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Scope: the Common Interest Community Association Act, its cross-compiled Article 5 notation and Section 99-5. Section 1-90 reflects the January 1, 2029 sunset extension enacted by Public Act 104-377.

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The following Public Acts are enacted but are not yet in force as of this edition date. Consult their operative text for application on and after January 1, 2027. This edition should be refreshed before it is used as a 2027 current-law resource.

Law enforcement and firefighter vehicles - Public Act 104-0580

Collection policies and resale disclosures - Public Act 104-0734

Association websites and financial disclosures - Public Act 104-0797

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Section 1-1 Short title

765 ILCS 160/1-1

This Article may be cited as the Common Interest Community Association Act, and references in this Article to "this Act" mean this Article.

(Source: P.A. 96-1400, eff. 7-29-10.)

Section 1-5 Definitions

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As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Acceptable technological means" includes, without limitation, electronic transmission over the Internet or other network, whether by direct connection, intranet, telecopier, electronic mail, and any generally available technology that, by rule of the association, is deemed to provide reasonable security, reliability, identification, and verifiability.

"Association" or "common interest community association" means the association of all the members of a common interest community, acting pursuant to bylaws or an operating agreement through its duly elected board of managers or board of directors.

"Board" means a common interest community association's board of managers or board of directors, whichever is applicable.

"Board member" or "member of the board" means a member of the board of managers or the board of directors, whichever is applicable.

"Board of directors" means, for a common interest community that has been incorporated as an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, the group of people elected by the members of a common interest community as the governing body to exercise for the members of the common interest community association all powers, duties, and authority vested in the board of directors under this Act and the common interest community association's declaration and bylaws.

"Board of managers" means, for a common interest community that is an unincorporated association or organized as a limited liability company, the group of people elected by the members of a common interest community as the governing body to exercise for the members of the common interest community association all powers, duties, and authority vested in the board of managers under this Act and the common interest community association's declaration, bylaws, or operating agreement.

"Building" means all structures, attached or unattached, containing one or more units.

"Common areas" means the portion of the property other than a unit.

"Common expenses" means the proposed or actual expenses affecting the property, including reserves, if any, lawfully assessed by the common interest community association.

"Common interest community" means real estate other than a condominium or cooperative with respect to which any person by virtue of his or her ownership of a partial interest or a unit therein is obligated to pay for the maintenance, improvement, insurance premiums or real estate taxes of common areas described in a declaration which is administered by an association. "Common interest community" may include, but not be limited to, an attached or detached townhome, villa, or single-family home. A "common interest community" does not include a master association.

"Community instruments" means all documents and authorized amendments thereto recorded by a developer or common interest community association, including, but not limited to, the declaration, bylaws, operating agreement, plat of survey, and rules and regulations.

"Declaration" means any duly recorded instruments, however designated, that have created a common interest community and any duly recorded amendments to those instruments.

"Developer" means any person who submits property legally or equitably owned in fee simple by the person to the provisions of this Act, or any person who offers units legally or equitably owned in fee simple by the person for sale in the ordinary course of such person's business, including any successor to such person's entire interest in the property other than the purchaser of an individual unit.

"Developer control" means such control at a time prior to the election of the board of the common interest community association by a majority of the members other than the developer.

"Electronic transmission" means any form of communication, not directly involving the physical transmission of paper, that creates a record that may be retained, retrieved, and reviewed by a recipient and that may be directly reproduced in paper form by the recipient through an automated process.

"Majority" or "majority of the members" means the owners of more than 50% in the aggregate in interest of the undivided ownership of the common elements. Any specified percentage of the members means such percentage in the aggregate in interest of such undivided ownership. "Majority" or "majority of the members of the board of the common interest community association" means more than 50% of the total number of persons constituting such board pursuant to the bylaws or operating agreement. Any specified percentage of the members of the common interest community association means that percentage of the total number of persons constituting such board pursuant to the bylaws or operating agreement.

"Management company" or "community association manager" means a person, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity entitled to transact business on behalf of others, acting on behalf of or as an agent for an association for the purpose of carrying out the duties, responsibilities, and other obligations necessary for the day to day operation and management of any property subject to this Act.

"Meeting of the board" or "board meeting" means any gathering of a quorum of the members of the board of the common interest community association held for the purpose of conducting board business.

"Member" means the person or entity designated as an owner and entitled to one vote as defined by the community instruments. The terms "member" and "unit owner" may be used interchangeably as defined by the community instruments, except in situations in which a matter of legal title to the unit is involved or at issue, in which case the term "unit owner" would be the applicable term used.

"Membership" means the collective group of members entitled to vote as defined by the community instruments.

"Parcel" means the lot or lots or tract or tracts of land described in the declaration as part of a common interest community.

"Person" means a natural individual, corporation, partnership, trustee, or other legal entity capable of holding title to real property.

"Plat" means a plat or plats of survey of the parcel and of all units in the common interest community, which may consist of a three-dimensional horizontal and vertical delineation of all such units, structures, easements, and common areas on the property.

"Prescribed delivery method" means mailing, delivering, posting in an association publication that is routinely mailed to all members, electronic transmission, or any other delivery method that is approved in writing by the member and authorized by the community instruments.

"Property" means all the land, property, and space comprising the parcel, all improvements and structures erected, constructed or contained therein or thereon, including any building and all easements, rights, and appurtenances belonging thereto, and all fixtures and equipment intended for the mutual use, benefit, or enjoyment of the members, under the authority or control of a common interest community association.

"Purchaser" means any person or persons, other than the developer, who purchase a unit in a bona fide transaction for value.

"Record" means to record in the office of the recorder of the county wherein the property is located.

"Reserves" means those sums paid by members which are separately maintained by the common interest community association for purposes specified by the declaration and bylaws of the common interest community association.

"Unit" means a part of the property designed and intended for any type of independent use.

"Unit owner" means the person or persons whose estates or interests, individually or collectively, aggregate fee simple absolute ownership of a unit.

(Source: P.A. 98-1042, eff. 1-1-15; 99-41, eff. 7-14-15; 99-612, eff. 1-1-17.)

Section 1-10 Applicability

765 ILCS 160/1-10

Unless expressly provided otherwise herein, the provisions of this Act are applicable to all common interest community associations in this State.

(Source: P.A. 96-1400, eff. 7-29-10.)

Section 1-15 Construction, interpretation, and validity of community instruments

765 ILCS 160/1-15

(a) Except to the extent otherwise provided by the declaration or other community instruments, the terms defined in Section 1-5 of this Act shall be deemed to have the meaning specified therein unless the context otherwise requires.

(b) (Blank).

(c) A provision in the declaration limiting ownership, rental, or occupancy of a unit to a person 55 years of age or older shall be valid and deemed not to be in violation of Article 3 of the Illinois Human Rights Act provided that the person or the immediate family of a person owning, renting, or lawfully occupying such unit prior to the recording of the initial declaration shall not be deemed to be in violation of such age restriction so long as they continue to own or reside in such unit.

(d) Every common interest community association shall define a member and its relationship to the units or unit owners in its community instruments.

(Source: P.A. 99-472, eff. 6-1-16.)

Section 1-20 Amendments to the declaration, bylaws, or operating agreement

765 ILCS 160/1-20

(a) The administration of every property shall be governed by the declaration and bylaws or operating agreement, which may either be embodied in the declaration or in a separate instrument, a true copy of which shall be appended to and recorded with the declaration. No modification or amendment of the declaration, bylaws, or operating agreement shall be valid unless the same is set forth in an amendment thereof and such amendment is duly recorded. An amendment of the declaration, bylaws, or operating

agreement shall be deemed effective upon recordation, unless the amendment sets forth a different effective date.

(b) Unless otherwise provided by this Act, amendments to community instruments authorized to be recorded shall be executed and recorded by the president of the board or such other officer authorized by the common interest community association or the community instruments.

(c) If an association that currently permits leasing amends its declaration, bylaws, or rules and regulations to prohibit leasing, nothing in this Act or the declarations, bylaws, rules and regulations of an association shall prohibit a unit owner incorporated under 26 USC 501(c)(3) which is leasing a unit at the time of the prohibition from continuing to do so until such time that the unit owner voluntarily sells the unit; and no special fine, fee, dues, or penalty shall be assessed against the unit owner for leasing its unit.

(d) No action to incorporate a common interest community as a municipality shall commence until an instrument agreeing to incorporation has been signed by two-thirds of the members.

(e) If the community instruments require approval of any mortgagee or lienholder of record and the mortgagee or lienholder of record receives a request to approve or consent to the amendment to the community instruments, the mortgagee or lienholder of record is deemed to have approved or consented to the request unless the mortgagee or lienholder of record delivers a negative response to the requesting party within 60 days after the mailing of the request. A request to approve or consent to an amendment to the community instruments that is required to be sent to a mortgagee or lienholder of record shall be sent by certified mail.

(Source: P.A. 99-41, eff. 7-14-15; 100-292, eff. 1-1-18.)

Section 1-25 Board of managers, board of directors, duties, elections, and voting

765 ILCS 160/1-25

(a) Elections shall be held in accordance with the community instruments, provided that an election shall be held no less frequently than once every 24 months, for the board of managers or board of directors from among the membership of a common interest community association.

(b) (Blank).

(c) The members of the board shall serve without compensation, unless the community instruments indicate otherwise.

(d) No member of the board or officer shall be elected for a term of more than 4 years, but officers and board members may succeed themselves.

(e) If there is a vacancy on the board, the remaining members of the board may fill the vacancy by a two-thirds vote of the remaining board members until the next annual meeting of the membership or until members holding 20% of the votes of the association request a meeting of the members to fill the vacancy for the balance of the term. A meeting of the members shall be called for purposes of filling a vacancy on the board no later than 30 days following the filing of a petition signed by membership holding 20% of the votes of the association requesting such a meeting.

(f) There shall be an election of a:

(1) president from among the members of the board, who shall preside over the meetings of the board and of the membership;

(2) secretary from among the members of the board, who shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the board and of the membership and who shall, in general, perform all the duties incident to the office of secretary; and

(3) treasurer from among the members of the board, who shall keep the financial records and books of account.

(g) If no election is held to elect board members within the time period specified in the bylaws, or within a reasonable amount of time thereafter not to exceed 90 days, then 20% of the members may bring an action to compel compliance with the election requirements specified in the bylaws or operating agreement. If the court finds that an election was not held to elect members of the board within the required period due to the bad faith acts or omissions of the board of managers or the board of directors, the members shall be entitled to recover their reasonable attorney's fees and costs from the association. If the relevant notice requirements have been met and an election is not held solely due to a lack of a quorum, then this subsection (g) does not apply.

(h) Where there is more than one owner of a unit and there is only one member vote associated with that unit, if only one of the multiple owners is present at a meeting of the membership, he or she is entitled to cast the member vote associated with that unit.

(h-5) A member may vote:

(1) by proxy executed in writing by the member or by his or her duly authorized attorney in fact, provided, however, that the proxy bears the date of execution. Unless the community instruments or the written proxy itself provide otherwise, proxies will not be valid for more than 11 months after the date of its execution; or

(2) by submitting an association-issued ballot in person at the election meeting; or

(3) by submitting an association-issued ballot to the association or its designated agent by mail or other means of delivery specified in the declaration or bylaws; or

(4) by any electronic or acceptable technological means.

Votes cast under any paragraph of this subsection (h-5) are valid for the purpose of establishing a quorum.

(i) The association may, upon adoption of the appropriate rules by the board, conduct elections by electronic or acceptable technological means. Members may not vote by proxy in board elections. Instructions regarding the use of electronic means or acceptable technological means for voting shall be distributed to all members not less than 10 and not more than 30 days before the election meeting. The instruction notice must include the names of all candidates who have given the board or its authorized agent timely written notice of their candidacy and must give the person voting through electronic or acceptable technological means the opportunity to cast votes for candidates whose names do not appear on the ballot. The board rules shall provide and the instructions provided to the member shall state that a member who submits a vote using electronic or acceptable technological means may request and cast a ballot in person at the election meeting, and thereby void any vote previously submitted by that member.

(j) Upon proof of purchase, the purchaser of a unit from a seller other than the developer pursuant to an installment contract for purchase shall, during such times as he or she resides in the unit, be counted toward a quorum for purposes of election of members of the board at any meeting of the membership called for purposes of electing members of the board, shall have the right to vote for the members of the board of the common interest community association and to be elected to and serve on the board unless the seller expressly retains in writing any or all of such rights.

(Source: P.A. 98-1042, eff. 1-1-15; 99-41, eff. 7-14-15.)

Section 1-30 Board duties and obligations; records

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(a) The board shall meet at least 4 times annually.

(b) A common interest community association may not enter into a contract with a current board member, or with a corporation, limited liability company, or partnership in which a board member or a member of his or her immediate family has 25% or more interest, unless notice of intent to enter into the contract is given to members within 20 days after a decision is made to enter into the contract and the members are afforded an opportunity by filing a petition, signed by 20% of the membership, for an election to approve or disapprove the contract; such petition shall be filed within 20 days after such notice and such election shall be held within 30 days after filing the petition. For purposes of this subsection, a board member's immediate family means the board member's spouse, parents, siblings, and children.

(c) The bylaws or operating agreement shall provide for the maintenance, repair, and replacement of the common areas and payments therefor, including the method of approving payment vouchers.

(d) (Blank).

(e) The association may engage the services of a manager or management company.

(f) The association shall have one class of membership unless the declaration, bylaws, or operating agreement provide otherwise; however, this subsection (f) shall not be construed to limit the operation of subsection (c) of Section 1-20 of this Act.

(g) The board shall have the power, after notice and an opportunity to be heard, to levy and collect reasonable fines from members or unit owners for violations of the declaration, bylaws, operating agreement, and rules and regulations of the common interest community association.

(h) Other than attorney's fees and court or arbitration costs, no fees pertaining to the collection of a member's or unit owner's financial obligation to the association, including fees charged by a manager or managing agent, shall be added to and deemed a part of a member's or unit owner's respective share of the common expenses unless: (i) the managing agent fees relate to the costs to collect common expenses for the association; (ii) the fees are set forth in a contract between the managing agent and the association; and (iii) the authority to add the management fees to a member's or unit owner's respective share of the common expenses is specifically stated in the declaration, bylaws, or operating agreement of the association.

(i) Board records.

(1) The board shall maintain the following records of the association and make them available for examination and copying at convenient hours of weekdays by any member or unit owner in a common interest community subject to the authority of the board, their mortgagees, and their duly authorized agents or attorneys:

(i) Copies of the recorded declaration, other community instruments, other duly recorded covenants and bylaws and any amendments, articles of incorporation, articles of organization, annual reports, and any rules and regulations adopted by the board shall be available. Prior to the organization of the board, the developer shall maintain and make available the records set forth in this paragraph (i) for examination and copying.

(ii) Detailed and accurate records in chronological order of the receipts and expenditures affecting the common areas, specifying and itemizing the maintenance and repair expenses of the common areas and any other expenses incurred, and copies of all contracts, leases, or other agreements entered into by the board shall be maintained.

(iii) The minutes of all meetings of the board which shall be maintained for not less than 7 years.

(iv) With a written statement of a proper purpose, ballots and proxies related thereto, if any, for any election held for the board and for any other matters voted on by the members, which shall be maintained for not less than one year.

(v) With a written statement of a proper purpose, such other records of the board as are available for inspection by members of a not-for-profit corporation pursuant to Section 107.75 of the General Not For Profit Corporation Act of 1986 shall be maintained.

(vi) With respect to units owned by a land trust, a living trust, or other legal entity, the trustee, officer, or manager of the entity may designate, in writing, a person to cast votes on behalf of the member or unit owner and a designation shall remain in effect until a subsequent document is filed with the association.

(vii) Any reserve study.

(2) Where a request for records under this subsection is made in writing to the board or its agent, failure to provide the requested record or to respond within 30 days shall be deemed a denial by the board.

(3) A reasonable fee may be charged by the board for the cost of retrieving and copying records properly requested.

(4) If the board fails to provide records properly requested under paragraph (1) of this subsection (i) within the time period provided in that paragraph (1), the member may seek appropriate relief and shall be entitled to an award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs if the member prevails and the court finds that such failure is due to the acts or omissions of the board of managers or the board of directors.

(j) The board shall have standing and capacity to act in a representative capacity in relation to matters involving the common areas or more than one unit, on behalf of the members or unit owners as their interests may appear.

(k) The board may contract with the highway commissioner of a road district in which the association is located, if the association comprises 50% of the population or greater of the township or road district, to furnish materials related to the maintenance or repair of roads. Any such purchases shall be included in the board's finance report as outlined in Section 1-45.

(Source: P.A. 102-921, eff. 5-27-22; 103-486, eff. 1-1-24.)

Section 1-35 Member powers, duties, and obligations

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(a) The provisions of this Act, the declaration, bylaws, other community instruments, and rules and regulations that relate to the use of an individual unit or the common areas shall be applicable to any person leasing a unit and shall be deemed to be incorporated in any lease executed or renewed on or after the effective date of this Act. Unless otherwise provided in the community instruments, with regard to any lease entered into subsequent to the effective date of this Act, the unit owner leasing the unit shall deliver a copy of the signed lease to the association or if the lease is oral, a memorandum of the lease, not later than the date of occupancy or 10 days after the lease is signed, whichever occurs first.

(b) If there are multiple owners of a single unit, only one of the multiple owners shall be eligible to serve as a member of the board at any one time, unless the unit owner owns another unit independently.

(c) Two-thirds of the membership may remove a board member as a director at a duly called special meeting.

(d) In the event of any resale of a unit in a common interest community association by a member or unit owner other than the developer, the board shall make available for inspection to the prospective purchaser, upon demand, the following:

(1) A copy of the declaration, other instruments, and any rules and regulations.

(2) A statement of any liens, including a statement of the account of the unit setting forth the amounts of unpaid assessments and other charges due and owing.

(3) A statement of any capital expenditures anticipated by the association within the current or succeeding 2 fiscal years.

(4) A statement of the status and amount of any reserve or replacement fund and any other fund specifically designated for association projects.

(5) A copy of the statement of financial condition of the association for the last fiscal year for which such a statement is available.

(6) A statement of the status of any pending suits or judgments in which the association is a party.

(7) A statement setting forth what insurance coverage is provided for all members or unit owners by the association for common properties.

The principal officer of the board or such other officer as is specifically designated shall furnish the above information within 30 days after receiving a written request for such information.

A reasonable fee covering the direct out-of-pocket cost of copying and providing such information may be charged by the association or the board to the unit seller for providing the information.

(Source: P.A. 97-605, eff. 8-26-11; 97-1090, eff. 8-24-12; 98-842, eff. 1-1-15.)

Section 1-40 Meetings

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(a) Notice of any membership meeting shall be given detailing the time, place, and purpose of such meeting no less than 10 and no more than 30 days prior to the meeting through a prescribed delivery method.

(b) Meetings.

(1) Twenty percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum, unless the community instruments indicate a lesser amount.

(2) The membership shall hold an annual meeting. The board of directors may be elected at the annual meeting.

(3) Special meetings of the board may be called by the president, by 25% of the members of the board, or by any other method that is prescribed in the community instruments. Special meetings of the membership may be called by the president, the board, 20% of the membership, or any other method that is prescribed in the community instruments.

(4) Except to the extent otherwise provided by this Act, the board shall give the members notice of all board meetings at least 48 hours prior to the meeting by sending notice by using a prescribed delivery method or by posting copies of notices of meetings in entranceways, elevators, or other conspicuous places in the common areas of the common interest community at least 48 hours prior to the meeting except where there is no common entranceway for 7 or more units, the board may designate one or more locations in the proximity of these units where the notices of meetings shall be posted. The board shall give members notice of any board meeting, through a prescribed delivery method, concerning the adoption of (i) the proposed annual budget, (ii) regular assessments, or (iii) a separate or special

assessment within 10 to 60 days prior to the meeting, unless otherwise provided in Section 1-45 (a) or any other provision of this Act.

(5) Meetings of the board shall be open to any unit owner, except that the board may close any portion of a noticed meeting or meet separately from a noticed meeting: (i) to discuss litigation when an action against or on behalf of the particular association has been filed and is pending in a court or administrative tribunal, or when the common interest community association finds that such an action is probable or imminent, (ii) to discuss third party contracts or information regarding appointment, employment, engagement, or dismissal of an employee, independent contractor, agent, or other provider of goods and services, (iii) to interview a potential employee, independent contractor, agent, or other provider of goods and services, (iv) to discuss violations of rules and regulations of the association, (v) to discuss a member's or unit owner's unpaid share of common expenses, or (vi) to consult with the association's legal counsel. Any vote on these matters shall be taken at a meeting or portion thereof open to any member.

(6) The board must reserve a portion of the meeting of the board for comments by members; provided, however, the duration and meeting order for the member comment period is within the sole discretion of the board.

(Source: P.A. 99-567, eff. 1-1-17.)

Section 1-45 Finances

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(a) Each member shall receive through a prescribed delivery method, at least 30 days but not more than 60 days prior to the adoption thereof by the board, a copy of the proposed annual budget together with an indication of which portions are intended for reserves, capital expenditures or repairs or payment of real estate taxes.

(b) The board shall provide all members with a reasonably detailed summary of the receipts, common expenses, and reserves for the preceding budget year. The board shall (i) make available for review to all members an itemized accounting of the common expenses for the preceding year actually incurred or paid, together with an indication of which portions were for reserves, capital expenditures or repairs or payment of real estate taxes and with a tabulation of the amounts collected pursuant to the budget or assessment, and showing the net excess or deficit of income over expenditures plus reserves or (ii) provide a consolidated annual independent audit report of the financial status of all fund accounts within the association.

(c) If an adopted budget or any separate assessment adopted by the board would result in the sum of all regular and separate assessments payable in the current fiscal year exceeding 115% of the sum of all regular and separate assessments payable during the preceding fiscal year, the common interest community association, upon written petition by members with 20% of the votes of the association delivered to the board within 14 days of the board action, shall call a meeting of the members within 30 days of the date of delivery of the petition to consider the budget or separate assessment; unless a majority of the total votes of the members are cast at the meeting to reject the budget or separate assessment, it shall be deemed ratified.

(d) If total common expenses exceed the total amount of the approved and adopted budget, the common interest community association shall disclose this variance to all its members and specifically identify the subsequent assessments needed to offset this variance in future budgets.

(e) Separate assessments for expenditures relating to emergencies or mandated by law may be adopted by the board without being subject to member approval or the provisions of subsection (c) or (f) of this

Section. As used herein, "emergency" means a danger to or a compromise of the structural integrity of the common areas or any of the common facilities of the common interest community. "Emergency" also includes a danger to the life, health or safety of the membership.

(f) Assessments for additions and alterations to the common areas or to association-owned property not included in the adopted annual budget, shall be separately assessed and are subject to approval of a simple majority of the total members at a meeting called for that purpose.

(g) The board may adopt separate assessments payable over more than one fiscal year. With respect to multi-year assessments not governed by subsections (e) and (f) of this Section, the entire amount of the multi-year assessment shall be deemed considered and authorized in the first fiscal year in which the assessment is approved.

(h) The board of a common interest community association shall have the authority to establish and maintain a system of master metering of public utility services to collect payments in conjunction therewith, subject to the requirements of the Tenant Utility Payment Disclosure Act.

(i) An association subject to this Act that consists of 100 or more units shall use generally accepted accounting principles in fulfilling any accounting obligations under this Act.

(Source: P.A. 100-292, eff. 1-1-18.)

Section 1-47 Successor developers

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Any assignment of a developer's interest in the property is not effective until the successor: (i) obtains the assignment in writing; and (ii) records the assignment.

(Source: P.A. 99-569, eff. 1-1-17.)

Section 1-50 Administration of property prior to election of the initial board of directors

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(a) Until the election of the initial board whose declaration is recorded on or after the effective date of this Act, the same rights, titles, powers, privileges, trusts, duties, and obligations that are vested in or imposed upon the board by this Act or in the declaration or other duly recorded covenant shall be held and performed by the developer.

(b) The election of the initial board, whose declaration is recorded on or after the effective date of this Act, shall be held not later than 60 days after the conveyance by the developer of 75% of the units, or 3 years after the recording of the declaration, whichever is earlier. The developer shall give at least 21 days' notice of the meeting to elect the initial board of directors and shall upon request provide to any member, within 3 working days of the request, the names, addresses, and weighted vote of each member entitled to vote at the meeting. Any member shall, upon receipt of the request, be provided with the same information, within 10 days after the request, with respect to each subsequent meeting to elect members of the board of directors.

(c) If the initial board of a common interest community association whose declaration is recorded on or after the effective date of this Act is not elected by the time established in subsection (b), the developer shall continue in office for a period of 30 days, whereupon written notice of his or her resignation shall be sent to all of the unit owners or members.

(d) Within 60 days following the election of a majority of the board, other than the developer, by members, the developer shall deliver to the board:

(1) All original documents as recorded or filed pertaining to the property, its administration, and the association, such as the declaration, articles of incorporation, articles of organization, other instruments, annual reports, minutes, rules and regulations, and contracts, leases, or other agreements entered into by the association. If any original documents are unavailable, a copy may be provided if certified by affidavit of the developer, or an officer or agent of the developer, as being a complete copy of the actual document recorded or filed.

(2) A detailed accounting by the developer, setting forth the source and nature of receipts and expenditures in connection with the management, maintenance, and operation of the property, copies of all insurance policies, and a list of any loans or advances to the association which are outstanding.

(3) Association funds, which shall have been at all times segregated from any other moneys of the developer.

(4) A schedule of all real or personal property, equipment, and fixtures belonging to the association, including documents transferring the property, warranties, if any, for all real and personal property and equipment, deeds, title insurance policies, and all tax bills.

(5) A list of all litigation, administrative action, and arbitrations involving the association, any notices of governmental bodies involving actions taken or which may be taken concerning the association, engineering and architectural drawings and specifications as approved by any governmental authority, all other documents filed with any other governmental authority, all governmental certificates, correspondence involving enforcement of any association requirements, copies of any documents relating to disputes involving members or unit owners, and originals of all documents relating to everything listed in this paragraph.

(6) If the developer fails to fully comply with this subsection (d) within the 60 days provided and fails to fully comply within 10 days after written demand mailed by registered or certified mail to his or her last known address, the board may bring an action to compel compliance with this subsection (d). If the court finds that any of the required deliveries were not made within the required period, the board shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred from and after the date of expiration of the 10-day demand.

(e) With respect to any common interest community association whose declaration is recorded on or after the effective date of this Act, any contract, lease, or other agreement made prior to the election of a majority of the board other than the developer by or on behalf of members or underlying common interest community association, the association or the board, which extends for a period of more than 2 years from the recording of the declaration, shall be subject to cancellation by more than one-half of the votes of the members, other than the developer, cast at a special meeting of members called for that purpose during a period of 90 days prior to the expiration of the 2-year period if the board is elected by the members, otherwise by more than one-half of the underlying common interest community association board. At least 60 days prior to the expiration of the 2-year period, the board or, if the board is still under developer control, the developer shall send notice to every member notifying them of this provision, of what contracts, leases, and other agreements are affected, and of the procedure for calling a meeting of the members or for action by the board for the purpose of acting to terminate such contracts, leases or other agreements. During the 90-day period the other party to the contract, lease, or other agreement shall also have the right of cancellation.

(f) The statute of limitations for any actions in law or equity that the board may bring shall not begin to run until the members have elected a majority of the members of the board.

(Source: P.A. 99-41, eff. 7-14-15.)

Section 1-55 Fidelity insurance

765 ILCS 160/1-55

An association with 30 or more units shall obtain and maintain fidelity insurance covering persons who control or disburse funds of the association for the maximum amount of coverage that is commercially available or reasonably required to protect funds in the custody or control of the association. All management companies which are responsible for the funds held or administered by the association shall maintain and furnish to the association a fidelity bond for the maximum amount of coverage that is commercially available or reasonably required to protect funds in the custody of the management company at any time. The association shall bear the cost of the fidelity insurance and fidelity bond, unless otherwise provided by contract between the association and a management company.

(Source: P.A. 96-1400, eff. 7-29-10; 97-605, eff. 8-26-11.)

Section 1-60 Errors, omissions, and inconsistencies

765 ILCS 160/1-60

(a) If a provision of the community instruments does not conform to this Act or to another applicable law because of an error, omission, or inconsistency in the community instruments of the association, the association may correct the error, omission, or inconsistency to conform the community instruments to this Act or to another applicable law by an amendment adopted by vote of two-thirds of the board of directors, without a membership vote. A provision in the community instruments requiring members of record to vote to approve an amendment to the community instruments, or for the members of record to be given notice of an amendment to the community instruments, does not apply to an amendment that corrects an omission, error, or inconsistency to conform the community instruments to this Act or to another applicable law.

(b) If, through a scrivener's error, a unit has not been designated as owning an appropriate undivided share of the common areas or does not bear an appropriate share of the common expenses, or if all of the common expenses or all of the common elements have not been distributed in the declaration, so that the sum total of the shares of common areas which have been distributed or the sum total of the shares of the common expenses fail to equal 100%, or if it appears that more than 100% of the common elements or common expenses have been distributed, the error may be corrected by operation of law by filing an amendment to the declaration, approved by vote of two-thirds of the members of the board or a majority vote of the members at a meeting called for that purpose, which proportionately adjusts all percentage interests so that the total is equal to 100%, unless the declaration specifically provides for a different procedure or different percentage vote by the owners of the units and the owners of mortgages thereon affected by modification being made in the undivided interest in the common areas, the number of votes in the association or the liability for common expenses appertaining to the unit.

(c) If a scrivener's error in the declaration or other instrument is corrected by vote of two-thirds of the members of the board pursuant to the authority established in subsection (a) or subsection (b), the board, upon written petition by members with 20% of the votes of the association received within 30 days of the board action, shall call a meeting of the members within 30 days of the filing of the petition to consider the board action. Unless a majority of the votes of the members of the association are cast at the meeting to reject the action, it is ratified whether or not a quorum is present.

(d) Nothing contained in this Section shall be construed to invalidate any provision of a declaration authorizing the developer to amend an instrument prior to the latest date on which the initial membership meeting of the members must be held, whether or not it has actually been held, to bring the instrument into compliance with the legal requirements of the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Federal

Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the Federal Housing Administration, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, or their respective successors and assigns.

(Source: P.A. 99-627, eff. 1-1-17.)

Section 1-65 Management company

765 ILCS 160/1-65

A management company holding reserve funds of an association shall at all times maintain a separate account for each association, unless by contract the board of managers of the association authorizes a management company to maintain association reserves in a single account with other associations for investment purposes. With the consent of the board of managers of the association, the management company may hold all operating funds of associations which it manages in a single operating account, but shall at all times maintain records identifying all moneys of each association in such operating account. Such operating and reserve funds held by the management company for the association shall not be subject to attachment by any creditor of the management company. A management company that provides common interest community association management services for more than one common interest community association shall maintain separate, segregated accounts for each common interest community association. The funds shall not, in any event, be commingled with funds of the management company, the firm of the management company, or any other common interest community association. The maintenance of these accounts shall be custodial, and the accounts shall be in the name of the respective common interest community association.

(Source: P.A. 96-1400, eff. 7-29-10.)

Section 1-70 Display of American flag or military flag

765 ILCS 160/1-70

(a) Notwithstanding any provision in the declaration, bylaws, community instruments, rules, regulations, or agreements or other instruments of a common interest community association or a board's construction of any of those instruments, a board may not prohibit the display of the American flag or a military flag, or both, on or within the limited common areas and facilities of a unit owner or on the immediately adjacent exterior of the building in which the unit of a unit owner is located. A board may adopt reasonable rules and regulations, consistent with Sections 4 through 10 of Chapter 1 of Title 4 of the United States Code, regarding the placement and manner of display of the American flag and a board may adopt reasonable rules and regulations regarding the placement and manner of display of a military flag. A board may not prohibit the installation of a flagpole for the display of the American flag or a military flag, or both, on or within the limited common areas and facilities of a unit owner or on the immediately adjacent exterior of the building in which the unit of a unit owner is located, but a board may adopt reasonable rules and regulations regarding the location and size of flagpoles.

(b) As used in this Section:

"American flag" means the flag of the United States (as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 4 of the United States Code and the Executive Orders entered in connection with that Section) made of fabric, cloth, or paper displayed from a staff or flagpole or in a window, but "American flag" does not include a depiction or emblem of the American flag made of lights, paint, roofing, siding, paving materials, flora, or balloons, or any other similar building, landscaping, or decorative component.

"Military flag" means a flag of any branch of the United States armed forces or the Illinois National Guard made of fabric, cloth, or paper displayed from a staff or flagpole or in a window, but "military flag" does not include a depiction or emblem of a military flag made of lights, paint, roofing, siding, paving materials, flora, or balloons, or any other similar building, landscaping, or decorative component.

(Source: P.A. 96-1400, eff. 7-29-10.)

Section 1-71 Heating and cooling standards

765 ILCS 160/1-71

(a) When a common interest community building has a cooling system or heating system or both serving the entire building, including individual units, the association shall comply with the following standards with respect to the individual units in which people live:

(1) During the cooling season, June 1 through September 30, cooling systems must operate when the heat index exceeds 80 degrees Fahrenheit.

(2) During the heating season, October 1 through May 31: (i) between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m., heat must register at least 68 degrees Fahrenheit when the outside temperature falls below 55 degrees Fahrenheit, and (ii) between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., heat must register at least 62 degrees Fahrenheit.

(b) When a common interest community building does not have a building-wide cooling system that serves individual units, then the association shall provide at least one indoor common gathering space for which a cooling system operates when the heat index exceeds 80 degrees Fahrenheit. All occupants of the building shall have free access to that cooled space. As used in this subsection, "indoor common gathering space" means a room intended to be used as a place where multiple people can gather, such as a lounge, meeting or conference room, party room, or similar that can accommodate a cooling system. Any common interest community building that does not have an indoor common gathering space shall be exempt from this subsection.

(c) This Section only applies to associations in which the initial declaration limits ownership, rental, or occupancy of a unit to a person 55 years of age or older.

(Source: P.A. 103-161, eff. 1-1-24.)

Section 1-75 Exemptions for small common interest communities

765 ILCS 160/1-75

(a) A common interest community association organized under the General Not for Profit Corporation Act of 1986 and having either (i) 10 units or less or (ii) annual budgeted assessments of $100,000 or less shall be exempt from this Act unless the association affirmatively elects to be covered by this Act by a majority of its directors or members.

(b) Common interest community associations which in their declaration, bylaws, or other governing documents provide that the association may not use the courts or an arbitration process to collect or enforce assessments, fines, or similar levies and common interest community associations (i) of 10 units or less or (ii) having annual budgeted assessments of $50,000 or less shall be exempt from subsection (a) of Section 1-30, subsections (a) and (b) of Section 1-40, and Section 1-55 but shall be required to provide notice of meetings to members in a manner and at a time that will allow members to participate in those meetings.

(Source: P.A. 96-1400, eff. 7-29-10; 97-605, eff. 8-26-11; 97-1090, eff. 8-24-12.)

Section 1-80 Compliance

765 ILCS 160/1-80

A common interest community association shall be in full compliance with the provisions of this Act no later than January 1, 2012.

(Source: P.A. 97-605, eff. 8-26-11.)

Section 1-85 Use of technology

765 ILCS 160/1-85

(a) Any notice required to be sent or received or signature, vote, consent, or approval required to be obtained under any community instrument or any provision of this Act may be accomplished using acceptable technological means. This Section governs the use of technology in implementing the provisions of any community instrument or any provision of this Act concerning notices, signatures, votes, consents, or approvals.

(b) The common interest community association, unit owners, and other persons entitled to occupy a unit may perform any obligation or exercise any right under any community instrument or any provision of this Act by use of acceptable technological means.

(c) A signature transmitted by acceptable technological means satisfies any requirement for a signature under any community instrument or any provision of this Act.

(d) Voting on, consent to, and approval of any matter under any community instrument or any provision of this Act may be accomplished by any acceptable technological means, provided that a record is created as evidence thereof and maintained as long as the record would be required to be maintained in nonelectronic form.

(e) Subject to other provisions of law, no action required or permitted by any community instrument or any provision of this Act need be acknowledged before a notary public if the identity and signature of the signatory can otherwise be authenticated to the satisfaction of the board of directors.

(f) If any person does not provide written authorization to conduct business using acceptable technological means, the common interest community association shall, at its expense, conduct business with the person without the use of acceptable technological means.

(g) This Section does not apply to any notices required: (i) under Article IX of the Code of Civil Procedure; or (ii) in connection with foreclosure proceedings in enforcement of any lien rights under this Act.

(Source: P.A. 98-1042, eff. 1-1-15; 99-612, eff. 1-1-17.)

Section 1-90 Compliance with the Condominium and Common Interest Community Ombudsperson Act

765 ILCS 160/1-90

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2029)

Every common interest community association, except for those exempt from this Act under Section 1-75, must comply with the Condominium and Common Interest Community Ombudsperson Act and is subject to all provisions of the Condominium and Common Interest Community Ombudsperson Act. This Section is repealed January 1, 2029.

(Source: P.A. 103-563, eff. 11-17-23; 104-377, eff. 8-15-25.)

Section Art. 5

765 ILCS 160/Art. 5

Article 5

The Service Member Residential Property Act is compiled at 330 ILCS 62.

(Source: P.A. 96-1400, eff. 7-29-10.)

Section 99-5 Effective date

765 ILCS 160/99-5

This Act takes effect upon becoming law.

(Source: P.A. 96-1400, eff. 7-29-10.)

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