESERVE A CORPORATION NAME	132	\$	1,320.00
	APPLICATION TO RESERVE A LLC NAME	732	\$	18,300.00
	APPLICATION TO RESERVE CORPORATE NAME	362	\$	3,620.00
		RES Total:		1,226
WDR				
	APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF WITHDRAWAL(CORP, FRN, NON)	21	\$	210.00
	APPLICATION FOR CANCELLATION OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS(LLP, FRN, PROF)	3	\$	30.00
	APPLICATION FOR SURRENDER OF AUTHORITY TO DO BUSINESS	849	\$	8,457.00
	CERTIFICATE OF CANCELLATION OF AUTHORITY OR TRANSACT BUSINESS(LLC, FRN, PROF)	771	\$	7,710.00
		WDR Total:		1,644
Total Business Filing Transactions:				69,121

TOTAL FEES: \$ 4,730,096.00

Amount to Secretary of State: \$0.00

Amount to General Fund: \$ 4,730,096.00*

*The amount remitted to the General Fund differs from SCEIS because some of the financial transactions were processed after the end of the fiscal year, even though the filings were received in FY 2014-15. The amount indicated in SCEIS for FY 2014-15 is \$4,702,012.00.

ATTACHMENT C(3)

SCSOS - Business Filings and Filing Fees

7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016

Category/Subcategory		Transaction Count	Total Filing Fees
ABR			
	ANNUAL BENEFIT REPORT - BENEFIT CORPORATION	1	\$ 10.00
		ABR Subtotal:	1
AGT			
	NOTICE OF CHANGE OF DESIGNATED OFFICE, AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS, OR ADDRESS OF AGENT	5,235	\$ 52,350.00
	NOTICE OF CHANGE OF REGISTERED OFFICE OR REGISTERED AGENT OR BOTH	2,553	\$ 25,530.00
	NOTICE OF CHANGE OF REGISTERED OFFICE OR REGISTERED AGENT OR BOTH(CORP, DOM/FRN, NON)	1,053	\$ 8,305.00
		AGT Subtotal:	8,841
AMD			
	AMD - INCORPORATION DOMESTICATION	35	\$ 3,850.00
	AMENDED ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION	1,830	\$ 200,800.00
	ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT - BENEFIT CORPORATION	1	\$ 110.00
	ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT	465	\$ 50,950.00
	ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT(LLP, DOM, PROF)	16	\$ 1,600.00
	ARTICLES OF REVOCATION OF DISSOLUTION	3	\$ 30.00
	CONVERSION OF AN LLC TO AN INC - BENEFIT CORPORATION	1	\$ 110.00
	MEMBERS STATEMENT OF DISSOCIATION(LLC, DOM/FRN, DOM: PROF/NON FRN: PROFIT)	918	\$ 1,747.00
	NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF A RESERVED LLC NAME(LLC, DOM, PROF/NON)	3	\$ 30.00
	NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF RESERVED CORPORATE NAME	4	\$ 40.00
	RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION	20	\$ 2,000.00
	RESTATED ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION(LLC, DOM, PROF/NON)	13	\$ 1,430.00
		AMD Subtotal:	3,309
ANG			
	HIGH GROWTH SMALL BUSINESS INC	26	
	HIGH GROWTH SMALL BUSINESS LLC	49	
		ANG Subtotal:	75 \$ -
ASM			
	ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE	12	\$ 120.00
		ASM Subtotal:	12
AUT & CL-1			
	APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS	2,447	\$ 315,422.00
		AUT Subtotal:	2,447
COR			
	ARTICLES OF CORRECTION	26	\$ 260.00

	ARTICLES OF CORRECTION(CORP, DOM/FRN, NON)	21	\$	210.00
	ARTICLES OF CORRECTION(LLC, DOM/FRN, DOM: PROF/NON FRN: PROFIT)	169	\$	293.00
	COR Subtotal:	216		
CPT				
	COOPERATIVE PETITION	1		
	CPT Subtotal:	1		
DIS				
	ARTICLES OF DISSOLUTION	1,731	\$	17,310.00
	ARTICLES OF TERMINATION(LLC, DOM, PROF/NON)	4,068	\$	40,550.00
	LIMITED PARTNERSHIP CANCELLATION	216	\$	2,160.00
	NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION(LLP, DOM, PROF)	26	\$	260.00
	DIS Subtotal:	6,041		
DLC				
	ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION	30,975	\$	3,438,820.00
	CONVERSION OF PARTNERSHIP OR LIMITED PARTNERSHIP TO LLC ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION	44	\$	4,885.00
	DLC Subtotal:	31,019		
DLP				
	APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION	190	\$	19,375.00
	DLP Subtotal:	190		
ELA				
	ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT(CORP, DOM, NON)	631		
	NOTICE OF CHANGE OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE(CORP, DOM/FRN, NON)	90		
	NOTIFICATION BY EXISTING CORPORATION(CORP, DOM/FRN, NON)	1		
	ELA Subtotal:	722	\$	7,182.00
ELD				
	ARTICLES OF DISSOLUTION(CORP, DOM, NON)	219	\$	2,180.00
	ELD Subtotal:	219		
ELE				
	ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION	2,561	\$	64,260.00
	ELE Subtotal:	2,561		
ERR				
	FORFEITURE IN ERROR	159	\$	-
	ERR Total:	159		
FAM				
	APPLICATION FOR AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS	356	\$	38,500.00
	APPLICATION FOR AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS(CORP, FRN, NON)	13	\$	130.00
	APPLICATION FOR AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS(CORP, FRN,	483	\$	53,104.00
	APPLICATION FOR AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS(LLP, FRN, PROF)	3	\$	30.00
	FAM Subtotal:	855		
FIC				
	ADOPTING A FICTITIOUS NAME (LLC)	147	\$	636.00
	CORPORATION ADOPTING A FICTITIOUS NAME	127	\$	1,270.00

		FIC Subtotal:	274	
FLC				
	APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS	3,323		\$ 369,190.00
		FLC Subtotal:	3,323	
FLP				
	APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS	32		\$ 3,200.00
		FLP Subtotal:	32	
FOR				
	FAILURE TO MAINTAIN A REGISTERED AGENT	6		\$ -
	NOTICE OF DELINQUENT TAXES FROM SC DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	2,322		\$ -
		FOR Subtotal:	2,328	
INC & CL-1				
	ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION	1,289		\$ 172,420.00
	ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION - BENEFIT CORPORATION	5		\$ 675.00
	ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION - DOMESTICATION	48		\$ 6,480.00
	ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION	58		\$ 7,830.00
	ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR A STATUTORY CLOSE CORPORATION	354		\$ 47,790.00
	ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR A STATUTORY CLOSE CORPORATION - BENEFIT CORPORATION	1		\$ 135.00
	ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR PROF CORP/STAT CLOSE	29		\$ 3,915.00
		INC Subtotal:	1,784	
LIM				
	APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN LP	95		\$ 950.00
	CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	106		\$ 1,060.00
		LIM Subtotal:	201	
LPA				
	LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AMENDMENT	176		\$ 1,760.00
		LPA Subtotal:	176	
LPR				
	APPLICATION TO RENEW CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS(LLP, FRN, PROF)	35		\$ 3,500.00
	RENEWAL APPLICATION(LLP, DOM, PROF)	90		\$ 9,000.00
		LPR Subtotal:	125	
MER				
	ARTICLES OF MERGER	121		\$ 1,210.00
	ARTICLES OF MERGER OR SHARE EXCHANGE (CORP, DOM, PROFIT)	169		\$ 6,940.00
	ARTICLES OF MERGER(CORP, DOM, NON)	7		\$ -
		MER Subtotal:	297	
MSC				
	ARTICLES OF MERGER - NP CORP, DOM	6		\$ 660.00
	ARTICLES OF MERGER OR SHARE EXCHANGE (CORP, DOM, PROFIT)	156		\$ 16,160.00
	ARTICLES OF MERGER(LLC, DOM, PROF/NON)	108		\$ 11,880.00
		MSC Subtotal:	270	
NAG				

RESIGNATION OF AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS(LLC, DOM/FRN, DOM: PROF/NON FRN: PROFIT)	503	\$	5,030.00
RESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT AND DISCONTINUANCE OF REGISTERED OFFICE(CORP, DOM/FRN,	80	\$	348.00
RESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT OR DISCONTINUANCE OF REGISTERED OFFICE	236	\$	1,180.00
NAG Subtotal:	819		
REG			
APPLICATION TO REGISTER CORPORATE NAME	53	\$	530.00
APPLICATION TO REGISTER OR RENEW THE REGISTRATION OF A NAME	21	\$	225.00
REG Subtotal:	74		
REI			
APPLICATION FOR A REINSTATEMENT OF A CORPORATION DISSOLVED BY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION	789	\$	19,725.00
APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT BY A LLC DISSOLVED BY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION	15	\$	360.00
REI Subtotal:	804		
RES			
APPLICATION TO RESERVE A CORPORATION NAME	117	\$	1,155.00
APPLICATION TO RESERVE A LLC NAME	632	\$	15,800.00
APPLICATION TO RESERVE CORPORATE NAME	356	\$	3,560.00
APPLICATION TO RESERVE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP NAME	9	\$	90.00
RES Subtotal:	1,114		
SHX			
ARTICLES OF MERGER OR SHARE EXCHANGE (CORP, DOM, PROFIT)	1	\$	110.00
SHX Subtotal:	1		
WDR			
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF WITHDRAWAL(CORP, FRN, NON)	29	\$	290.00
APPLICATION FOR CANCELLATION OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS(LLP, FRN, PROF)	1	\$	10.00
APPLICATION FOR SURRENDER OF AUTHORITY TO DO BUSINESS	873	\$	8,730.00
CERTIFICATE OF CANCELLATION OF AUTHORITY OR TRANSACT BUSINESS(LLC, FRN, PROF)	791	\$	7,910.00
WDR Subtotal:	1,694		
Total Business Filing Transactions:	69,984		

TOTAL FEES: \$ 5,085,657.00

Amount to Secretary of State: \$0

Amount to General Fund \$ 5,085,657.00*

*The amount remitted to the General Fund differs from SCEIS because some of the financial transactions were processed after the end of the fiscal year, even though the filings were received in FY 2015-16. The amount indicated in SCEIS for FY 2015-16 is \$5,059,610.00.

ATTACHMENT C(4)

SCSOS - Business Filings and Filing Fees

7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017

Category/Subcategory		Transaction Count	Total Filing Fees
ABR			
	Annual Benefit Report - Benefit Corporation	5	
ABR Total:		5	\$ 50.00
AGT			
	Articles of Dissolution	1	\$ -
	NOTICE OF CHANGE OF DESIGNATED OFFICE, AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS, OR ADDRESS OF	2,542	\$ 25,420.00
	Notice of Change of Designated Office, Agent or Address of Registered Agent	3,502	\$ 34,020.00
	Notice of Change of Registered Agent, Registered Address of Registered Agent or Both	16	\$ 160.00
	Notice of Change of Registered Office	454	\$ 2,012.00
	NOTICE OF CHANGE OF REGISTERED OFFICE OR REGISTERED AGENT OR BOTH	1,155	\$ 10,550.00
	Notice of Change of Registered Office or Registered Agent or Both of a Benefit Corporation	2	\$ -
	Notice of Change of Registered Office or Registered Agent or Both of a Foreign Corporation	593	\$ 5,930.00
	Notice of Change of Registered Office or Registered Agent or Both of a Nonprofit Corporation	680	\$ 6,800.00
	Notice of Change of Registered Office or Registered Agent or Both of a South Carolina Corporation	487	\$ 4,870.00
	NOTICE OF CHANGE OF REGISTERED OFFICE OR REGISTERED AGENT OR BOTH(CORP, DOM/FRN,	470	\$ 4,700.00
AGT Total:		9,902	
AMD			
	AMD - INCORPORATION DOMESTICATION	14	\$ 1,540.00
	AMENDED ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION	2,153	\$ 236,030.00
	ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT - BENEFIT CORPORATION	1	\$ 110.00
	ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT	447	\$ 49,065.00
	Articles of Amendment - Election of Benefit Corporation Status	1	\$ 110.00
	ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT(LLP, DOM, PROF)	8	\$ 800.00
	ARTICLES OF REVOCATION OF DISSOLUTION	9	\$ 90.00
	Conversion of a Corporation to a Nonprofit Corporation	3	\$ 20.00
	Conversion of a Corporation to Limited Liability Company	34	\$ 3,740.00
	Conversion of a Limited Liability Company to a Benefit Corporation	1	\$ -
	Conversion of a Limited Liability Company to a Corporation	48	\$ 5,280.00
	Conversion of a Limited Liability Company to a Limited Partnership	2	\$ 20.00
	Domestication of Foreign Corporation to South Carolina Corporation	64	\$ 7,040.00
	LLP to LLC Conversion	9	\$ 990.00
	Members Statement of Dissociation	532	\$ 1,064.00
	MEMBERS STATEMENT OF DISSOCIATION(LLC, DOM/FRN, DOM: PROF/NON FRN: PROFIT)	521	\$ 1,042.00
	NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF A RESERVED LLC NAME(LLC, DOM, PROF/NON)	1	\$ 25.00

NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF RESERVED CORPORATE NAME	3	\$	30.00
Partnership to LLC Conversion	22	\$	2,420.00
RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION	14	\$	1,540.00
Restated Articles of Incorporation with Amendments	16	\$	1,760.00
Restated Articles of Organization	7	\$	770.00
RESTATED ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION(LLC, DOM, PROF/NON)	5	\$	550.00
AMD Total:	3,915		
ANG			
HIGH GROWTH SMALL BUSINESS INC	19	\$	-
HIGH GROWTH SMALL BUSINESS LLC	32	\$	-
Initial Application for Registration as a Qualified Business	16	\$	-
Renewal Application for Registration as a Qualified Business	9	\$	-
ANG Total:	76		
ASM			
ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE	17	\$	170.00
ASM Total:	17		
AUT			
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS	2,512	\$	294,289.00
AUT Total:	2,512		
CL-1			
CL-1 (Note: Transactions included in AUT, INC, DLC, FLC categories)	X 3528	\$	88,050.00
CL1 Total:	3,528		
COR			
Application to Reserve Corporate Name	9	\$	30.00
ARTICLES OF CORRECTION	226	\$	726.00
ARTICLES OF CORRECTION(CORP, DOM/FRN, NON)	10	\$	100.00
ARTICLES OF CORRECTION(LLC, DOM/FRN, DOM: PROF/NON FRN: PROFIT)	81	\$	162.00
COR Total:	326		
DIS			
Application for Cancellation of Limited Liability Partnership	15	\$	150.00
ARTICLES OF DISSOLUTION	1,501	\$	14,770.00
Articles of Termination	2,395	\$	23,960.00
ARTICLES OF TERMINATION(LLC, DOM, PROF/NON)	1,883	\$	18,830.00
Certificate of Cancellation	67	\$	670.00
LIMITED PARTNERSHIP CANCELLATION	97	\$	970.00
NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION(LLP, DOM, PROF)	12	\$	120.00
DIS Total:	5,970		
DLC			
ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION	36,537	\$	4,036,010.00
Conversion of Limited Partnership to Limited Liability Company	8	\$	880.00
CONVERSION OF PARTNERSHIP OR LIMITED PARTNERSHIP TO LLC ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION	18	\$	2,006.00
DLC Total:	36,563		

DLP		
APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION	257	\$ 25,875.00
DLP Total:	257	
ELA		
Articles of Amendment	297	\$ 2,970.00
ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT(CORP, DOM, NON)	278	\$ 2,780.00
Notice of Change of Principal Office	44	\$ 410.00
NOTICE OF CHANGE OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE(CORP, DOM/FRN, NON)	70	\$ 700.00
ELA Total:	689	
ELD		
Articles of Dissolution	146	\$ 1,460.00
ARTICLES OF DISSOLUTION(CORP, DOM, NON)	104	\$ 1,030.00
ELD Total:	250	
ELE		
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION	2,782	\$ 69,550.00
Restated Articles of Incorporation	13	\$ 380.00
ELE Total:	2,795	
ERR		
Admin Dissolution In Error	2	\$ -
FORFEITURE IN ERROR	61	\$ -
ERR Total:	63	
FAM		
APPLICATION FOR AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS	538	\$ 58,377.00
APPLICATION FOR AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS(CORP,	5	\$ 550.00
APPLICATION FOR AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS(CORP,	217	\$ 23,870.00
FAM Total:	760	
FIC		
Adopting a Fictitious Name	98	\$ 400.00
ADOPTING A FICTITIOUS NAME (LLC)	77	\$ 540.00
CORPORATION ADOPTING A FICTITIOUS NAME	135	\$ 902.00
FIC Total:	310	
FLC		
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS	3,656	\$ 403,885.00
FLC Total:	3,656	
FLP		
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS	38	\$ 3,800.00
FLP Total:	38	
FNE		
Application for Use of an Indistinguishable Name	12	\$ 120.00
FNE Total:	12	
FOR		
FAILURE TO MAINTAIN A REGISTERED AGENT	5	\$ -

		FOR Total:	5
INC			
	ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION	1,242	\$ 167,670.00
	ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION - BENEFIT CORPORATION	5	\$ 675.00
	ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION - DOMESTICATION	32	\$ 4,320.00
	ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION	61	\$ 8,235.00
	ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR A STATUTORY CLOSE CORPORATION	365	\$ 26,532.00
	ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR A STATUTORY CLOSE CORPORATION - BENEFIT CORPORATION	1	\$ 135.00
	ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR PROF CORP/STAT CLOSE	15	\$ 2,025.00
	Articles of Incorporation Professional - Statutory Close Corporation	28	\$ 3,780.00
		INC Total:	1,749
LIM			
	Application for Registration of Foreign Limited Partnership	39	\$ 390.00
	APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN LP	39	\$ 390.00
	CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	194	\$ 1,940.00
		LIM Total:	272
LPA			
	Amendment of Certificate of Limited Partnership	46	\$ 460.00
	Amendment to Registration of a Foreign Limited Partnership	47	\$ 470.00
	LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AMENDMENT	96	\$ 950.00
		LPA Total:	189
LPR			
	Application to Renew Certificate of Authority to Transact Business	22	\$ 2,200.00
	APPLICATION TO RENEW CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS(LLP, FRN, PROF)	20	\$ 2,000.00
	Registration Renewal Application	44	\$ 4,400.00
	RENEWAL APPLICATION(LLP, DOM, PROF)	43	\$ 4,300.00
		LPR Total:	129
MER			
	Application to Merge Out of Existence into a non-registered Foreign Entity	24	\$ 2,640.00
	ARTICLES OF MERGER	188	\$ 3,980.00
	ARTICLES OF MERGER OR SHARE EXCHANGE (CORP, DOM, PROFIT)	55	\$ 6,050.00
	ARTICLES OF MERGER(CORP, DOM, NON)	10	\$ 100.00
		MER Total:	277
MIL			
	Articles of Incorporation for a Military Corporation	7	\$ -
		MIL Total:	7
MSC			
	Articles of Merger	102	\$ 11,220.00
	ARTICLES OF MERGER - NP CORP, DOM	12	\$ 120.00
	ARTICLES OF MERGER OR SHARE EXCHANGE (CORP, DOM, PROFIT)	61	\$ 6,590.00
	ARTICLES OF MERGER(LLC, DOM, PROF/NON)	62	\$ 280.00
		MSC Total:	237

NAG		
Discontinuance of Registered Office	3	\$ 30.00
Resignation of Agent for Service of Process	205	\$ 2,271.00
RESIGNATION OF AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS(LLC, DOM/FRN, DOM: PROF/NON FRN:	223	\$ 1,950.00
Resignation of Registered Agent	22	\$ 220.00
Resignation of Registered Agent and Discontinuance of Registered Office	148	\$ 1,200.00
RESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT AND DISCONTINUANCE OF REGISTERED OFFICE(CORP,	67	\$ 134.00
RESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT OR DISCONTINUANCE OF REGISTERED OFFICE	136	\$ 272.00
NAG Total:	804	
REG		
Application to Register a LLC Name	6	\$ 100.00
APPLICATION TO REGISTER CORPORATE NAME	42	\$ 390.00
APPLICATION TO REGISTER OR RENEW THE REGISTRATION OF A NAME	9	\$ 80.00
REG Total:	57	
REI		
APPLICATION FOR A REINSTATEMENT OF A CORPORATION DISSOLVED BY ADMINISTRATIVE	544	\$ 13,600.00
Application for Reinstatement by a Limited Liability Company Dissolved by Administrative Action	2	\$ 50.00
APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT BY A LLC DISSOLVED BY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION	5	\$ 100.00
Application for Reinstatement of a Corporation When Certificate of Authority Has Been Revoked	100	\$ 2,500.00
Articles of Revocation of Dissolution	1	\$ 10.00
REI Total:	652	
RES		
APPLICATION TO RESERVE A CORPORATION NAME	71	\$ 710.00
Application to Reserve a Limited Liability Company Name	333	\$ 8,325.00
APPLICATION TO RESERVE A LLC NAME	307	\$ 7,675.00
Application to Reserve a Nonprofit Corporation Name	49	\$ 490.00
APPLICATION TO RESERVE CORPORATE NAME	349	\$ 3,490.00
APPLICATION TO RESERVE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP NAME	22	\$ 220.00
Restated Certificate of Limited Partnership	4	\$ 40.00
RES Total:	1,135	
RNW		
Registration Renewal Application	1	\$ 10.00
RNW Total:	1	
SPC		
Special Filing - Child	9	\$ 400.00
Special Filing - Parent	7	\$ 50.00
SPC Total:	16	
WDR		
Application for a Certificate of Withdrawal	22	\$ 200.00
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF WITHDRAWAL(CORP, FRN, NON)	18	\$ 180.00
APPLICATION FOR CANCELLATION OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS(LLP, FRN, PROF)	4	\$ 40.00
APPLICATION FOR SURRENDER OF AUTHORITY TO DO BUSINESS	931	\$ 9,301.00

CERTIFICATE OF CANCELLATION OF AUTHORITY OR TRANSACT BUSINESS(LLC, FRN, PROF)	444	\$	4,440.00
Certificate of Cancellation of Authority to Transact Business	606	\$	6,060.00
WDR Total:	2,025		
Total Business Filing Transactions	79,199		

TOTAL FEES: \$ 5,814,430.00

Amount to Secretary of State: \$0

Amount to General Fund \$5,814,430.00*

*The amount remitted to the General Fund differs from SCEIS because some of the financial transactions were processed after the end of the fiscal year, even though the filings were received in FY 2016-17. The amount indicated in SCEIS for FY 2016-17 is \$5,795,639.00.

ATTACHMENT C(5)

SCSOS - Business Filings and Filing Fees

07/01/2017 - 06/30/2018

Category/Subcategory		Transaction Count	Total Filing Fees
ABR			
	Annual Benefit Report - Benefit Corporation	2	
		ABR Total:	2
			\$ 20.00
AGT			
	Articles of Dissolution	2	\$ 20.00
	Notice of Change of Designated Office, Agent or Address of Registered Agent	9,683	\$ 96,830.00
	Notice of Change of Registered Agent, Registered Address of Registered Agent or Both	167	\$ 835.00
	Notice of Change of Registered Office	631	\$ 1,262.00
	Notice of Change of Registered Office or Registered Agent or Both of a Benefit Corporation	2	\$ 20.00
	Notice of Change of Registered Office or Registered Agent or Both of a Foreign Corporation	1,867	\$ 18,670.00
	Notice of Change of Registered Office or Registered Agent or Both of a Nonprofit Corporation	1,389	\$ 6,945.00
	Notice of Change of Registered Office or Registered Agent or Both of a South Carolina	1,060	\$ 766.00
		AGT Total:	14,801
AMD			
	Amended Articles of Organization	2,314	\$ 253,417.00
	Article of Amendment - Benefit Corporation	1	\$ 110.00
	Articles of Amendment	400	\$ 44,000.00
	Articles of Amendment Termination of Benefit Corporation Status	1	\$ 10.00
	Articles of Revocation of Dissolution	6	\$ 60.00
	Conversion of a Corporation to a Nonprofit Corporation	4	\$ 40.00
	Conversion of a Corporation to Limited Liability Company	71	\$ 7,810.00
	Conversion of a Limited Liability Company to a Benefit Corporation	2	\$ 220.00
	Conversion of a Limited Liability Company to a Corporation	101	\$ 11,110.00
	Conversion of a Limited Liability Company to a Limited Partnership	2	\$ 20.00
	Conversion of a Limited Liability Company to a Partnership	7	\$ 70.00
	Domestication of Foreign Corporation to South Carolina Corporation	134	\$ 13,617.00
	LLP to LLC Conversion	32	\$ 3,520.00
	LP to Corporation Conversion	1	\$ 110.00
	Members Statement of Dissociation	1,161	\$ 2,322.00
	Notice of Transfer of a Reserved Limited Liability Company Name	6	\$ 150.00
	Notice of Transfer of Reserved Corporate Name	3	\$ 30.00
	Partnership to LLC Conversion	43	\$ 4,730.00
	Restated Articles of Incorporation	6	\$ 660.00
	Restated Articles of Incorporation with Amendments	23	\$ 2,530.00
	Restated Articles of Organization	25	\$ 2,750.00
		AMD Total:	4,343
ANG			
	Initial Application for Registration as a Qualified Business	42	\$ -

Included in SoS January 17, 2020 letter to LDC			
	Renewal Application for Registration as a Qualified Business	40	\$ -
	ANG Total:	82	
ASM			
	Assumed Name Certificate	26	\$ 250.00
	ASM Total:	26	
AUT			
	Application for a Certificate of Authority to Transact Business	2,468	\$ 258,520.00
	AUT Total:	2,468	
CL-1			
	CL-1 (Note: Transaction included in AUT, INC, DLC, FLC categories)	X 7463	\$ 186,250.00
	CL1 Total:	7,463	
COR			
	Application to Reserve Corporate Name	19	\$ 190.00
	Articles of Correction	466	\$ 1,478.00
	COR Total:	485	
DIS			
	Application for Cancellation of Limited Liability Partnership	28	\$ 280.00
	Articles of Dissolution	1,581	\$ 15,600.00
	Articles of Termination	4,763	\$ 47,630.00
	Certificate of Cancellation	138	\$ 1,380.00
	DIS Total:	6,510	
DLC			
	Articles of Organization	41,656	\$ 4,582,160.00
	Conversion of Limited Partnership to Limited Liability Company	58	\$ 330.00
	DLC Total:	41,714	
DLP			
	Application for Registration	313	\$ 31,300.00
	DLP Total:	313	
ELA			
	Articles of Amendment	527	\$ 5,240.00
	Notice of Change of Principal Office	88	\$ 880.00
	ELA Total:	615	
ELD			
	Articles of Dissolution	256	\$ 2,540.00
	ELD Total:	256	
ELE			
	Articles of Incorporation	2,801	\$ 69,800.00
	Restated Articles of Incorporation	34	\$ 340.00
	ELE Total:	2,835	
ERR			
	Admin Dissolution In Error	23	\$ -
	ERR Total:	23	
FAM			
	Application for an Amended Certificate of Authority to Transact Business	909	\$ 98,220.00
	Articles of Amendment	2	\$ 220.00

		FAM Total:	911
FIC			
	Adopting a Fictitious Name	171	\$ 342.00
	Adoption of a Fictitious Name	2	\$ 20.00
	Corporation Adopting a Fictitious Name	153	\$ 1,492.00
		FIC Total:	326
FLC			
	Application for a Certificate of Authority to Transact Business	3,942	\$ 432,740.00
		FLC Total:	3,942
FLP			
	Application for a Certificate of Authority to Transact Business	31	\$ 3,100.00
		FLP Total:	31
FNE			
	Application for Use of an Indistinguishable Name	19	\$ 190.00
		FNE Total:	19
INC			
	Articles of Incorporation	1,210	\$ 133,100.00
	Articles of Incorporation - Benefit Corporation	3	\$ 330.00
	Articles of Incorporation for a Professional Corporation	69	\$ 7,590.00
	Articles of Incorporation for a Statutory Close Corporation	352	\$ 38,610.00
	Articles of Incorporation Professional - Statutory Close Corporation	30	\$ 3,300.00
		INC Total:	1,664
LEG			
	Legacy Filing	1	
		LEG Total:	1
LIM			
	Application for Registration of Foreign Limited Partnership	98	\$ 980.00
	Certificate of Limited Partnership	173	\$ 1,730.00
		LIM Total:	271
LPA			
	Amendment of Certificate of Limited Partnership	58	\$ 580.00
	Amendment to Registration of a Foreign Limited Partnership	16	\$ 160.00
		LPA Total:	74
LPR			
	Application to Renew Certificate of Authority to Transact Business	52	\$ 5,200.00
	Registration Renewal Application	76	\$ 7,600.00
		LPR Total:	128
MER			
	Application to Merge Out of Existence into a non-registered Foreign Entity	62	\$ 6,820.00
	Articles of Merger	393	\$ 14,060.00
		MER Total:	455
MSC			
	Articles of Merger	225	\$ 10,620.00
		MSC Total:	225
NAG			
	Discontinuance of Registered Office	9	\$ 90.00

Resignation of Agent for Service of Process	592	\$	5,920.00
Resignation of Registered Agent	55	\$	550.00
Resignation of Registered Agent and Discontinuance of Registered Office	269	\$	818.00
NAG Total:	925		
REG			
Application to Register a LLC Name	14	\$	140.00
Application to Register Corporate Name	23	\$	230.00
REG Total:	37		
REI			
Application for a Reinstatement of a Corporation Dissolved by Administrative Action	244	\$	6,095.00
Application for Reinstatement by a Limited Liability Company Dissolved by Administrative Action	6	\$	150.00
Application for Reinstatement of a Corporation When Certificate of Authority Has Been Revoked	153	\$	3,805.00
Articles of Revocation of Dissolution	3	\$	30.00
REI Total:	406		
RES			
Application to Reserve a Limited Liability Company Name	552	\$	13,800.00
Application to Reserve a Nonprofit Corporation Name	63	\$	485.00
Application to Reserve Corporate Name	412	\$	4,120.00
Application to Reserve Limited Partnership Name	20	\$	200.00
RES Total:	1,047		
RNW			
Registration Renewal Application	24	\$	240.00
RNW Total:	24		
SHX			
Articles of Share Exchange	5	\$	330.00
SHX Total:	5		
SPC			
Special Filing - Child	89	\$	1,110.00
Special Filing - Parent	19	\$	1,110.00
SPC Total:	108		
WDR			
Application for a Certificate of Withdrawal	14	\$	140.00
Application for Cancellation of a Certificate of Authority	1	\$	10.00
Application for Surrender of Authority to Do Business	949	\$	9,400.00
Certificate of Cancellation of Authority to Transact Business	1,050	\$	10,500.00
WDR Total:	2,014		
Total Business Filing Transactions:	94,549		

TOTAL FEES: \$ 6,503,099.00

Amount to Secretary of State \$0

Amount to General Fund \$ 6,503,099.00*

*The amount remitted to the General Fund differs from SCEIS because some of the financial transactions were processed after the end of the fiscal year, even though the filings were received in FY 2017-18. The amount indicated in SCEIS for FY 2017-18 is \$6,496,006.00.

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SCSOS - Business Filings and Filing Fees

07/01/2018 - 06/30/2019

Category/Subcategory	Transaction Count	Total Filing Fees
ABR		
Annual Benefit Report - Benefit Corporation	2	
ABR Subtotal:	2	\$ 20.00
AGT		
Notice of Change of Designated Office, Agent or Address of Registered Agent	8,316	\$ 83,160.00
Notice of Change of Registered Agent, Registered Address of Registered Agent or Both	140	\$ 700.00
Notice of Change of Registered Office	616	\$ 1,232.00
Notice of Change of Registered Office or Registered Agent or Both of a Foreign Corporation	957	\$ 9,570.00
Notice of Change of Registered Office or Registered Agent or Both of a Nonprofit Corporation	1,271	\$ 10,728.00
Notice of Change of Registered Office or Registered Agent or Both of a South Carolina Corporation	1,008	\$ 10,080.00
AGT Subtotal:	12,308	
AMD		
Amended Articles of Organization	2,576	\$ 281,780.00
Articles of Amendment	427	\$ 46,970.00
Articles of Amendment - Election of Benefit Corporation Status	1	\$ 110.00
Articles of Revocation of Dissolution	9	\$ 90.00
Conversion of a Corporation to a Nonprofit Corporation	5	\$ 50.00
Conversion of a Corporation to Limited Liability Company	61	\$ 6,710.00
Conversion of a Limited Liability Company to a Corporation	64	\$ 7,040.00
Conversion of a Limited Liability Company to a Limited Partnership	13	\$ 130.00
Conversion of a Limited Liability Company to a Partnership	6	\$ 60.00
Conversion of a Partnership or a Limited Partnership to a Corporation	1	\$ 100.00
Domestication of Foreign Corporation to South Carolina Corporation	108	\$ 11,880.00
LLP to LLC Conversion	37	\$ 4,070.00
Members Statement of Dissociation	1,268	\$ 2,536.00
Notice of Transfer of a Reserved Limited Liability Company Name	2	\$ 20.00
Partnership to LLC Conversion	61	\$ 6,728.00
Restated Articles of Incorporation	6	\$ 660.00
Restated Articles of Incorporation with Amendments	23	\$ 2,530.00
Restated Articles of Organization	27	\$ 2,860.00
AMD Subtotal:	4,695	
ANG		
Initial Application for Registration as a Qualified Business	36	\$ -

Renewal Application for Registration as a Qualified Business		28	\$	-
	ANG Total:	64		
ASM				
Assumed Name Certificate		17	\$	170.00
	ASM Subtotal:	17		
AUT				
Application for a Certificate of Authority to Transact Business		2,743	\$	285,300.00
	AUT Subtotal:	2,743		
CL1				
CL-1 (Note: Transactions included in AUT, INC, DLC, FLC categories)	X	8,204	\$	204,900.00
	CL1 Subtotal:	8,204		
COR				
Application to Reserve Corporate Name		25	\$	532.00
Articles of Correction		473	\$	946.00
	COR Subtotal:	498		
DIS				
Application for Cancellation of Limited Liability Partnership		31	\$	1,740.00
Articles of Dissolution		1,533	\$	13,740.00
Articles of Termination		5,065	\$	50,650.00
Certificate of Cancellation		159	\$	1,590.00
	DIS Subtotal:	6,788		
DLC				
Articles of Organization		44,259	\$	4,865,630.00
Conversion of Limited Partnership to Limited Liability Company		16	\$	1,760.00
	DLC Subtotal:	44,275		
DLP				
Application for Registration		387	\$	38,700.00
	DLP Subtotal:	387		
ELA				
Articles of Amendment		529	\$	5,170.00
Notice of Change of Principal Office		110	\$	1,110.00
	ELA Subtotal:	639		
ELD				
Articles of Dissolution		185	\$	1,830.00
	ELD Subtotal:	185		
ELE				
Articles of Incorporation		2,782	\$	69,550.00
Restated Articles of Incorporation		34	\$	130.00
	ELE Subtotal:	2,816		
ERR				
Admin Dissolution In Error		398	\$	-
	ERR Total:	398		

FAM		
	Application for an Amended Certificate of Authority to Transact Business	927 \$ 99,810.00
	Articles of Amendment	2 \$ 220.00
	FAM Subtotal:	929
FIC		
	Adopting a Fictitious Name	197 \$ 384.00
	Adoption of a Fictitious Name	3 \$ 30.00
	Corporation Adopting a Fictitious Name	139 \$ 1,374.00
	FIC Subtotal:	339
FLC		
	Application for a Certificate of Authority to Transact Business	4,178 \$ 459,140.00
	FLC Subtotal:	4,178
FLP		
	Application for a Certificate of Authority to Transact Business	36 \$ 3,500.00
	FLP Subtotal:	36
FNE		
	Application for Use of an Indistinguishable Name	25 \$ 240.00
	FNE Subtotal:	25
INC		
	Articles of Incorporation	1,130 \$ 124,100.00
	Articles of Incorporation - Benefit Corporation	3 \$ 310.00
	Articles of Incorporation for a Professional Corporation	54 \$ 5,940.00
	Articles of Incorporation for a Statutory Close Corporation	289 \$ 31,305.00
	Articles of Incorporation Professional - Statutory Close Corporation	15 \$ 2,025.00
	INC Subtotal:	1,491
LIM		
	Application for Registration of Foreign Limited Partnership	65 \$ 650.00
	Certificate of Limited Partnership	162 \$ 1,620.00
	LIM Subtotal:	227
LPA		
	Amendment of Certificate of Limited Partnership	67 \$ 670.00
	Amendment to Registration of a Foreign Limited Partnership	16 \$ 160.00
	LPA Subtotal:	83
LPR		
	Application to Renew Certificate of Authority to Transact Business	53 \$ 5,300.00
	Registration Renewal Application	76 \$ 7,600.00
	LPR Subtotal:	129
MER		
	Application to Merge Out of Existence into a non-registered Foreign Entity	49 \$ 5,390.00
	Articles of Merger	184 \$ 9,070.00
	MER Subtotal:	233
MIL		

Articles of Incorporation for a Military Corporation	2	\$	25.00
MIL Subtotal:			2
MSC			
Articles of Merger	191	\$	9,730.00
MSC Subtotal:			191
NAG			
Discontinuance of Registered Office	16	\$	32.00
Resignation of Agent for Service of Process	762	\$	7,620.00
Resignation of Registered Agent	63	\$	184.00
Resignation of Registered Agent and Discontinuance of Registered Office	307	\$	1,535.00
NAG Subtotal:			1,148
NAL			
Administrative Dissolution	7,079	\$	-
NAL Total:			7,079
REG			
Application to Register a LLC Name	16	\$	160.00
Application to Register Corporate Name	15	\$	150.00
REG Subtotal:			31
REI			
Application for a Reinstatement of a Corporation Dissolved by Administrative Action	488	\$	12,100.00
Application for Reinstatement by a Limited Liability Company Dissolved by Administrative Action	44	\$	1,100.00
Application for Reinstatement of a Corporation When Certificate of Authority Has Been Revoked	378	\$	9,450.00
REI Subtotal:			910
RES			
Application to Reserve a Limited Liability Company Name	473	\$	11,825.00
Application to Reserve a Nonprofit Corporation Name	51	\$	440.00
Application to Reserve Corporate Name	328	\$	3,280.00
Application to Reserve Limited Partnership Name	13	\$	130.00
Restated Certificate of Limited Partnership	3	\$	30.00
RES Subtotal:			868
RNW			
Registration Renewal Application	16	\$	160.00
RNW Subtotal:			16
SPC			
Special Filing - Child	82	\$	1,130.00
Special Filing - Parent	27	\$	1,130.00
SPC Subtotal:			109
WDR			
Application for a Certificate of Withdrawal	27	\$	270.00
Application for Cancellation of a Certificate of Authority	1	\$	10.00
Application for Surrender of Authority to Do Business	863	\$	8,620.00
Certificate of Cancellation of Authority to Transact Business	1,047	\$	10,450.00

WDR Subtotal:	1,938
Total Business Filing Transactions:	103,981

TOTAL FEES: \$ 6,871,661.00

Amount to Secretary of State: \$0

Amount to General Fund: \$ 6,871,661.00*

*The amount remitted to the General Fund differs from SCEIS because some of the financial transactions were processed after the end of the fiscal year, even though the filings were received in FY 2018-19. The amount indicated in SCEIS for FY 2018-19 is \$6,863,766.00.

Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) filing fees in S.C. and other Southeastern states

Included in the Secretary of State's (SoS) January 17, 2020 letter to the House Legislative Oversight Committee (LOC). This information was provided in response to the following question in LOC's December 12, 2019, letter to the SoS: "23. Please provide a table listing UCC filing fees in South Carolina and fees for comparable UCC filings in other Southeastern states."

In addition to providing the information in this document, SoS provided the following response:

- Please see the table of the types of UCC filings and fees for the Southeastern states, including South Carolina, that is provided in Attachment D.

ATTACHMENT D

UCC Filing Fees (SE States)

Alabama:

FILINGS	
UCC-1, UCC-3, & UCC-5	\$20.00 IF THE RECORD CONSISTS OF ONE OR TWO PAGES \$20.00 PLUS \$2.00 FOR EACH PAGE MORE THAN TWO
UCC-3 TERMINATION	STANDARD FORM-NO CHARGE NON-STANDARD FORM-\$5.00
UCC-1 & UCC-3 NON-STANDARD FORM FEE	\$5.00 FOR ANY FORM THAT IS NOT THE ALABAMA APPROVED FORM
<i>* Acknowledgement copies are \$1.00 if a copy is not provided with the filing</i>	
UCC-1F & UCC-3F	\$20.00 IF THE RECORD CONSISTS OF ONE OR TWO PAGES \$20.00 PLUS \$2.00 FOR EACH PAGE MORE THAN TWO
UCC-3F TERMINATION	STANDARD FORM - NO CHARGE NON-STANDARD FORM-\$5.00
<i>*Acknowledgement copies are \$1.00 if a copy is not provided with the filing</i>	
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION OR COPIES-UCC-11	
FOR EACH DEBTOR NAME SUBMITTED	\$20.00
COPY REQUEST	\$1.00 PER PAGE
CERTIFIED COPY REQUEST	\$5.00 PER FILE NUMBER PLUS \$1.00 PER PAGE
NON-STANDARD FORM FEE	\$5.00
EXPEDITE SERVICE, ATTACH TO REQUEST (OPTIONAL)	\$100.00
<u>UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE ONLINE SYSTEM</u>	
<i>Subscriber Fees</i>	
UCC Filing Fee	
UCC Search by Filing Number	
UCC Search by Name	
Electronic Access Fee	
<i>*The total fee paid through Alabama.gov will vary based on the amounts above plus a \$4.50 efficiency fee.</i>	
<i>Non-Subscriber Fees</i>	
UCC Filing Fee	
UCC Search by Filing Number	
UCC Search by Name	
Electronic Access Fee	
<i>*The total fee paid through Alabama.gov will vary based on the amounts above plus a \$5.50 efficiency fee.</i>	

Arkansas:

Description	Form #	Online \$	Paper \$
National UCC Financing Statement (includes \$6.00 fee for termination)	UCC-1	\$16.00	\$16.00*
National UCC Financing Statement Additional Parties	UCC-1-Ap	N/A	\$.50
National UCC Financing Statement Addendum	UCC-1-Ad	N/A	\$.50
National UCC Financing Statement Amendment	UCC-3	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00*
National UCC Financing Statement Assignment	UCC-3	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00*
National UCC Financing Statement Continuation	UCC-3	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00*
National UCC Financing Statement Partial Release	UCC-3	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00*
National UCC Financing Statement Additional Parties	UCC-3 AP	N/A	\$.50
- If original filing was filed before 7-28-95	UCC-3	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00
- If original filing was filed after 7-28-95	UCC-3	N/A**	N/A**
National UCC Financing Statement Amendment Addendum	UCC-3-Ad	N/A	\$.50
National Corrections Statement	UCC-5	N/A	\$ 6.00
National Information Request	UCC-11	N/A	\$ 6.00
Lien Search with Certificate	UCC-11	N/A	\$ 6.00
Lien Search	UCC-11	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00
First Page	UCC-11	N/A	\$ 6.00
Each Additional Page	UCC-11	N/A	\$.50
Certified Copy Fee	UCC-11	N/A	\$.50

*Each additional page is \$0.50 up to a maximum of \$100.

**Fee paid with initial financing statement

Florida:

Form	Fees	Description	Included
UCC1	\$35	Approved Florida and national forms. Example - Florida forms approved on or after 05/2013 or national forms approved on or after 04/2011.	1 debtor, 1 secured and the 1st page.
	\$40	All other forms. Example - Florida forms approved prior to 05/2013 or national forms approved prior to 04/2011.	1 debtor, 1 secured and the 1st page.
UCC3	\$12	Approved Florida and national forms. Example - Florida forms approved on or after 05/2013 or national forms approved on or after 04/2011.	1 debtor or 1 secured party change if an amendment or assignment is done.
	\$17	All other forms. Example - Florida forms approved prior to 05/2013 or national forms approved prior to 04/2011.	1 debtor or 1 secured party change if an amendment or assignment is done.
UCC3- Termination	\$12	To terminate any UCC before 10/01/1992.	
	\$0	To terminate any UCC on or after 10/01/1992.	
UCC5	\$12	To add more information about the concerned UCC.	
Additional Fees	\$3	Any additional documents or pages (Addendum and other documents and pages) Any additional debtors and secured parties Anything not referenced above	

Georgia:

A. UCC Statements - Filing/Recording and Indexing: (Fees paid to Clerk of Superior Court)	
UCC Financing Statement	\$25.00
UCC Financing Statement with Initial Assignment	\$50.00
UCC Amendment	\$25.00
UCC Assignment	\$25.00
UCC Continuation Statement	\$25.00
UCC Termination Statement	\$25.00
B. Miscellaneous Copy Fees at Clerk of Superior Court's Office: (Fees paid to Clerk of Superior Court)	
Uncertified copies, furnished without clerk's office assistance, per page	\$0.50
Uncertified copies, furnished with clerk's office assistance, per page	\$1.00
Uncertified copies, transmitted telephonically/electronically, per page	\$2.50
Each page, after the first	\$1.00
Certified copy, first page	\$2.50
Each additional page	\$0.50
C. Certified Search Report, BY THE AUTHORITY ONLY: (Fees paid to Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority)	
Per Debtor Name Searched	\$10.00

Kentucky:

Filing Fees	
UCC-1	\$10.00 if no more than two pages \$20.00 if over two pages
UCC-3	\$10.00 if no more than two pages \$20.00 if over two pages
Electronic Filing and Search	
All electronic financing statements and amendments	\$5.00
Search for standardized search by debtor name	\$0.00
Certified Search Results	\$5.00
Copies of UCC Records	\$0.10 per page

Louisiana:

UCC-1 (one debtor) Fees reflected below include a \$5 prepaid termination fee	
Financing Statement	\$30
Financing Statement with Assignment	\$35
Financing Statement relative to "as extracted collateral" or fixture filing	\$40
Financing Statement (Transmitting Utility)	\$205
Financing Statement (Transmitting Utility and fixture filing)	\$215
Financing Statement (Public Finance Transaction)	\$105
Financing Statement (Public Finance Transaction and fixture filing)	\$115
Attachments	\$2 each
Additional Debtor Names	\$10 each
Non-standard* Form Fee	\$15
<i>*Anything other than the National Financing Statement forms or the Louisiana Financing Statement forms</i>	
UCC-3 (one debtor)	
Amendment	\$25
Continuation	\$25
Assignment	\$25
Master Assignment/Amendment	\$5 per
Termination (\$5 per debtor name paid at time of original filing)	N/A
Additional debtors named on original	\$5 each
UCC-5	
Information Statement	\$25
UCC-11 Search	
UCC Certificate* (per debtor name)	\$30
<i>*Additional \$1 for each listing more than ten</i>	
Copies of documents	\$2 per page
Certification of copies	\$5 each
UCC-1F and UCC-3F Central Registry Filings	
UCC and Crop filing	\$35*
Crop filing	\$20*
Amendments, Continuations, Assignments	\$20*
<i>*These are flat fees. No additional charges are assessed for additional debtors and/or attachments.</i>	

Mississippi:

Standard Form Name	Discounted Fees for Filings Paid Online
Initial Financing Statement (UCC1) and Addendum (UCC1Ad)	\$8 + convenience fee set by e-gov portal
Financing Statement Amendment (UCC3) and Addendum (UCC3Ad)	\$8 + convenience fee set by e-gov portal
	<i>Fees for Standard Forms Completed Online and Mailed in with Payment</i>
Initial Financing Statement (UCC1) and Addendum (UCC1Ad)	\$10 (+ \$3 if attachments +\$4 for each additional debtor listed)
Financing Statement Amendment (UCC3) and Addendum (UCC3Ad)	\$10 (+ \$3 if attachments)
<i>Farm Products Forms</i>	<i>Fees for Farm Product Filings (Must be completed online then mailed in with payment)</i>
Initial "Farm Product Filing" Financing Statement UCC1F) and Addendum (UCC1FAd)	\$10 (+ \$3 if attachments +\$4 for each additional debtor listed)
"Farm Product Filing" Financing Statement Amendment (UCC3F) and Addendum (UCC3Fad)	\$10 (+ \$3 if attachments)
<i>Other Forms</i>	<i>Fees (must be completed online and mailed in with payment)</i>
Information (Correction) Statement (UCC5)	\$10 (+ \$3 if attachments)
Information Request (UCC11)	\$5
UCC11 Copy Request	\$2 per copy of each financing statement requested

North Carolina:

Electronic UCC Recording (EFile)	\$30 plus \$2.00 processing fee for electronic filing via the Internet (unlimited pages)
UCC Recording by Mail Delivery	\$38.00 for 1- 2 pages \$45.00 for 3 - 10 pages \$45 + \$2 per additional page for over 10 pages (12 pages = \$49)
Information Requests and Copies	\$38 per Debtor name (plain certification) \$38 + \$10 per Debtor name (gold seal certification)
After search results are returned, then request:	
Copies	\$2 per page (or print copies for free online)
Certified copies	\$10 + \$2 per UCC page (gold seal certification)

South Carolina:

UCC-1, UCC-3, and UCC-5 Fees	
Pages 1 and 2 together	\$ 8.00
Page 3	\$ 2.00
Pages 4 and beyond	\$ 1.00
3rd Debtor and beyond	\$ 2.00
Manufactured Home Transaction	\$20.00
Public Finance Transaction	\$20.00
UCC-11 Search Fees (Per Document)	
Search Fee	\$ 5.00
Document Request, Each Page	\$1.00
Certification Fee (Per Document)	\$2.00
Electronic Records Access	
Each Filing	\$ 8.00
Each Search	\$10.00
<i>Transactions over \$100, increasing by \$2.25 for each additional \$100.</i>	

Tennessee:

Initial financing statement (UCC1) ^{1, 2}	\$15 per debtor
Financing statement amendment (UCC3) ^{1, 2, 3}	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$15 for a collateral description change or secured party information change, or both • \$15 per debtor for debtor information changes • \$15 for each full or partial assignment • \$15 for each continuation • \$15 for each termination • \$15 for an MPI increase alone (no additional filing fee if filed with another change)
Information Statement (UCC5) ²	\$15
Information Request (UCC11) ⁴	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified list only - \$15 • Certified list and copies - \$15 + \$1 per page
¹ Each different address listed for a debtor is considered a separate debtor for filing fee purposes.	
² There is an additional fee of 50 cents (\$.50) per page for each page in excess of ten (10) pages.	
³ Fees should be added together in determining the total filing fee due for a financing statement amendment (UCC3). If an inadequate payment amount for multiple transactions is tendered with a UCC3 (including the recording tax, if applicable), all transactions will be rejected.	
⁴ Effective 7/1/2013 all search lists and copies are certified.	

Virginia:

Financing Statement	\$20.00 each
Financing Statement Amendment (i.e., assignment, change, continuation, termination)	\$20.00 each
Information Statement	\$20.00 each
Search Response, noncertified	\$7.00
Search and All Copies, noncertified	\$7.00 search plus: 25 or fewer pages: no charge 26 or more pages: \$10.00
Specified Copies Only, noncertified	25 or fewer pages: no charge 26 or more pages: \$10.00
Certification of Information Provided	\$6.00

West Virginia:

UCC Filing Fees

No paper filings* will be accepted by this office (see *Paper Filing Exceptions below).

All UCC Filings	\$20.00
WV Portal fee	\$3.00
*Paper Filing Exceptions: These filings cannot be filed online. They must be filed via paper application.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UCC-1 Transmitting Utility Only • UCC-3 Amendment – Deleting Collateral Upload 	
UCC Search Fees	
*Effective February 27, 2018, UCC searches may only be conducted through the UCC Online services system at https://apps.wv.gov/sos/ucc .	
UCC Searches: initial fee	\$10.00
Per page fee	\$1.00
WV Portal fee	\$3.00

Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) filing fees in S.C. Types, costs, and statistics from last five years

Included in the Secretary of State's (SoS) January 17, 2020 letter to the House Legislative Oversight Committee (LOC). This information was provided in response to the following question in LOC's December 12, 2019, letter to the SoS: "24. Please provide a table listing each UCC filing and fee in South Carolina and, for each filing for each of the last five years, the number of filings, total fees collected, amount that went to SoS, and amount that went to the general fund."

In addition to providing the information in this document, SoS provided the following response:

- Please see the tables that are provided in Attachment E.

ATTACHMENT E

Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) Filings and Filing Fees

Fee Schedule

Type of UCC Filing/Search	Item(s) Provided	Fees
UCC-1, UCC-3 and UCC-5 Filing Fees	Pages 1 and 2 together	\$8.00 to \$ 20.00
	Page 3	\$2.00
	Pages 4 and beyond	\$1.00
	3 rd Debtor and beyond	\$2.00
UCC-11 Search Fees (Per Document)	Search	\$5.00
	Document Request—Each Page	\$1.00
	Certification Fee (Per Document)	\$3.00

Fees Collected in FY 2014-15

Type of UCC Filing/Search	Number of Transactions	Total Fees Collected	Amount to SoS	Amount to General Fund
UCC-1	44,505	\$367,902.50	\$180,000.00	\$187,902.50
UCC-3	21,954	\$176,761.00	\$0.00	\$176,761.00
UCC-5	5	\$42.00	\$0.00	\$42.00
UCC-11	12,038	\$270,865.63	\$270,865.63	\$0.00
Total	78,502	\$815,571.13	\$450,865.63	\$364,705.50*

Fees Collected in FY 2015-16

Type of UCC Filing/Search	Number of Transactions	Total Fees Collected	Amount to SoS	Amount to General Fund
UCC-1	48,931	\$404,051.00	\$180,000.00	\$224,051.00
UCC-3	23,109	\$185,714.00	\$0.00	\$185,714.00
UCC-5	31	\$248.00	\$0.00	\$248.00
UCC-11	12,159	\$282,532.00	\$282,532.00	\$0.00
Total	84,230	\$872,545.00	\$462,532.00	\$410,013.00*

Fees Collected in FY 2016-17

Type of UCC Filing/Search	Number of Transactions	Total Fees Collected	Amount to SoS	Amount to General Fund
UCC-1	54,403	\$449,957.00	\$180,000.00	\$269,957.00
UCC-3	26,598	\$214,740.00	\$0.00	\$214,740.00
UCC-5	18	\$144.00	\$0.00	\$144.00
UCC-11	12,443	\$279,663.00	\$279,663.00	\$0.00
Total	93,462	\$944,504.00	\$459,663.00	\$484,841.00*

Fees Collected in FY 2017-18

Type of UCC Filing/Search	Number of Transactions	Total Fees Collected	Amount to SoS	Amount to General Fund
UCC-1	57,608	\$472,504.00	\$180,000.00	\$292,504.00
UCC-3	30,910	\$250,846.00	\$0.00	\$250,846.00
UCC-5	29	\$232.00	\$0.00	\$232.00
UCC-11	12,332	\$282,437.00	\$282,437.00	\$0.00
Total	100,879	\$1,006,019.00	\$462,437.00	\$543,582.00*

Fees Collected in FY 2018-19

Type of UCC Filing/Search	Number of Transactions	Total Fees Collected	Amount to SoS	Amount to General Fund
UCC-1	54,926	\$458,792.00	\$180,000.00	\$278,792.00
UCC-3	34,917	\$283,126.00	\$0.00	\$283,126.00
UCC-5	23	\$184.00	\$0.00	\$184.00
UCC-11	12,481	\$285,384.00	\$285,384.00	\$0.00
Total	102,347	\$1,027,486.00	\$465,384.00	\$562,102.00*

**The amounts remitted to the General Fund differ slightly from what is reported in SCEIS because some of the financial transactions were processed after the end of the fiscal year, even though the filing was received in the fiscal year referenced in the tables. For example, the total amounts remitted as indicated in SCEIS were as follows: FY 2014-15: \$363,860.00; FY 2015-16: \$408,840.00; FY 2016-17: \$483,911.00; FY 2017-18: \$542,355.00; and FY 2018-19: \$561,113.00.*

Notary Public Training and Filing Fees in S.C. and other Southeastern states

Included in the Secretary of State's (SoS) January 17, 2020 letter to the House Legislative Oversight Committee (LOC). This information was provided in response to the following questions in LOC's December 12, 2019, letter to the SoS:

29. Please provide a list of other states in the Southeast that require some type of training prior to becoming a notary and the type of training required.

30. Please provide a table listing the fee for notary public applications and, change in status forms, in South Carolina and fees for comparable filings in other Southeastern states.”

In addition to providing the information in this document, SoS provided the following response:

- Please see the table that is provided in Attachment F.

ATTACHMENT F

Notary Fees by State- Southeastern United States (regular notaries only- not online or eNotaries)

State	Application Fee	Renewal Fee	Other Fees	Agency Responsible	Term	Education/Course Required?	Exam?	Journal?	Bond?	Statute
Alabama	\$10.00 for each commission issued	\$10.00 for each commission issued	None seen.	Appointed and commissioned by Probate Judges who report information to Secretary of State	4 years	No	No	No	\$25,000.00	Act 200-295
Arkansas	\$20.00	\$20.00	None seen.	Secretary of State	10 years	No	Yes	No	\$7,500.00	Title 21, Chapter 14
Florida	\$25.00, with a \$10.00 commission fee, & \$4.00 surcharge	\$25.00, with a \$10.00 commission fee, & \$4.00 surcharge	\$25.00 for amended commission (name change)	Appointed by Governor , applications to bonding agencies who then forward to Department of State. New notaries receive their commissions from the bonding agency.	4 years	Yes, for first time applicants.	No	No	\$7,500.00	Title X, Chapter 117, Part 1
Georgia	\$37.00-\$52.00, depending on county	\$37.00-\$52.00, depending on county	None seen.	Commissioned by Clerk of Superior Court in county of residence. Statewide database maintained by Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority (GSCCCA)	4 years	No	No	No	No	Title 45, Chapter 17
Kentucky	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00 for commission updates and duplicate commissions	Secretary of State	4 years	No	No	No	\$1,000.00	Law change effective 1/1/2020- KRS Chapter 423
Louisiana	\$35.00	\$35.00	Application for Non Resident Ex Officio Status (\$35.00) Commission Fee(\$35.00) Certificate of Notary Commission (\$20.00) Name Change (\$35.00) Notary Bond Renewal or Error & Omissions Renewal (\$20.00) Notary Exam Pre-Assessment (\$30.00) Notary Public Examination Registration (\$100.00) Notary Study Guide (\$100.00) Replacement ID Card (\$3.00) Replacement Notary Certificate (\$15.00)	Appointed by the Governor with advice and consent of the Senate. Application and qualifying process under Secretary of State.	For life	No	Yes	No	\$10,000.00 (except licensed attorneys)	R.S. Title 35
Mississippi	\$25.00	\$25.00	Change of Address (\$20.00) Change of Name (\$20.00) Replacement Commission (\$20.00) Resignation or Death (\$0.00)	Appointed by the Governor. Processed by the Secretary of State.	4 years	No	No	Yes	\$5,000.00	Sec. 25-33-1 to -33 Notary Rules and Regulations
North Carolina	\$50.00	\$50.00	Certificate of Moral Character: \$0.00 Name/Address Change Form: \$0.00	Commissioned by the Secretary of State.	5 years	Yes, for initial notary commission.	Yes (unless a licensed NC attorney)	No	No	Chapter 10B

State	Application Fee	Renewal Fee	Other Fees	Agency Responsible	Term	Education/Course Required?	Exam?	Journal?	Bond?	Statute
South Carolina	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$10.00 for change in status form (name change, address change, & duplicate copy)	Appointed by the Governor, endorsed by legislative delegation, and commissioned by the Secretary of State.	10 years	No	No	No	No	Title 26, Chapter 1
Tennessee	\$12.00 (\$7 for County Clerk and \$5 for Secretary of State)	\$12.00 (\$7 for County Clerk and \$5 for Secretary of State)	Name/County change: \$7.00	Application submitted to County Clerk, elected by county commission, and proof of bond and application submitted to Secretary of State who issues commission.	4 years	No	No	Yes, if a fee is received	\$10,000.00	Title 8, Chapter 16
Virginia	\$45.00, plus \$10.00 to Clerk at Circuit Court when taking the oath.	Unclear, but appears to be the same as the initial application.	Unclear	Appointed by the Governor. Commissioned by the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Takes the oath of office at the Circuit Court.	4 years	No	No	No	No	Title 47.1
West Virginia	\$52.00 (waived for state and local gov't employees) Expedite Fee: 24 hour- \$25.00 2 hour- \$250.00 1 hour- \$500.00	\$52.00	No fee for name/address changes or resignation	Secretary of State process applications and issues commissions.	5 years	No	No	No	No	Title 39, Article 4

Entities on whose behalf the Secretary of State may accept service of process

Included in the Secretary of State's (SoS) January 17, 2020 letter to the House Legislative Oversight Committee (LOC). This information was provided in response to the following question in LOC's December 12, 2019, letter to the SoS: "35. Please provide a table listing the entities on whose behalf the SoS may accept service of process and the applicable statute for each."

In addition to providing the information in this document, SoS provided the following response:

- Please see the table that is provided in Attachment G.

ATTACHMENT G

Service of Process Secretary of State's Office

<i>Type of Entity</i>	<i>Situation</i>	<i>Statute</i>
Foreign Corporation	After revocation of a foreign corporation's certificate of authority	33-15-310
Foreign Corporation	After withdrawal of certificate of authority	33-15-200
Foreign Corporation or Foreign Nonprofit	If there is no registered agent or the agent cannot be served with reasonable diligence (other than publication) and such appears by affidavit	15-9-240
Foreign Corporation or Foreign Nonprofit	If the corporation does business in the state without being authorized, including any business activity for which authority need not be obtained as provided by Section 33-15-101	15-9-245
Foreign Nonprofit	After a foreign corporation files for a certificate of withdrawal	33-31-1520
Foreign Nonprofit	After the Secretary of State's or Richland County Court of Common Pleas revocation of the certificate of authority	33-31-1531
Foreign or Domestic Nonprofit	Failure to make the "Notification by Existing Corporation" filing requirement on or before 1/2/96.	33-31-1707
Domestic Nonprofit	If there is no registered agent or the agent can't be served with reasonable diligence and such appears by affidavit (this excludes a situation of failure to make the "Notification by Existing Corporation" filing requirement on or before 1/2/96)	15-9-210
Domestic Corporation	If there is no registered agent or the agent can't be served with reasonable diligence and such appears by affidavit	15-9-210 ; 33-14-105(c) ; 33-14-210(e)
Nonresident directors of domestic corporations	When a director of a domestic business corporation is a nonresident of this state at the time of his election or who becomes a nonresident during his term in office	15-9-430
Foreign or Domestic LLC	Failure to appoint or maintain an agent for service of process or the agent cannot be found with reasonable diligence	33-44-111
Foreign LLC	Cancellation of the certificate of authority	33-44-1007
Foreign LLC	If the LLC transacts business in SC without a certificate of authority	33-44-1008
Foreign LLP	Cancellation of authorization to transact business in this State	33-41-1190
Foreign LLP	Transacting business in this State without registration	33-41-1200
Foreign LP	Registration when no agent has been appointed, the agent's authority has been revoked, or if the agent cannot be found or served with the exercise of reasonable diligence	33-42-1620
Foreign LP	Transacting business in this State without registration	33-42-1670

Domestic LP	Failure to file a certificate of amendment respecting agent for service of process requirements of Section 33-42-50(2) prior to 1/1/88	33-42-220
Foreign rural electric coops	All cases	15-9-250
Unauthorized insurer	Act of transacting business when unauthorized	15-9-280
Intervivos Trusts	If there are no resident trustees, but there is a proceeding in this State and the trust was created under state law or part of the trust property is in SC.	15-9-440
Foreign Nurserymen	If engaged in the nursery business out of state and shipping trees or plants into the state	15-9-460 ; 46-33-40
Foreign Landlord	If a landlord is not a resident of this State or is a corporation not authorized to do business in this State and engaged in any conduct in this State governed by this chapter, or engaged in a transaction subject to this chapter, he may designate an agent upon whom service of process may be made in this State. The agent must be a resident of this State or a corporation authorized to do business in this State. The designation must be in writing and filed with the Secretary of State.	27-40-130

Municipal Incorporation Process

Included in the Secretary of State's (SoS) January 17, 2020 letter to the House Legislative Oversight Committee (LOC). This information was provided in response to the following question in LOC's December 12, 2019, letter to the SoS: "36. Please provide a flow chart illustrating the different phases of the municipal incorporation process.⁷"

In addition to providing the information in this document, SoS provided the following response:

- Please see the flow chart that is provided in Attachment H.

ATTACHMENT H

Application for Municipal Incorporation

- Citizens seeking to incorporate a municipality file an application with the Secretary of State.
- The Secretary of State provides a copy to the Joint Legislative Committee on Municipal Incorporation.

Review of Application by Joint Legislative Committee

- The Joint Legislative Committee holds a public hearing on the question of incorporation.
- Following the hearing, the Joint Legislative Committee issues a written recommendation to the Secretary of State.

Determination of Whether Requirements for Incorporation Have Been Met

- Based upon the application for incorporation and the recommendation of the Joint Legislative Committee, the Secretary of State will determine if the proposed municipality meets the statutory requirements for incorporation.

Election on Question of Incorporation

- If the Secretary of State determines that the requirements have been met, the Secretary will issue a commission to three or more persons in the proposed area to hold an election on the question of incorporation.
- Once an election is held, the commissioners of the election certify the result to the Secretary of State.

Certificate of Municipal Incorporation

- If the outcome of the election is in favor of incorporation, the Secretary of State issues a certificate of municipal incorporation to the commissioners, and the municipality is formed.
- The incorporators must pay a filing fee to the State Treasurer and present a copy of the receipt to the Secretary of State.

S.C. Municipalities - Date of incorporation and county in which located

Included in the Secretary of State's (SoS) January 17, 2020 letter to the House Legislative Oversight Committee (LOC). This information was provided in response to the following question in LOC's December 12, 2019, letter to the SoS: "39. Please provide a table listing all municipalities in South Carolina and, for each, date of incorporation and county(ies) in which it is located."

In addition to providing the information in this document, SoS provided the following response:

- Please see the table that is provided in Attachment I.

ATTACHMENT I

Municipalities

Name	Date of Charter/Commission	County
Abbeville	(04/14/1904)	Abbeville
Aiken	(12/24/1889)	Aiken
Allendale	02/26/1916	Allendale
Anderson	02/20/1908	Anderson
Andrews	10/25/1909	Georgetown
Arcadia Lakes	11/03/1959	Richland
Atlantic Beach	06/30/1966	Horry
Awendaw	(05/15/1992)	Charleston
Aynor	05/21/1914	Horry
Bamberg	04/22/1897	Bamberg
Barnwell	11/25/1909	Barnwell
Batesburg-Leesville (formerly Batesburg, merged with Leesville)	09/09/1901	Lexington
Beaufort	05/02/1913	Beaufort
Belton	10/02/1914	Anderson
Bennettsville	(12/20/1866)	Marlboro
Bethune	06/11/1900	Kershaw
Bishopville	03/21/1905	Lee
Blacksburg	02/04/1899	Cherokee
Blackville (name changed to Clinton and back to Blackville)	(07/13/1908)	Barnwell
Blenheim	06/04/1901	Marlboro
Bluffton	04/22/1903	Beaufort
Blythewood	(12/24/1879)	Richland
Bonneau	04/25/1935	Berkeley
Bowman	(12/18/1894)	Orangeburg
Branchville	06/07/1897	Orangeburg
Briarcliffe Acres	02/25/1976	Horry
Brunson	12/09/1907	Hampton
Burnettown	06/30/1941	Aiken
Calhoun Falls	01/09/1908	Abbeville
Camden	(03/01/1906)	Kershaw

Name	Date of Charter/Commission	County
Cameron	07/10/1896	Calhoun
Campobello	03/11/1910	Spartanburg
Carlisle	03/15/1898	Union
Cayce	09/07/1914	Lexington
Central	10/08/1901	Pickens
Central Pacolet	09/14/1955	Spartanburg
Chapin	(12/24/1889)	Lexington
Charleston	(08/13/1873)	Charleston
Cheraw	(07/05/1899)	Chesterfield
Cheraw	(02/15/1908)	Chesterfield
Chesnee	05/26/1911	Spartanburg
Chester	(12/18/1840)	Chester
Chesterfield	01/15/1902	Chesterfield
Clemson (formerly Calhoun)	07/27/1937	Pickens
Clinton	03/24/1906	Laurens
Clio	(02/04/1882)	Marlboro
Clover	12/09/1904	York
Columbia	12/24/1889	Richland
Conway (formerly Conwayboro)	04/13/1898	Horry
Cope	(12/22/1894)	Orangeburg
Cordova	08/19/1914	Orangeburg
Cottageville	11/22/1937	Colleton
Coward	05/07/1963	Florence
Cowpens	04/06/1900	Spartanburg
Cross Hill	05/19/1896	Laurens
Darlington	(12/19/1835)	Darlington
Denmark (formerly Grahams)	12/22/1885	Bamberg
Dillon	04/04/1901	Dillon
Donalds	(12/24/1884)	Abbeville
Due West (formerly Selma)	12/18/1846	Abbeville

Name	Date of Charter/Commission	County
Duncan	08/15/1896	Spartanburg
Easley	03/23/1901	Pickens
Eastover	03/07/1907	Richland
Edgefield	02/28/1898	Edgefield
Edisto Beach	12/18/1970	Colleton
Ehrhardt	05/02/1898	Bamberg
Elgin (formerly Blaney)	01/23/1908	Kershaw
Elko	06/07/1877	Barnwell
Elloree (formerly Harlin City)	03/04/1924	Orangeburg
Estill	09/08/1905	Hampton
Eutawville	09/09/1907	Orangeburg
Fairfax	05/16/1898	Allendale
Florence	(03/09/1871)	Florence
Folly Beach	07/27/1951	Charleston
Forest Acres	09/24/1935	Richland
Fort Lawn	(12/24/1887)	Chester
Fort Mill	10/11/1907	York
Fountain Inn	05/03/1911	Greenville
Furman	04/17/1911	Hampton
Gaffney	3/3/1875	Cherokee
Gaston	02/05/1975	Lexington
Georgetown	(12/27/1950)	Georgetown
Gifford	03/07/1972	Hampton
Gilbert (formerly Lewiedale)	05/12/1899	Lexington
Goose Creek	03/22/1961	Berkeley
Govan	(12/18/1894)	Bamberg
Gray Court	10/20/1899	Laurens
Great Falls	(05/16/1968)	Chester
Greelyville	03/06/1914	Williamsburg
Greenville	02/14/1907	Greenville
Greenwood	11/06/1896	Greenwood

Name	Date of Charter/Commission	County
Greer	02/11/1905	Greenville/ Spartanburg
Hampton	12/23/1879	Hampton
Hanahan	09/21/1973	Berkeley
Hardeeville	04/08/1911	Beaufort/Jasper
Harleyville	(12/20/1893)	Dorchester
Hartsville	10/29/1906	Darlington
Heath Springs	12/24/1890	Lancaster
Hemingway	06/22/1914	Williamsburg
Hickory Grove	12/19/1919	York
Hilda	11/08/1910	Barnwell
Hilton Head Island	05/18/1983	Beaufort
Hodges	01/17/1901	Greenwood
Holly Hill	(12/19/1887)	Orangeburg
Hollywood	12/03/1949	Charleston
Honea Path	02/16/1917	Anderson
Inman	(05/31/1905)	Spartanburg
Irmo	03/19/1902	Richland
Isle of Palms	01/12/1953	Charleston
Iva	09/07/1904	Anderson
Jackson	05/26/1951	Aiken
James Island	05/17/2012	Charleston
Jamestown	08/06/1957	Berkeley
Jefferson	04/11/1904	Chesterfield
Jenkinsville	03/08/2008	Fairfield
Johnsonville	05/24/1913	Florence
Johnston (formerly Johnson's Turnout)	06/22/1877	Edgefield
Jonesville	08/25/1896	Union
Kershaw	03/23/1921	Kershaw-Lancaster
Kiawah Island	09/13/1988	Charleston
Kingstree	09/27/1905	Williamsburg
Kline	03/30/1904	Barnwell
Lake City	11/27/1912	Williamsburg

Name	Date of Charter/Commission	County
(formerly Graham)		
Lake View (formerly Page's Mill)	02/26/1907	Dillon
Lamar	05/25/1897	Darlington
Lancaster	04/19/1898	Lancaster
Landrum	09/10/1897	Spartanburg
Lane	10/09/1912	Williamsburg
Latta	03/11/1908	Dillon
Laurens	(04/12/1916)	Laurens
Lexington	09/30/1903	Lexington
Liberty	09/24/1904	Pickens
Lincolnton	06/12/1916	Charleston
Little Mountain	06/25/1924	Newberry
Livingston	(12/19/1892)	Orangeburg
Lockhart	10/25/1955	Union
Lodge	03/23/1899	Colleton
Loris	07/26/1902	Horry
Lowndesville	02/20/1897	Abbeville
Lowrys (formerly Lowryville)	12/28/1907	Chester
Luray	03/26/1904	Hampton
Lydia	08/20/1913	Darlington
Lyman	05/14/1954	Spartanburg
Lynchburg	04/08/1905	Lee
Manning	03/15/1904	Clarendon
Marion	(02/21/1905)	Marion
Mauldin	02/14/1910	Greenville
Mayesville	(02/13/1874)	Sumter
McBee	10/08/1901	Chesterfield
McClellanville	08/03/1926	Charleston
McColl	07/20/1909	Marlboro
McConnells	09/14/1906	York
McCormick	05/07/1913	McCormick
Meggett	01/09/1905	Charleston

Name	Date of Charter/Commission	County
Moncks Corner	12/15/1909	Berkeley
Monetta	04/27/1905	Aiken/Saluda
Mount Croghan	10/23/1911	Chesterfield
Mount Pleasant	12/20/1837	Charleston
Mullins	02/02/1904	Marion
Myrtle Beach	03/12/1938	Horry
Neeses	08/14/1903	Orangeburg
New Ellenton	04/26/1952	Aiken
Newberry	12/02/1919	Newberry
Nichols	06/24/1896	Marion
Ninety-Six	05/27/1905	Greenwood
Norris	10/16/1909	Pickens
North	09/30/1974	Orangeburg
North Augusta	04/11/1906	Aiken
North Charleston	06/12/1972	Charleston
North Myrtle Beach	05/07/1968	Horry
Norway (formerly Prewitts)	12/16/1891	Orangeburg
Olanta	06/01/1908	Florence
Olar (formerly Hammond)	12/23/1891	Bamberg
Orangeburg	08/10/1904	Orangeburg
Pacolet	04/28/1896	Spartanburg
Pageland	01/11/1908	Chesterfield
Pamplico	12/01/1913	Florence
Parksville	(12/26/1884)	McCormick
Patrick	11/22/1906	Chesterfield
Pawleys Island	09/04/1985	Georgetown
Paxville	12/12/1905	Clarendon
Peak	(02/29/1880)	Newberry
Pelion	09/07/1912	Lexington
Pelzer	03/17/1952	Greenville, Anderson
Pendleton	(04/13/1898)	Anderson

Name	Date of Charter/Commission	County
Perry	(12/20/1888)	Aiken
Pickens	07/06/1908	Pickens
Pine Ridge	06/02/1958	Lexington
Pinewood (formerly Clarendon)	12/15/1899	Sumter
Plum Branch	06/18/1908	Mcormick
Pomaria	01/01/1903	Newberry
Port Royal	03/11/1932	Beaufort
Prosperity (formerly Frog Level)	07/05/1898	Newberry
Quinby	07/07/1967	Florence
Ravenel	11/14/1949	Charleston
Reevesville	03/16/1905	Dorchester
Reidville	02/15/1918	Spartanburg
Richburg	(12/24/1889)	Chester
Ridge Spring	08/23/1897	Saluda
Ridgeland	11/13/1900	Jasper
Ridgeville	07/20/1897	Dorchester
Ridgeway	05/09/1896	Fairfield
Rock Hill	(04/09/1902)	York
Rockville	(04/24/1996)	Charleston
Rowesville	(02/09/1876)	Orangeburg
Ruby	09/05/1902	Chesterfield
Salem	02/23/1952	Oconee
Salley	02/06/1918	Aiken
Saluda	02/10/1897	Saluda
Santee	05/20/1949	Orangeburg
Scotia	06/16/1906	Hampton
Scranton	01/19/1898	Florence
Seabrook Island	(05/26/1987)	Charleston
Sellers	07/01/1905	Dillon/Marion
Seneca	05/10/1899	Oconee
Sharon	03/24/1920	York
Silverstreet	11/01/1910	Newberry

Name	Date of Charter/Commission	County
Simpsonville	08/13/1901	Greenville
Six Mile	12/15/1910	Pickens
Smoaks	12/16/1912	Colleton
Smyrna	(01/05/1895)	York
Snelling	08/04/1906	Barnwell
Society Hill (formerly Society Hill Depot)	09/02/1926	Darlington
South Congaree	08/08/1957	Lexington
Spartanburg	12/14/1901	Spartanburg
Springdale	06/17/1955	Lexington
Springfield	(12/19/1887)	Orangeburg
St. George	03/03/1911	Dorchester
St. Matthews (formerly Lewisville)	12/24/1888	Calhoun
St. Stephens	05/20/1913	Berkeley
Starr	05/16/1905	Anderson
Stuckey	08/10/1953	Williamsburg
Sullivans Island	06/16/1975	Charleston
Summerton	03/30/1921	Clarendon
Summerville	01/25/1906	Dorchester
Summit	05/21/1901	Lexington
Sumter (formerly Sumterville)	12/15/1845	Sumter
Surfside Beach	03/14/1964	Horry
Swansea	02/08/1905	Lexington
Sycamore	10/07/1993	Allendale
Tatum	(12/24/1887)	Marlboro
Tega Cay	(04/19/1982)	York
Timmonsville	03/16/1857	Florence
Travelers Rest	12/21/1959	Greenville
Trenton	06/22/1903	Edgefield
Troy	04/10/1907	Greenwood
Turbeville	08/18/1914	Clarendon
Ulmer	12/22/1891	Allendale

Name	Date of Charter/Commission	County
Union	08/15/1907	Union
Van Wyck	08/23/2017	Lancaster
Vance	04/13/1921	Orangeburg
Varnville	(12/24/1880)	Hampton
Wagner	02/21/1908	Aiken
Walhalla	10/19/1901	Oconee
Walterboro	02/01/1910	Colleton
Ward	10/18/1897	Saluda
Ware Shoals	01/17/1966	Abbeville, Greenwood, Laurens
Waterloo	(12/15/1885)	Laurens
Wellford	03/17/1911	Spartanburg
West Columbia (formerly Brookland)	09/13/1911	Lexington
West Pelzer (formerly Frankville)	12/24/1913	Anderson
West Union	07/21/1900	Oconee
Westminister	12/31/1907	Oconee
Whitmire	12/02/1919	Newberry
Williams	04/16/1914	Colleton
Williamston	03/14/1898	Anderson
Williston	05/23/1905	Barnwell
Windsor	12/15/1885	Aiken
Winnsboro	03/03/1903	Fairfield
Woodford	03/23/1906	Orangeburg
Woodruff	02/01/1908	Spartanburg
Yemassee	08/20/1904	Beaufort/Hampton
York (formerly Yorkville)	05/19/1900	York

Sources:

S213157, Secretary of State, Municipal Corporation Charters, 1896-1976 (Vols. 1, 3, 7)

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Notes:

Municipalities with incorporation dates in parenthesis did not have a recorded charter in the Charter Books listed under sources. General Assembly incorporation dates are derived from the above sources, but have not been confirmed through the *Statutes At Large*.

Employment Agency Licensing Requirements - State statute comparison

Included in the Secretary of State's (SoS) January 17, 2020 letter to the House Legislative Oversight Committee (LOC). This information was provided in response to the following question in LOC's December 12, 2019, letter to the SoS: "45. Please provide a list of states that do and do not have statutes similar to South Carolina's statutes related to private personnel placement services. For states that have similar statutes, please indicate the agency in which the attendant responsibilities are located."

In addition to providing the information in this document, SoS provided the following response:

- Please see the table that is provided in Attachment J.

ATTACHMENT J

States that do not have employment agency licensing requirements

	State	Additional Information
1	Arizona	Private Employment Agents statutes repealed. §§ 23-522 to 23-536. Repealed by Laws 2006, Ch. 15, § 2 (§41-3016.04), eff. Jan. 1, 2017.
2	California	In 1989, “the Employment Agency Act was repealed, and a new Employment Agency, Employment Counseling and Job Listing Services Act was approved. Under the new law, licensing is no longer required. Each agency or service continues to be required to post a surety bond. Specified requirements are mandated...various practices are prohibited...” *The surety bond is filed with the Secretary of State.
3	Delaware	In 1995, “the law providing for the licensing and regulation of private employment agencies was repealed.”
4	Florida	Repealed in 1981 (see footnote). Statutory reference here .
5	Georgia	Repealed in 2014.
6	Idaho	Repealed sometime prior to 2005 .
7	Kentucky	Repealed by 2000 .
8	Maryland	In 2003 “licensing and regulation of employment agencies and employment counselors were eliminated. An employment agency will now be required to submit a \$7,000 penal bond to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry.”
9	Minnesota	It looks like the provisions governing licensing of employment agencies have been repealed (2015) .
10	Mississippi	Cannot find evidence of licensing requirement.
11	Missouri	Private Employment Agencies repealed. 289.005 to 289.070. Repealed by L.1999, H.B. No. 343, § A
12	Montana	In 1995, “the Employment Agency Act was repealed.”
13	New Hampshire	Cannot find evidence of licensing requirement.
14	New Mexico	Laws 1981, ch. 241, § 35, repeals former 61-22-1 to 61-22-16 NMSA 1978 , relating to the regulation of employment agencies, effective April 8, 1981.
15	Ohio	Personnel Placement Services sections repealed effective 9/26/1996 .
16	Oregon	In 1997, “licensing and licensing-related requirements for all private employment agencies were repealed . The Bureau of Labor and Industries retains regulation of and enforcement authority over those private employment agencies that charge fees to applicants for employment (employer-fee-paid only agencies are now exempt from all regulations).”
17	Pennsylvania	Reason : “The law is outdated and the department’s limited resources can be better utilized. PEAL applies to businesses who procure work directly with an applicant and charge a fee for services. Most employment agencies today, including temporary employment agencies, no longer charge a fee to the applicant, but rather to an employer requesting the services. PEAL is less relevant in today’s economy due to internet companies providing employment services, such as Monster.com. The reality is that most individuals turn to online resources or to other types of

		employment agencies where they are not directly responsible for a fee in order to find work. The department registers approximately 60 businesses each year. In fiscal year 2012-13, the department collected \$23,760 in fees, yet it cost the taxpayers \$109,977 to administer and enforce the law.” Co-sponsorship memoranda Article
18	South Dakota	Repealed in 1981.
19	Tennessee	Repealed and replaced with one not requiring registration in 1996.
20	Texas	I cannot find any indication that employment agencies are required to register or be licensed. Beginning 9/1/2017, companies employing temporary common workers in Texas no longer have to get a Temporary Common Worker Employer license (which is different, but the closest thing I could find).
21	Virginia	Appears to have been repealed in 1996.

States where requirements are unclear

	<i>State</i>	<i>Agency</i>	<i>Licensing fees</i>	<i>When due?</i>	<i>Links</i>
1	Colorado	Department of Labor and Employment	Does not appear to be licensing-addressed/regulated in criminal statutes		Related statute link
2	Oklahoma	Formerly Department of Labor	Unclear- no information on website. Some statutes repealed, but existing statutes still refer to “licensed employment agencies.” Unclear how they are licensed at this point.		Agency link *Links to forms are broken. Statute link (Title 40, beginning with section 52).
3	Vermont	Could not find.			Unclear if/when repealed or if never in place.

States that allow for local employment agency licensing

	<i>State</i>	<i>Additional Information</i>
1	Maine	No apparent state level licensing requirement, but municipalities may license or regulate them or require a bond.
2	Rhode Island	Licensing and regulation are handled by local authorities.
3	Utah	Licensing is at the local level.

States with employment agency licensing requirements

	State	Agency	Licensing fees	When due?	Links
1	Alabama	Commissioner of the State Department of Revenue of Alabama	Application fee is \$50.00. *Could not find forms online, but information in statute.	Annually	Statute link
2	Alaska	Department of Labor and Workforce Development - Division of Labor Standards and Safety	The cost is \$10.00 for filing an application for a permit and \$100.00 for issuance of a permit.	Biennially	Statute link Agency link
3	Arkansas	Department of Labor	Initial application and renewals are \$250.00.	Annually	Statute link Statute link
4	Connecticut	Department of Labor - Division of Wage and Workplace Standards	Initial application and renewals are \$150.00.	Annually	Agency link
5	District of Columbia	Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Business Licensing Division	Employer-Paid Personnel Service – \$1,534.50 Employment Agency – \$1,534.50 Employment Counseling Service – \$1,534.50	Unclear	Agency link
6	Hawaii	Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs - Professional and Vocational Licensing	\$315 if you file from July 1 of an even-numbered year to June 30 of an odd-numbered year and \$190 if you file from July 1 of an odd-numbered year to June 30 of an even-numbered year.	Biennially	Agency link
7	Illinois	Department of Labor	\$250 for organizations with less than 3 counselors, \$350 for organizations with 3-5 counselors, \$400 for organizations with 6-10 counselors, and \$500 for organizations with more than 10 counselors.	Annually	Legislation link Agency link
8	Indiana	Department of Revenue	Initial application and renewals are \$150.00.	Annually	Agency link
9	Iowa	Division of Labor	Application fee is \$75.	Annually	Agency link Link to statute and rules
10	Kansas	Department of Labor	Application fee is \$25.00	Annually	Agency link

11	Louisiana	Workforce Commission, Assistant Secretary of the Office of Workforce Development	Initial Application Fee: \$200 per year for each location, plus a \$300 investigation fee and an examination fee of \$100 (total of \$600). License Renewal Fee: \$200	Annually	Agency link Statute link
12	Massachusetts	Department of Labor Standards	Initial or Renewal License and Registration: Licensed Employment Agency (one to four counselors) - \$300 per year Licensed Employment Agency (five or more counselors) - \$550 per year Registered Placement Agency (main office) - \$300 per year Registered Placement Agency (each branch office) - \$180 per year	Annually	Agency link
13	Michigan	Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA)	<u>Application Processing Fees:</u> Personnel Agency: \$225.00 Employment or consulting agent: \$30.00 Officer or stockholder change: \$25.00 <u>Examination Fee:</u> Agent Examination: \$59.00 Examination review: \$20.00 License Fee Per Year: Personnel agency: \$125.00 Employment or consulting agent: \$40.00 <u>Other Fees:</u> Late Renewal Fee: \$20.00 Verification of license: \$15.00 Duplicate License, if lost, stolen or destroyed: \$10.00 Agency Relicensure: \$370.00 Agent Relicensure: \$90.00		Agency link
14	Nebraska	Department of Labor- Office of Labor Standards	Application fee is \$150.00	Annually	Application form Renewal form
15	Nevada	Department of Business and Industry - Office of the Labor Commissioner	Application fee is \$100.00.	Annually	Application info and check list

16	New Jersey	Division of Consumer Affairs - Regulated Business Section	Employment agency license: \$250 Agent's license: \$25 Transfer of agent's license: \$10	Annually	Agency link Statutes																
17	New York	State Department of Labor	<i>License length of time</i>		Biennially	Agency link Application form Renewal form															
			<i>Number of Placement Employees</i>	<i>Less than 6 months</i>			<i>6 months or to 1 year</i>	<i>1-2 years, renewals</i>													
			4 or fewer	\$125			\$250	\$500													
			5 or more	\$175			\$300	\$700													
18	North Carolina	Department of Labor - Wage and Hour Division	Application fee is \$500.00.	Annually	Agency link Application form Renewal form																
19	North Dakota	Department of Labor and Human Rights	Application fee is \$200.00.	Annually	Agency link																
20	South Carolina	Secretary of State	Initial application is \$300.00. Renewal application is \$100.00.	Biennially	Application form Renewal form																
21	Washington	Department of Revenue - Business Licensing Service	<table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>Specialty license</u></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>Fee</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Main office licensing fee</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$783</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Branch office licensing fee</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$540</td> </tr> <tr> <td>General Manager exam fee</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$150</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Other fees that may apply</u></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>Fee</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>State tax registration</td> <td style="text-align: right;">No fee</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Registering your business name as a trade name</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Business License Application fee</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$19 (non-refundable)</td> </tr> </table> <p>*Website unclear as to whether renewal is required.</p>	<u>Specialty license</u>	<u>Fee</u>	Main office licensing fee	\$783	Branch office licensing fee	\$540	General Manager exam fee	\$150	<u>Other fees that may apply</u>	<u>Fee</u>	State tax registration	No fee	Registering your business name as a trade name	\$5	Business License Application fee	\$19 (non-refundable)	Unclear	Agency link
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22	West Virginia	Division of Labor, Wage & Hour Section	No filing fee.	*Once approved by the Division of Labor to operate as a private employment	Agency link Filing instructions																

				agency, monthly reports relating to employee placement activity are required.	
23	Wisconsin	Department of Workforce Development	*An agency's annual license fee is based on 1% of its gross receipts for the license year but no less than a minimum license fee of \$50.00 (which ever is greater) or a maximum license fee of \$300.00. Additionally, an employment agency is charged \$150.00 for each branch office the agency maintains in the same community. Initial license fees may be waived under the Veteran's License Fee Waiver Program. To request the waiver, you will be asked to provide an 8-digit code provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA).	Appears to be renewed annually.	Agency link
24	Wyoming	Department of Workforce Services	The uniform fee for such license in cities of five thousand (5,000) inhabitants and over shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per annum, and in cities containing less than five thousand inhabitants, ten dollars (\$10.00) per annum.	Annually	Agency link *Only saw bond form online. Statute link

Business Opportunities - State statute comparison

Included in the Secretary of State's (SoS) January 17, 2020 letter to the House Legislative Oversight Committee (LOC). This information was provided in response to the following question in LOC's December 12, 2019, letter to the SoS: "46. Please provide a list of states that do and do not have statutes similar to South Carolina's statutes related to business opportunities. For states that have similar statutes, please indicate the agency in which the attendant responsibilities are located."

In addition to providing the information in this document, SoS provided the following response:

- Please see the table that is provided in Attachment K.

ATTACHMENT K

Business Opportunities by State

State	Business Opportunity Registration Requirement?	Filing Fee?	Agency	Notes/Links to Statutes	Separate Franchise Registration Requirement?
Alabama	None seen	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not seen
Alaska	Yes	Initial: \$300.00 Renewal: \$150.00	AK Dept. of Law	Title 45, Chapter 66- Sale of Business Opportunities Application	Not seen
Arizona	None seen	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not seen
Arkansas	None seen	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not seen
California	Yes	Initial: \$100.00	CA Attorney General	Title 2.7, Contracts for Seller Assisted Marketing Plans	Yes. California Department of Business Oversight
Colorado	None seen	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not seen
Connecticut	Yes	Initial: \$400.00 Renewal: \$100.00	CT Department of Banking	Sec. 36b-60 to -79, Connecticut Business Opportunity Investment Act	Not seen
Delaware	None seen	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not seen
Florida	None seen	N/A	N/A- see note.	Title XXXIII, Chapter 559, Part VIII No registration, but complaints to Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	Not seen
Georgia	None seen*	N/A*	N/A- see note.	*Must file Consent to Service of Process with Secretary of State with filing fee of \$10.00.	Not seen
Hawaii	None seen	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes. Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Business Registration Division - Securities
Idaho	None seen	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not seen
Illinois	Yes	Initial Application Fee – \$300 Fee to Report a Material Change – \$25	Secretary of State, Securities Department	(815 ILCS 602/Art. 5) Business Opportunity Sales Law of 1995	Yes. Franchise Bureau in the Office of the Attorney General

State	Business Opportunity Registration Requirement?	Filing Fee?	Agency	Notes/Links to Statutes	Separate Franchise Registration Requirement?
		Annual Renewal Fee – \$300			
Indiana	Yes	Initial Filing Fee- \$50.00 Amendment- \$10.00 Renewal fee- \$10.00	Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division	IC 24-5-8	Yes. Secretary of State, Securities Division
Iowa	None seen	N/A	N/A	Title XIII, Chapter 551A	Not seen
Kansas	None seen	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not seen
Kentucky	Yes	Initial Fee - \$150 Renewal Fee - \$50 Update Fee - \$25	Attorney General, Division of Consumer Protection	KRS Chapter 367, Sections .801 through .819	Not seen
Louisiana	No*	N/A*	N/A- see note.	*Must appoint Secretary of State as agent for service with filing fee of \$10.00. *May be required to file bond with Department of Justice. Title 51, Chapter 23	Not seen
Maine	Yes	Registration- \$25.00 Renewal- \$10.00	Maine Department of Professional & Financial Regulation, Office of Securities	Title 32, Chapter 69-B	Not seen
Maryland	Yes	Initial filing- \$250 Amendment to a filing- \$50 Annual Renewal filing- \$100	Attorney General, Securities Division	Securities, Franchise and Business Opportunity Acts, Article 14	Yes. Attorney General, Securities Division
Massachusetts	None seen	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not seen
Michigan	None seen	Unclear, none seen	Attorney General	MCL 445.903b	A “notice only” state. \$250.00 and notice to Attorney General, Franchise Section.
Minnesota	Notice only	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes. Commerce Department, Industries & Agencies, Securities, Franchises & Subdivided Lands
Mississippi	None seen	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not seen
Missouri	None seen	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not seen

State	Business Opportunity Registration Requirement?	Filing Fee?	Agency	Notes/Links to Statutes	Separate Franchise Registration Requirement?
Montana	None seen	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not seen
Nebraska	Yes	Initial filing- \$100 Renewal filing- \$50 Amendment filing- \$50	Department of Banking and Finance, Bureau of Securities	Chapter 59, Article 17	Not seen
Nevada	None seen	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not seen
New Hampshire	Sometimes* (see note)	N/A	N/A- see note.	Department of Justice, Consumer Protection Bureau *New Hampshire does have the Distributorship Disclosure Act, which requires registration of a business opportunity involving vending machines, racks, display cases, or similar devices.	Not seen
New Jersey	None seen	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not seen
New Mexico	None seen	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not seen
New York	None seen	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes. Attorney General, Investor Protection Bureau
North Carolina	Yes	Annual filing fee: \$250 Update of information fee: \$250	Secretary of State	Chapter 66, Article 19	Not seen
North Dakota	None seen	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes. Securities Department
Ohio	None seen	N/A	N/A	ORC Title 13, Chapter 1334	Not seen
Oklahoma	Yes	Registration filing fee: \$250.00 Registration renewal fee: \$150.00 Review of sales literature or advertising package: \$50.00 Sales report filing fee: \$50.00 Interpretive opinion or no-action request: \$250.00	Department of Securities	Sections 801-829	Not seen

State	Business Opportunity Registration Requirement?	Filing Fee?	Agency	Notes/Links to Statutes	Separate Franchise Registration Requirement?
		Request for order of exemption: \$250.00			
Oregon	None seen	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not seen
Pennsylvania	None seen	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not seen
Rhode Island	None seen	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes. Department of Business Regulation
South Carolina		Initial: \$100.00 Renewal: \$100.00	Secretary of State	Title 39, Chapter 37	No
South Dakota	Yes	Initial: \$100.00 Renewal: \$50.00	SD Dept. of Labor & Regulation	Chapter 37-25A, Business Opportunities	Yes. Department of Labor & Regulation, Division of Insurance- Securities Regulation
Tennessee	None seen	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not seen
Texas	Yes	Initial: \$195.00 Exemption Notice: \$25.00	TX Secretary of State	Title 4, Chapter 51, Subchapter A	Not seen
Utah	Yes	Seller's Information filing: \$200.00 Notice of Exemption filing: \$100.00	Department of Commerce, Division of Consumer Protection	Title 13, Chapter 15	Not seen
Vermont	None seen	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not seen
Virginia	None seen	N/A	N/A	Section 59.1-262 to 59.1-269	Yes. State Corporation Commission, Division of Securities & Retail Franchising
Washington	Yes	Initial: \$200.00 Renewal: \$125.00 Amendment: \$30.00	WA Dept. of Financial Institutions	Application Chapter 19.110, Business Opportunity Fraud Act	Yes. Department of Financial Institutions
West Virginia	None seen	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not seen
Wisconsin	None seen	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes. Department of Financial Institutions
Wyoming	None seen	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not seen

Helpful link with more information: ["FTC Business Opportunity Rule and State Business Opportunity Laws," Kanouse & Walker, PA](#), as of 2013.

Service of Process fees in S.C. and other Southeastern states

Included in the Secretary of State's (SoS) January 17, 2020 letter to the House Legislative Oversight Committee (LOC). This information was provided in response to the following question in LOC's December 12, 2019, letter to the SoS: "47. Please provide a table listing the fee for service of process in South Carolina and comparable fees in other Southeastern states."⁸

In addition to providing the information in this document, SoS provided the following response:

- Please see the table of the fees for service of process in the Southeastern states, including South Carolina, that is provided in Attachment L.

ATTACHMENT L

Service of Process Fees by State

State	Fee	Office
Alabama	Unclear	Secretary of State
Arkansas	\$25.00	Secretary of State
Florida	\$8.75	Department of State, Division of Corporations
Georgia	\$10.00	Secretary of State
Kentucky	\$10 (\$15.30 for restricted certified mail) (There is no fee for serving emergency protective orders or for petitioners proceeding in forma pauperis who submit proper documentation, signed by the judge, of pauper status.)	Secretary of State
Louisiana	\$50.00	Sheriff of East Baton Rouge Parish/Secretary of State
Mississippi	Unclear	Secretary of State
North Carolina	\$10.00	Secretary of State
South Carolina	\$10.00 (\$20.00 for nonprofits)	
Tennessee	\$20.00	Secretary of State
Virginia	\$30.00	Clerk of the State Corporation Commission
West Virginia	\$20.00 for each defendant located in the United States \$30.00 for each defendant located outside the United States Certified Copies: \$15.00 certification fee plus photocopy fee of \$1.00 for first page and \$0.50 for each additional page.	Secretary of State

Cable Franchise Authority Certificate fee in S.C. and other Southeastern states

Included in the Secretary of State's (SoS) January 17, 2020 letter to the House Legislative Oversight Committee (LOC). This information was provided in response to the following question in LOC's December 12, 2019, letter to the SoS: "49. Please provide a table listing the fee for application for a certificate of cable franchise authority in South Carolina and comparable fees in other Southeastern states."⁹

In addition to providing the information in this document, SoS provided the following response:

- Please see the table of the fees for cable franchise filings in the Southeastern states, including South Carolina, that is provided in Attachment M.

ATTACHMENT M

State Cable Franchise Fees by State

State	Fees	Statutes & Office
Alabama	Cable franchises appear to be granted by localities; no statewide authority or fee seen.	
Arkansas	Application to Register as a Video Service Provider: \$1,500 Modification of Boundaries of Video Service Provider: \$100 Termination of Certificate of Franchise Authority for Video Service Provider: \$100 Application to Transfer Certificate of Franchise Authority for Video Service Provider: \$100	Title 23, Chapter 19 Secretary of State
Florida	Application for a State-Issued Certificate of Franchise Authority to Provide Cable and/or Video Service: \$10,035.00* Application to Amend a State-Issued Certificate of Franchise Authority for Cable and/or Video Service: \$35.00 Renewal of an Existing State-Issued Certificate of Franchise Authority to Provide Cable and/or Video Service: \$1,035.00	Title XXXVI, Chapter 610 Department of State, Division of Corporations
Georgia	Application for State Franchise to Provide Cable and/or Video Service: \$500.00 Application to Amend a State Franchise: \$250.00 Notice of Transfer of a State Franchise: \$250.00 Notice of Termination of a State Franchise: No fee Application for Renewal of a State Franchise: \$50.00	Title 36, Chapter 76 Secretary of State
Kentucky	Cable franchises appear to be granted by localities; no statewide authority or fee seen.	
Louisiana	Application for a State Cable and Video Franchise: \$60.00 Renewals and Amendments: \$60.00 Additional Certified Copies: \$15.00 Additional Certificates: \$20.00	Chapter 10A, RS 45:1361-1378 Secretary of State
Mississippi	Cable franchises appear to be granted by localities; no statewide authority or fee seen.	
North Carolina	Notice of Franchise: \$125.00 Notice of Commencement of Service: \$0.00	Chapter 66, Article 42 Secretary of State

	<p>Notice of Withdrawal: \$0.00 Notice of Change in Ownership: \$0.00 Articles of Correction: \$10.00</p>	
South Carolina	<p>Application for a State-Issued Certificate: \$110.00 Application to Amend a State-Issued Certificate: \$110.00 Notice of Change of Franchise Fee Rate: \$0.00 Notice of Change of PEG Access Channels: \$0.00 Notice of Termination: \$0.00 Notice of Transfer: \$0.00 Statement of Termination of Existing Franchise: \$0.00</p>	<p>Title 58, Chapter 12, Article 3 Secretary of State</p>
Tennessee	<p><u>Certificate of Franchise Authority (by population)**:</u> (A) Up to and including 50,000 \$500; (B) Over 50,000, up to and including 100,000 \$1,000; (C) Over 100,000, up to and including 500,000 \$2,000; (D) Over 500,000, up to and including 1,000,000 \$5,000; (E) Over 1,000,000, up to and including 2,000,000 \$10,000; (F) Over 2,000,000 \$15,000. <u>Amendment (by population):</u> (A) Up to and including 50,000 \$250; (B) Over 50,000, up to and including 1,000,000 \$500; (C) Over 1,000,000 \$1,000.</p>	<p>Title 7, Chapter 59 Regulatory Authority (N/K/A Public Utility Commission)</p>
Virginia	<p>Cable franchises appear to be granted by localities; no statewide authority or fee seen.</p>	
West Virginia	<p>Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority: \$250.00 Renewals: \$250.00° Annual fee to commission: \$0.12 per subscriber Initial, renewal, or transfer documents filed with commission and franchise authority: \$50.00 per franchise, \$25.00 in years when filing of documents not required.</p>	<p>Chapter 24D Franchise authority can be a municipality, county, or Public Service Commission.</p>

*Florida: filing is good for 5 years.

**Tennessee: according to agency website, certificate has a 10 year term.

°West Virginia: code indicates periods of renewal are not less than five nor more than twenty years each.

National Conference of State Legislatures: [Table of Statewide Video Franchising Statutes](#)

Secretary of State deliverables with zero customers in the last three years

Included in the Secretary of State's (SoS) January 17, 2020 letter to the House Legislative Oversight Committee (LOC). This information was provided in response to the following question in LOC's December 12, 2019, letter to the SoS: "51. For each of the SoS' deliverables in which zero customers were served in the last three years (e.g., certificate of incorporation for redevelopment, etc.), please provide the year in which the deliverable was last provided and whether the SoS believes the deliverable is still needed. If not, please provide the applicable statute."

In addition to providing the information in this document, SoS provided the following response:

- Please see the table that is provided in Attachment N.

ATTACHMENT N

Deliverable Number	Deliverable Description	Last Year Deliverable Provided	Still Needed?	Statutory Citation
24	Referral of Disclosure Violations to Attorney General (Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act)	2014	No	Proviso 96.2; Section 33-56-90
25	Referral of Misrepresentation Violations to Attorney General (Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act)	2014	No	Proviso 96.3; Section 33-56-120
40	Petition for Injunctive Relief (Nonprofit Raffles)	n/a	Yes	Section 33-57-160(B); Section 33-7-160(C)
49	Investigation of Failure to File Notification Form and Filing Extensions	Unknown	Yes	Section 6-11-1640(A)
54	Appeal of Denial to Register Trademark or Service Mark	Unknown	Yes	Section 39-15-1120
64	Corporation Not-for-Profit Filings	Unknown	Yes	Section 33-36-220; Section 33-36-230
65	Conversion of Corporation Not-for-Profit to a Public Service District	2014	Yes	Section 33-36-1320
72	Transmission of Electric Cooperative Filings to County Officials	2019	No	Section 33-49-90
75	Railroad Document Filings	2013	Yes; however, code section needs to be updated.	Section 30-11-10; Section 30-11-20; Section 30-11-40
76	Petition for Incorporation of Railroad, Street Railway, Steamboat or Canal Company	Unknown	Yes; however, code section needs to be updated.	Section 58-15-10; Section 58-15-40; Section 58-15-100
77	Appearance of Opponents of Railroad, Street Railway, Steamboat, or Canal Business Petition	Unknown	Yes; however, code section needs to be updated.	Section 58-15-30
78	Certificate of Charter for Railroad, Street Railway, Steamboat, or Canal Business	Unknown	Yes; however, code section needs to be updated.	Section 58-15-70; Section 58-15-90; Section 58-15-100
80	Formation of Company to Own and Maintain Railroad Filing and Certificate	Unknown	Yes; however, code section needs to be updated.	Section 58-17-340; Section 58-17-430

Deliverable Number	Deliverable Description	Last Year Deliverable Provided	Still Needed?	Statutory Citation
81	Filing of Railroad Consolidation Agreement	Unknown	Yes; however, code section needs to be updated.	Section 58-17-620; Section 58-17-630; Section 58-17-660
83	Appeal of Rejection of Business Filing	Unknown	Yes	Section 33-1-260; Section 33-31-126
91	Appeal of Rejection of Uniform Commercial Code Filing	Unknown	Yes	Section 36-9-520
94	Certified Copies of Railroad Documents	Unknown	Yes	Section 30-11-50
95	Certified Copy of Railroad Filing	Unknown	Yes	Section 58-17-430; Section 58-17-620
149	Certified Election Results Publication	Unknown	No	Section 7-17-320
157	Elector Per Diem	Unknown	Yes	Section 7-19-110
158	Political Party Decertification	Unknown	No	Section 7-9-10
166	Discount Medical Plan Organization Registered Agent Designation	2006	No. In reviewing the statutory requirements during the House Legislative Oversight, the agency has determined that it can comply with the statutory requirements through the Business Filings system and not have a separate deliverable for this code section. Section 37-17-40 requires these organizations to have a certificate of existence and good standing through our agency in order to register with the Department of Consumer Affairs.	Section 37-17-30(B)(1)

Deliverable Number	Deliverable Description	Last Year Deliverable Provided	Still Needed?	Statutory Citation
167	Non-Resident Prescription Drug Distributor Registered Agent Designation	2007	Yes. In reviewing the list of current distributors on file with LLR, it is clear that the level of compliance with this statutory requirement is poor. However, some of the distributors have certificates of authority to transact business with the Business Filings Division, and therefore have a registered agent on file. If a distributor does not have a certificate of authority and has not filed a registered agent designation under Section 40-43-83(B), then the Secretary of State serves as the distributor's registered agent.	Section 40-43-83(B)
172	Cancellation of Municipal Incorporation Certificate	Unknown	Yes	Section 5-1-100
175	Certificate of Incorporation for Redevelopment Commission	2019	Yes	Section 31-10-30
179	Special Purpose District Required Production of Information	Unknown	Yes	Section 6-11-1640(B)
183	Joint Agency Filing	2018	Yes	Section 6-24-50
184	Joint Agency Change in Membership	2015	Yes	Section 6-24-70

Deliverable Number	Deliverable Description	Last Year Deliverable Provided	Still Needed?	Statutory Citation
185	Joint Authority Water and Sewer System Filing	2019	Yes	Section 6-25-50
190	Certificate of Cable Franchise Authority Termination by Cable Provider	2008	Yes	Section 58-12-310
191	Certificate of Cable Franchise Authority Notice of Transfer	2019	Yes	Section 58-12-310
192	Termination of County or Municipal Certificate of Cable Franchise Authority	2016	Yes	Section 58-12-325
196	Private Personnel Placement Service License Revocation	2019	Unknown	Section 41-25-20; Section 41-25-30; Section 41-25-110
198	Denial of Private Personnel Service Licenses for Renewal Applications	Unknown	Unknown	Section 41-25-20; Section 41-25-30; Section 41-25-110
201	Notice of Escheated Lands	2019	Yes; however, code section needs to be updated.	Section 27-19-10
202	Recording of Verdict on Escheatment	2008	Yes; however, code section needs to be updated.	Section 27-19-20
203	Escheated Lands Rental	Unknown	Yes; however, code section needs to be updated.	Section 27-19-60
204	Escheated Lands Advertisement and Disposal	2012	Yes; however, code section needs to be updated.	Section 27-19-70; Section 27-19-80; Section 27-19-90; Section 27-19-100; Section 27-19-310
205	Recovery of Moneys or Personal Property	Unknown	Yes; however, code section needs to be updated.	Section 27-19-210
206	Proceeds of Escheats	2010	Yes; however, code section needs to be updated.	Section 27-19-340
207	Annual Report of Escheats	Unknown	Yes; however, code section needs to be updated.	Section 27-19-360

Secretary of State Databases

Included in the Secretary of State's (SoS) January 17, 2020 letter to the House Legislative Oversight Committee (LOC). This information was provided in response to the following question in LOC's December 12, 2019, letter to the SoS: "52. Please provide a table listing the databases SoS currently has (e.g., boards and commissions), or is working to have (e.g., municipalities, special purpose districts, landlord-tenants, etc.), and the following for each: (a) status of the database (e.g., complete, in creation, etc.) and, if not complete, anticipated completion date; (b) information the database does, or will, contain; and (c) current or planned benefits of the database (e.g., searchable information for the public online, ability for customers to enter information/forms online, ease in archiving, etc.)."

In addition to providing the information in this document, SoS provided the following response:

- Please see the table that is provided in Attachment O.

ATTACHMENT O

SCSOS Applications in Production

Application Name	Application Feature (does/contain)	Benefits of the System
Authentications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue Certification or Apostille documents. • Certification Types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Elected / Appointed Officials ○ Notary Public ○ Vital Records • Certification or Apostille documents serialized. • Keep track of Hague member countries. • Keep track of customer information. • Keep track of rejections. • Cashiering capability. • Reporting capability. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data security. • Data integrity. • User friendly design. • Revenue and payment reconciliation. • Automatically determines if Certification or Apostille document will be issued. • Authentication requirement check. • Integrated with Revenue Tracking System.
Business Filings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online and in-house filing • Online searches • Online document and certificate requests • Cashiering capability • Reporting capability • Keep track of rejections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online filing – available 24/7. • Scan document capability – elimination of paper. • API Interface for bulk filing. • API Interface for interagency data sharing. • Data security. • Data integrity. • Integrated with Revenue Tracking System.
Cable Franchise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process and approve applications. • Process and deny applications. • Issue Certificate of Franchise Authority. • Cashiering capability. • Keep track of service area, PEG, and fee rates. • Generate notifications and letters with a click of a button. • Reporting capability. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data security. • Data integrity. • User friendly design. • Revenue and payment reconciliation. • Document scanning capability – reduce paper records. • Integrated with Revenue Tracking System.
Charities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charity, PFR, and Raffle registration. • Online and in-house registration. • Online searches for Charity, PFR, and Raffles status. • Online payment for filings and violations. • Reporting capability. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online filing – available 24/7. • Data security. • Data integrity. • User friendly design. • Document scanning capability – reduce paper records. • Integrated with Revenue Tracking System.

<p>Employment Agencies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate bulk renewal reminders, delinquent notices, or notices of revocation with a click of a button. • Interface with E-Certify to keep track of certified mail status. • Registration process. • Transaction history information tracking. • Registration rejection tracking. • Surety bond history information tracking. • Cashiering capability. • Reporting capability. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Much more efficient than previous work process. • Data security. • Data integrity. • User friendly design. • Revenue and payment reconciliation. • Document scanning capability – reduce paper records. • Integrated with Revenue Tracking System.
<p>Investigations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive complaint tracking. • Case action history and reporting. • Sovereign citizen filing tracking. • Reporting capability. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data security. • Data integrity. • User friendly design. • Document scanning capability – reduce paper records. • Generate report with a click of a button. • Saves staff time. • Integrated with the Charities Database.
<p>Notary Public</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notary registration and transaction history. • Cashiering capability. • Reporting capability. • Online search capability. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data security. • Data integrity. • User friendly design. • Revenue and payment reconciliation. • Document scanning capability – reduce paper records • Integrated with Revenue Tracking System.
<p>Revenue Tracking</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracking of all SCSOS generated revenue. • Bank deposits tracking. • Credit card payment reconciliation. • SCEIS deposit interface. • SCEIS journal entry interface. • Return check tracking. • Cashiering capability. • Revenue detail reports. • Accountability reports. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated with all in-house developed applications. • Reduce duplicate data entries. • Data security. • Data integrity. • User friendly design. • Reporting capability.
<p>SC Public Officials</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elected and appointed official commissions. • Boards and commissions. • Boards and commissions website searches. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data security. • Data integrity. • User friendly design.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLED officers and State Constables commissions. • Special Purpose District filings. • Acts tracking. • Executive Orders tracking. • Transcript Bonds tracking. • Electoral College. • Election results entry. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document scanning capability – reduce paper records. • Reporting capability. • Online search capability.
Service of Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracking and processing service of process requests. • Tracking and processing service of process rejections. • Cashiering capability. • Reporting capability. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data security. • Data integrity. • User friendly design. • Document scanning capability – reduce paper records. • Integrated with Revenue Tracking System.
Trademarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trademark and service mark registration, renewal, and assignment. • Livestock brand and earmark registration. • Registration rejection process. • Cashiering capability. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data security. • Data integrity. • User friendly design. • Reporting capability. • Integrated with Revenue Tracking System.
UCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online and in-house filing • Cashiering capability • Online and in-house searches • Cashiering capability • Reporting capability • Keep track of rejections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online filing – available 24/7. • Scan document capability – elimination of paper. • API Interface for bulk filing. • Integrated with Revenue Tracking System. • Data security. • Data integrity.

SCSOS Applications in Queue for Development

Application Name	Application Feature (does/contain)	Benefits of the System
Business Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register and process applications. • Keep track of transaction history. • Keep track of application rejections. • Cashiering capability. • Reporting capability. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data security. • Data integrity. • User friendly design. • Reporting capability. • Integrated with Revenue Tracking System.
Municipalities Incorporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipalities Incorporation • Municipal Annexations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping data in electronic format. • Reporting capability. • Data security. • Data integrity.

Future Applications in Consideration for Development

Application Name	Application Feature (does/contain)	Benefits of the System
Landlord-Tenants		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping data in electronic format. • Reporting capability. • Data security. • Data integrity.
Railroads		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping data in electronic format. • Reporting capability. • Data security. • Data integrity.
Special Certificates		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping data in electronic format. • Reporting capability. • Data security. • Data integrity.
Joint Agencies		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping data in electronic format. • Reporting capability. • Data security. • Data integrity.
Cooperatives		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping data in electronic format. • Reporting capability. • Data security. • Data integrity.
Community Development Commissions		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping data in electronic format. • Reporting capability. • Data security. • Data integrity.
E-Notary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notarizing documents electronically. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faster transactions for business and legal communities.

Trademark Online Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Online Registration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduce paper work.• Reduce mailings.• Convenience for customers.
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Searchable Information on Secretary of State's Website

Included in the Secretary of State's (SoS) January 17, 2020 letter to the House Legislative Oversight Committee (LOC). This information was provided in response to the following question in LOC's December 12, 2019, letter to the SoS: "54. Please provide a table listing the categories of information the SoS has on its website in a searchable format and, for each, the ways in which it is searchable. See example below."

Information	Searchable by...
Boards and Commissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name of commission/board member (Last, First, and/or City)• Appointment Type (Gubernatorial, General Assembly, or Other);• District (Congressional, Judicial, or At Large);• Status (Active, Vacant, or Both)

In addition to providing the information in this document, SoS provided the following response:

- Please see the table that is provided in Attachment P.

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Information	Searchable by...
Business Entities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name of Business
Business Entities Registered Agent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name of Agent
Charities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name of Charity
Livestock Brands and Earmarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PDF Document (Updated Daily)
Notaries Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name of Notary (Last, First or Partial Name) • County
Professional Fundraisers and Solicitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name of Professional Fundraiser • Name of Charity
Qualified Businesses under High Growth Small Business Job Creation Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PDF Document (Updated Annually)
Raffles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name of Raffle
Special Purpose Districts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PDF Document (Updated Biennially)
State Boards and Commissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name of Board, Commission or Committee; • Name of Board Member (Last, First, and/or City); • Appointment Type (Gubernatorial, General Assembly, or Other); • District (Congressional, Judicial, or At Large); and • Status (Active, Vacant, or Both)
State Issued Certificate of Cable Franchise Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PDF Document (Updated Daily)
Suspended Charities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PDF Document (Updated Daily)
Suspended Professional Fundraisers and Solicitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PDF Document (Updated Daily)
Suspended Raffles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PDF Document (Updated Daily)
Trademarks and Service Marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PDF Document (Updated Daily)
Uniform Commercial Code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name of Debtor or Secured Party (Last Name, First Name or Organization Name). The name search can be modified by the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Filing Status (Lapsed and/or Unlapsed) ○ Filing Type (All or UCC-1 Only) • Filing Number