

and authorized to transact" business, for brevity.

In subsection (h)(2) of this section, the former reference to a copy of a certificate of organization being admissible in evidence "in any suit, action, or proceeding" is deleted as surplusage.

Defined terms: "Authority" § 12-101

"Chief elected official" § 12-101

"Custodian of records" § 12-101

"Housing project" § 12-101

"Legislative body" § 12-101

"Political subdivision" § 12-101

12-206. SAME — PRE-EXISTING AUTHORITIES.

(A) IN GENERAL.

(1) A PRE-EXISTING AUTHORITY MAY BE GOVERNED BY ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IF:

(I) THE PRE-EXISTING AUTHORITY MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (B) OR SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION;

(II) THE CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS FILES WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE THE DOCUMENTS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(III) THE SECRETARY OF STATE ISSUES A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION SHALL COMPLY WITH § 12-205(B) THROUGH (D) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) REQUIREMENTS TO ADOPT ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION — ALTERNATIVE 1.

BEFORE A PRE-EXISTING AUTHORITY MAY ADOPT ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION MUST BE:

(1) RECOMMENDED IN WRITING BY THE CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL;

(2) APPROVED BY AN EXTRAORDINARY MAJORITY OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE AUTHORITY; AND

(3) ADOPTED BY AN EXTRAORDINARY MAJORITY OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODY.

(C) SAME — ALTERNATIVE 2.

BEFORE A PRE-EXISTING AUTHORITY MAY ADOPT ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION:

(1) THE CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS SHALL PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE THAT WITHIN 5 YEARS BEFORE THE DATE THE DOCUMENTATION IS SUBMITTED: