CHAPTER NO. 202

SENATE BILL NO. 120

INTRODUCED BY VAN VALKENBURG

BY REQUEST OF THE CODE COMMISSIONER

IN THE SENATE

January 16, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
January 23, 1979	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
January 24, 1979	Printed and placed on members' desks.
January 25, 1979	Second reading, do pass.
January 26, 1979	Considered correctly engrossed.
January 27, 1979	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to second house.

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January 29, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
March 5, 1979	Committee recommend bill be concurred in and be placed on Consent Calendar. Report adopted.
March 7, 1979	Third reading Consent Calendar concurred in.

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March 9, 1979

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- 12 (e) a post-office address, including street and 13 number, if any, to which the secretary of state may mail a 14 copy of any process against the corporation that may be 15 served on him:
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form prescribed by the secretary of state and shall be executed for the corporation by its president or a vice-president and by its secretary or an assistant secretary and verified by one of the officers signing the application or, if the corporation is in the hands of a receiver or trustee, shall be executed on behalf of the corporation by such receiver or trustee and verified by him."

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period—of—12—months—ory—in—the—case—of—e—foreign corporationy had not been authorized to transact business in this state for a period of 12 months, the statement with respect to business transacted shall must be furnished for the period between the—date—of—incorporation—or the date of its authorization to transact business in this state—na—the case—may—bev and such December 31. If all the property of the corporation is located in this state and all of its business is transacted at or from places of business in this state, then the information required by this subsection need not be set forth in such report.

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(Z) in a proceeding by the corporation, whether acting

directly or through a receiver, trustee, or other legal representative or through members in a representative suit against the officers or directors of the corporation for exceeding their authority;

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- (3) in a proceeding by the <u>secretary of state or the</u> attorney general, as provided in this chapter 6, to dissolve the corporation or in a proceeding by the attorney general to enjoin the corporation from performing unauthorized acts or in any other proceeding by the attorney general.
- Section 6. Section 35-2-507. MCA, is amended to read:

 "35-2-507. Voting -- manner. (1) The right of the
 members or any class or classes of members to vote may be
 limited, enlarged, or denied to the extent specified in the
 articles of incorporation or the bylaws. Unless so limited,
 enlarged, or denied, each member, regardless of class, shall
 be is entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a
 vote of members.
- unless the articles of incorporation or the bylaws otherwise provide, may vote by proxy executed in writing by the member or by his duly authorized attorney—in—fact. No proxy shall be is valid after 11 months from the date of its execution unless otherwise provided in the proxy. Where Whenever directors or officers are to be elected by members, the bylaws may provide that such elections may be conducted by

1 mail.

- 2 (3) The articles of incorporation or the bylaws may
 3 provide that in all elections for directors, every member
 4 entitled to vote shall—have has the right to cumulate his
 5 vote and to give one candidate a number of votes equal to
 6 his vote multiplied by the number of directors to be elected
 7 or by-distributing to distribute such votes on the same
 8 principle among any number of such candidates.**
- 9 Section 7. Section 35-2-1001, MCA, is amended to read: 10 "35-2-1001. Fees for filing documents and issuing 11 certificates. The secretary of state shall charge and 12 collect for:
- 13 (1) filing articles of incorporation and issuing a 14 certificate of incorporation \$20:
- (2) filing articles of amendment and issuing a certificate of amendment, \$20;
- (3) filing restated articles of incorporation and
 issuing restated certificate of incorporation, \$20;
- 19 (4) filing articles of merger or consolidation and 20 issuing a certificate of merger or consolidation, \$10:
- 21 (5) filing an application to reserve a corporate name.
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- 23 (6) filing a notice of transfer of a reserved
 24 corporate name, \$2;
- 25 (7) filing a statement of change of address of

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- (8) filing articles of dissolution and issuing a certificate of dissolution, \$5;
- (9) filing an application of a foreign corporation for a certificate of authority to conduct offairs in this state and issuing a certificate of authority, \$20;
- (10) filing an application of a foreign corporation for an amended certificate of authority to conduct affairs in this state and issuing an amended certificate of authority. \$20:
- (11) filling a copy of an amendment to the articles of incorporation of a foreign corporation holding a certificate of authority to conduct affairs in this state, \$10;
- (12) filling a copy of articles of merger of a foreign corporation holding a certificate of authority to conduct affairs in this states \$20;
- (13) filing an application for withdrawal of a foreign corporation and issuing a certificate of withdrawal, \$5;
 - (14) filing an annual report. \$5:
- 21 (15) filing any other statement or report, except an
 22 annual report, of a domestic or foreign corporation, \$24a
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- 2 Section 6. Section 35-4-203, MCA, is amended to read:
 3 "35-4-203. Board of directors. The number of
 4 shareholder members of the board of directors may be less
 5 than the number of shareholders, except—thot and if a
 6 corporation has only one shareholder, the board may consist
 7 of such shareholder.
 - Section 9. Section 35-4-211, MCA, is amended to read:

 "35-4-211. Transfer of shares. (1) No shareholder of a corporation organized under this chapter may sell or transfer his shares in such corporation except to another individual who is eligible to be a shareholder of such corporation, and such sale or transfer may be made only after the some shall—have it has been approved at a stockholders shareholders meeting by such proportion, not less than a majority, of the outstanding stock as may be provided in the certificate articles of incorporation or in the bylaws. At such shareholders meeting the shares of stock held by the shareholder proposing to sell or transfer his shares may not be voted or counted for any purpose.
 - (2) The articles of incorporation may provide specifically for additional restraints on the alienation of shares and may require the redemption or purchase of such shares by the corporation at prices and in a manner specifically set forth in such articles, or the articles may

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specifically authorize the corporation's board of directors or its shareholders to adopt bylaws or resolutions restraining the alienation of shares and providing for the purchase or redemption by the corporation of its shares. However, such provisions dealing with the purchase or redemption by the corporation of its shares may not be invoked at a time or in a manner that would impair the capital of the corporation."

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#35-10-506. Partner's application to discharge attachment — undertaking. (1) If a writ of attachment is levied upon the interest <u>in a partnership</u> of one or more of the partners in—goods—or—property—of—a—partnership, the other partners who are not defendants in the action or any of them may, at any time before final judgment, apply to the judge who granted the writ or to the court, upon an affidavit showing the facts, for an order to discharge the attachment as to that interest.

(2) Upon such an application, the applicant must shall give an undertaking, with at least two sufficient sureties, to the effect that they will pay to the sheriff, on demand, the amount of any judgment which may be recovered against the partner who is defendant in the action or which may be recovered against him in any other action wherein in which

the other partners are not defendants and wherein in which a writ of attachment or an execution may come into the 3 sheriff's hands at any time before the writ of attachment which was so levied is vacated and annulled, not exceeding the sum specified in the undertaking, which must may not be less than the value of the interest of the defendant in the partnership goods--or--property-seized--by--virtue--of-the attachment as fixed by the court or judge. If the-value, in the opinion of the court or judge, the value is uncertain, the sum must be such as the court or judge determines. For 10 11 purpose of fixing the sum or to determine the 12 sufficiency of its sureties, the court or judge may receive affidavits or oral testimony or may direct a reference." 13

#35-16-212. Association operating two or more enterprises in different parts of state -- control by delegates. [1] Any, either cooperative stock or nonprofit nonstock, agricultural association or company existing on July 1, 1921, or thereafter organized under the laws of Montana may own and operate two or more cooperative enterprises in different parts of the state and may exercise and possess the following powers by providing in their articles of incorporation or in their bylaws that:

Section 11. Section 35-16-212, MCA, is amended to

25 (1)(a) all powers of the association members or

stockholders shall be exercised by duly, elected delegates at any meeting of such delegates which may be called. They shall elect such officers and transact such business in the same manner as the association members or stockholders are empowered to do. Such officers and board of directors as the delegates may elect shall be known as "general officers" or

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stock or nonprofit nonstock agricultural associations or companies shall be grouped into locals in such districts as the general board of directors may from time to time direct;

(3)(c) each local, with territorial limits as determined by the general board of directors, shall elect from among its stockholders or members one delegate and one alternate to represent the local at any meeting of the association or company. Such delegate and alternate shall serve for 1 year. The alternate shall serve as delegate at all meetings where the delegate may not be in attendance.

†27(b) stockholders or members of such cooperative

t4)[d] each delegate shell may have only one vote,
regardless of the number of stockholders or members which he
may-represent represents.

(2) Nothing in this section limits the powers of the

24 Section 12. Repealer. Sections 35-10-507 and 25 35-16-316. MCA, are repealed.

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Approved by Committee on Judiciary

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(1) in a proceeding by a member or a director against the corporation to enjoin the doing or continuation of unauthorized acts or the transfer of real or personal property by or to the corporation. If the unauthorized acts or transfer sought to be enjoined are being or are to be performed pursuant to any contract to which the corporation is a party, the court may, if all of the parties to the contract are parties to the proceeding and if it deems considers the same to be equitable, set aside and enjoin the performance of such contract and in so doing may allow to the corporation or the other parties to the contract, as the case may be, compensation for the loss or damage sustained by either of them which may result from the action of the court in setting aside and enjoining the performance of such contract, but anticipated profits to be derived from the performance of the contract shall may not be awarded by the court as a loss or damage sustained.

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- Section 6. Section 35-2-507, MCA, is amended to read:

 "35-2-507. Voting --- manner. (1) The right of the
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 articles of incorporation or the bylaws. Unless so limited,
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- unless the articles of incorporation or the bylaws otherwise provide, may vote by proxy executed in writing by the member or by his duly authorized attorney-in-fact. No proxy shell be is valid after 11 months from the date of its execution unless otherwise provided in the proxy. Where Whenever directors or officers are to be elected by members, the bylaws may provide that such elections may be conducted by

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2 (3) The articles of incorporation or the bylaws may
3 provide that in all elections for directors, every member
4 entitled to vote shall—have has the right to cumulate his
5 vote and to give one candidate a number of votes equal to
6 his vote multiplied by the number of directors to be elected
7 or by-distributing to distribute such votes on the same
8 principle among any number of such candidates.**

9 Section 7. Section 35-2-1001, NCA, is amended to read:
10 "35-2-1001. Fees for filing documents and issuing
11 certificates. The secretary of state shall charge and
12 collect for:

- (1) filing articles of incorporation and issuing a14 certificate of incorporation, \$20;
- 15 (2) filing articles of amendment and issuing a 16 certificate of amendment, \$20:
- 17 (3) filing restated articles of incorporation and issuing restated certificate of incorporation, \$20;
- 19 (4) filing articles of merger or consolidation and 20 issuing a certificate of merger or consolidation \$20;
- 21 (5) filing an application to reserve a corporate name, 22 \$2:
- 23 (6) filing a notice of transfer of a reserved
 24 corporate name, \$2;
 - (7) filing a statement of change of address of

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6	a certificate of authority to conduct affairs in this state
7	and issuing a certificate of authority, \$20;
8	(10) filing an application of a foreign corporation for
9	an amended certificate of authority to conduct affairs in
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13	incorporation of a foreign corporation holding a certificate
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16	corporation holding a certificate of authority to conduct
17	affairs in this state• \$20;
18	(13) filing an application for withdrawal of a foreign
19	corporation and issuing a certificate of withdrawal, \$5;
20	(14) filing an annual report. \$5;
21	(15) filing any other statement or report, except an
22	annual reports of a domestic or foreign corporations \$24±
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24	\$5†

Section 8. Section 35-4-203, MCA, is amended to read: #35-4-203. Board of directors. The number of 3 shareholder members of the board of directors may be less than the number of shareholders, except-that and if a corporation has only one shareholder, the board may consist of such shareholder." Section 9. Section 35-4-211, MCA, is amended to read: *35-4-211. Transfer of shares. (1) No shareholder of a 10 corporation organized under this chapter may sell or 11 transfer his shares in such corporation except to another 12 individual who is eligible to be a shareholder of such corporation, and such sale or transfer may be made only 13 after the same shall have it has been approved at a 14 stockholders* shareholders* meeting by such proportion, not 15 less than a majority, of the outstanding stock as may be 16 17 provided in the eertificate articles of incorporation or in the bylaws. At such shareholders' meeting the shares of 18 stock held by the shareholder proposing to sell or transfer 19 his shares may not be voted or counted for any purpose. 20 (2) The articles of incorporation may provide 21 specifically for additional restraints on the alienation of 22 **Z3** shares and may require the redemption or purchase of such shares by the corporation at prices and in a manner 24

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specifically authorize the corporation's board of directors or its shareholders to adopt bylaws or resolutions restraining the alienation of shares and providing for the purchase or redemption by the corporation of its shares. However, such provisions dealing with the purchase or redemption by the corporation of its shares may not be invoked at a time or in a manner that would impair the capital of the corporation.**

9 Section 10. Section 35-10-506, MCA, is amended to 10 read:

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"35-10-506. Partner's application to discharge attachment — undertaking. (1) If a writ of attachment is levied upon the interest in a partnership of one or more of the partners in—goods—or—property—of—a partnership, the other partners who are not defendants in the action or any of them may, at any time before final judgment, apply to the judge who granted the writ or to the court, upon an affidavit showing the facts, for an order to discharge the attachment as to that interest.

(2) Upon such an application, the applicant must shall give an undertaking with at least two sufficient sureties to the effect that they will pay to the sheriff, on demand, the amount of any judgment which may be recovered against the partner who is defendant in the action or which may be recovered against him in any other action wherein in which

the other partners are not defendants and wherein in which a writ of attachment or an execution may come into the sheriff's hands at any time before the writ of attachment which was so levied is vacated and annulled, not exceeding the sum specified in the undertaking, which must may not be less than the value of the interest of the defendant in the partnership goods—or—property—seized—by—virtue—of—the attachment as fixed by the court or judge. If the—value, in the opinion of the court or judge, the value is uncertain, the sum must be such as the court or judge determines. For the purpose of fixing the sum or to determine the sufficiency of its sureties, the court or judge may receive affidavits or oral testimony or may direct a reference."

Section 11. Section 35-16-212, MCA, is amended to

enterprises in different parts of state -- control by delegates. [11] Any, either cooperative stock or nonprofit nonstock, agricultural association or company existing on July 1, 1921, or thereafter organized under the laws of Montana may own and operate two or more cooperative enterprises in different parts of the state and may exercise and possess the following powers by providing in their articles of incorporation or in their bylaws that:

(1)(a) all powers of the association members or

stockholders shall be exercised by duly elected delegates at any meeting of such delegates which may be called. They shall elect such officers and transact such business in the same manner as the association members or stockholders are empowered to do. Such officers and board of directors as the delegates may elect shall be known as "general officers" or "general board of directors".

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this stockholders or members of such cooperative stock or nonprofit nonstock agricultural associations or companies shall be grouped into locals in such districts as the general board of directors may from time to time direct;

(3)(c) each local, with territorial limits as determined by the general board of directors, shall elect from among its stockholders or members one delegate and one alternate to represent the local at any meeting of the association or company. Such delegate and alternate shall serve for 1 year. The alternate shall serve as delegate at all meetings where the delegate may not be in attendance.

t4)[d] each delegate shell may have only one votes regardless of the number of stockholders or members which he may represent represents.

(2) Nothing in this section limits the powers of the

24 Section 12. Repealer. Sections 35-10-507 and 25 35-16-316. MCA, are repealed.

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ı	SENATE BILL NO. 120
2	INTRODUCED BY VAN VALKENBURG
3	BY REQUEST OF THE CODE COMMISSIONER
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5	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO GENERALLY REVISE THE

SECTIONS 35-10-507 AND 35-16-316. MCA.*

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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LAWS RELATING TO CORPORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS: REPEALING

(1) in a proceeding by a shareholder against the corporation to enjoin the doing of any act or acts or the transfer of real or personal property by or to the corporation. If the unauthorized acts or transfer sought to be enjoined are being or are to be performed or made pursuant to any contract to which the corporation is a party, the court may, if all of the parties to the contract are parties to the proceeding and if it deems considers the

same to be equitable, set aside and enjoin the performance of such contract and in so doing may allow to the corporation or to the other parties to the contract, as the case may be, compensation for the loss or damage sustained by either of them which may result from the action of the court in setting aside and enjoining the performance of such contract, but anticipated profits to be derived from the performance of the contract shall may not be awarded by the court as a loss or damage sustained.

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(2) in a proceeding by the corporation, whether acting directly or through a receiver, trustee, or other legal representative or through shareholders in a representative suit, against the incumbent or former officers or directors of the corporation:

(3) in a proceeding by the <u>secretary of state or the</u> attorney general, as provided in this chapter 6, to dissolve the corporation or in a proceeding by the attorney general to enjoin the corporation from the transaction of unauthorized business.**

Section 2. Section 35-1-928, MCA, is amended to read:
#35-1-928. State tax clearance certificate. No decree
of voluntary dissolution shall be made and entered by any
court, nor shall the clerk of the district court of any
county or secretary of state file any such decree or file
any other document by which the term of existence of any

corporation is terminated, except a decree of involuntary dissolution in an action brought by the attorney general, nor shall the secretary of state file any certificate of surrender by a foreign corporation of its right to do intrastate business in the state unless the corporation obtains from the state department of revenue and files with said court, clerk of the district court, or secretary of state, as part of the original instrument effecting the dissolution or withdrawal, a certificate to the effect the state department of revenue is satisfied from the available evidence that all taxes imposed by Montena-law Title 15 have been paid. The issuance of the certificate shall not relieve the corporation from liability for any taxes, penalties, or interest due the state of Montana."

- Section 3. Section 35-1-1017, MCA, is amended to read:

 "35-1-1017. Withdrawal of foreign corporation. (1) A
 foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this
 state may withdraw from this state upon procuring from the
 secretary of state a certificate of withdrawal. In order to
 procure such certificate of withdrawal, such the foreign
 corporation shall deliver to the secretary of state an
 application for withdrawal, which shall set forth:
- 23 (a) the name of the corporation and the state or 24 country under the laws of which it is incorporated;
 - (b) that the corporation is not transacting business

1 in this state;

- (c) that the corporation surrenders its authority to transact business in this state;
- (d) that the corporation revokes the authority of its registered agent in this state to accept service of process and consents that service of process in any action, suit, or proceeding based upon any cause of action arising in this state during the time the corporation was authorized to transact business in this state may thereafter be made on such corporation by service thereof on the secretary of state:
 - (e) a post-office address, including street and number, if any, to which the secretary of state may mail a copy of any process against the corporation that may be served on him:
 - (f) that all taxes imposed on the corporation by Montane—lew <u>litle_15</u> have been paid, supported by a certificate by the department of revenue to be attached to said application to the effect that the department of revenue is satisfied from the available evidence that all <u>such</u> taxes imposed have been paid. The issuance of such a certificate <u>shall</u> <u>does</u> not relieve the corporation from liability for any taxes, penalties, or interest due the state of Montana.
 - (2) The application for withdrawal shall be made in a

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form prescribed by the secretary of state and shall be executed for the corporation by its president or a vice-president and by its secretary or an assistant secretary and verified by one of the officers signing the application or, if the corporation is in the hands of a receiver or trustee, shall be executed on behalf of the corporation by such receiver or trustee and verified by him.

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- Section 4. Section 35-1-1101, MCA, is amended to read:

 #35-1-1101. Annual report of domestic and foreign
 corporations. (1) Each domestic corporation and each foreign
 corporation authorized to transact business in this state
 shall file, within the time prescribed by this chapter, an
 annual report setting forth:
- (a) the name of the corporation and the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated;
- (b) the address of the registered office of the corporation in this state and the name of its registered agent in this state at such address, including street and number, if any, and, in the case of a foreign corporation, the address, including street and number, if any, of its principal office in the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated:
- (c) a brief statement of the character of the businessin which the corporation is actually engaged in this state;

- 1 (d) the names and respective addresses, including 2 street and number, if any, of the directors and officers of 3 the corporation;
- 4 (e) a statement of the aggregate number of shares
 5 which the corporation has authority to issue, itemized by
 6 classes, par value of shares, shares without par value, and
 7 series, if any, within a class;
 - (f) a statement of the aggregate number of issued shares, itemized by classes, par value of shares, shares without par value, and series, if any, within a class;
- 11 (g) a statement, expressed in dollars, of the amount
 12 of stated capital of the corporation as defined in this
 13 chapter.
 - (2) In addition thereto, every foreign corporation shall include a statement, expressed in dollars, of the value of all the property owned by the corporation, wherever located, and the value of the property of the corporation located within this state and a statement, expressed in dollars, of the gross amount of business transacted by the corporation for the 12 months ended on December 31 preceding the date herein provided for the filing of such report and the gross amount thereof transacted by the corporation at or from places of business in this state. If on December 31 preceding the time herein provided for the filing of such report, the corporation had—not—been-in-existence-for—a

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