

16. Change of location of principal office or name or address of resident agent.

A cooperative may, upon authorization of its board of directors or its members, change the location of its principal office or make any change in the name or address of its resident agent by filing a certificate reciting such change, executed and acknowledged by its [president or vice-president] CHAIRMAN OR VICE-CHAIRMAN under its seal attested by its secretary, in the office of the STATE Department of Assessments and Taxation.

17. Consolidation in general.

Any two or more cooperatives (each of which is hereinafter designated a "consolidating cooperative"), may consolidate into a new cooperative (hereinafter designated the "new cooperative"), by complying with the following requirements:

(a) Submission to members. — The proposition for the consolidation of the consolidating cooperatives into the new cooperative and proposed articles of consolidation to give effect thereto shall be submitted to a meeting of the members of each consolidating cooperative, the notice of which shall have attached thereto a copy of the proposed articles of consolidation;

(b) Articles of consolidation. — If the proposed consolidation and the proposed articles of consolidation, with any amendments, are approved by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of those members of each consolidating cooperative voting thereon at each such meeting, articles of consolidation in the form approved shall be executed and acknowledged on behalf of each consolidating cooperative by its [president or vice-president] CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN and its seal shall be affixed thereto and attested by its secretary. The articles of consolidation shall recite that they are executed pursuant to this act and shall state: (1) the name of each consolidating cooperative and the address of its principal office; (2) the name of the new cooperative, the address of its principal office and the name and address of its resident agent; (3) a statement that each consolidating cooperative agrees to the consolidation; (4) the names and addresses of the directors of the new cooperative; and (5) the terms and conditions of the consolidation and the mode of carrying the same into effect, including the manner in which members of the consolidating cooperatives may or shall become members of the new cooperative; and may contain any provisions not inconsistent with this act deemed necessary or advisable for the conduct of the business of the new cooperative. The [president or vice-president] CHAIRMAN OR VICE-CHAIRMAN of each consolidating cooperative executing such articles of consolidation shall make and annex thereto an affidavit stating that the provisions of this section in respect of such articles were duly complied with by such cooperative.

18. Merger in general.

Any one or more cooperatives (each of which is hereinafter designated a "merging cooperative") may merge into another cooperative (hereinafter designated the "surviving cooperative"), by complying with the following requirements:

(a) Submission to members. — The proposition for the merger of the merging cooperatives into the surviving cooperative and proposed articles of merger to give