

Said articles of incorporation shall be executed by each incorporating county by its proper officers and shall be filed with the [State Tax Commission] *State Department of Assessments and Taxation* which shall receive the same and endorse thereon the date and time of such receipt. If [the Chairman or Secretary of] said [Commission] *Department* finds that the articles of incorporation conform to law [he] *it* shall forthwith endorse [his] *its* approval thereon and issue a certificate of approval to which shall be attached a copy of the approved articles. Upon the issuance of such certificate of approval by [the Chairman or the Secretary of] said [Commission] *Department* the corporate existence of said District shall begin and thereupon such District shall be conclusively deemed to have been lawfully and properly created and established and authorized to exercise its powers under this sub-title. Promptly thereafter the said [Commission] *Department* shall record said articles of incorporation, together with the endorsements thereon, in a book to be kept for that purpose.

When the District has been organized and its officers elected, the Secretary shall certify to the [State Tax Commission] *State Department of Assessments and Taxation* the names and addresses of its officers, as well as the principal office of the District. Any change in the location of the principal office shall likewise be certified to the [State Tax Commission] *State Department of Assessments and Taxation* within ten days after such change.

647. Every District so incorporated may, from time to time, and in the manner hereinafter provided, amend its articles of incorporation and thereby accomplish any one or more of the following: the adoption of a new name; and changes in, additions to, and diminutions of its powers and purposes, provided that such amendment shall contain only such provisions as it would be lawful or proper to insert in articles of incorporation made at the time of such amendment.

Such amendment or amendments shall be made in the following manner:

(1) Such amendment or amendments shall first be proposed by the Commission by the adoption of a resolution setting forth the proposed amendment or amendments and directing that it or they be submitted to the governing body or governing bodies of the county or counties ~~composing~~ INCORPORATING the District. Said resolution shall contain the language of the proposed amendment or amendments to the articles of incorporation by providing that said articles shall be amended so as to read as therein set forth in full, or that any provision be amended so as to read as therein set forth in full, or that the matter stated in said resolution be added to or stricken from the articles of incorporation. After the amendment or amendments have been submitted to the governing body or governing bodies of the county or counties ~~composing~~ INCORPORATING the District, such governing body or governing bodies shall adopt or reject the same by resolution or ordinance.

(2) After an amendment or amendments have been adopted by the said governing body or governing bodies, Articles of amendment shall be executed under the seal of the District by two duly authorized officers of the District who shall also verify under oath the matters and facts set forth in said articles of amendment.