

Topic: Business Entity Name Changes

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Jurisdiction: Iowa

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Corporations Canada	
Alabama	
Alaska	
Arizona	
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Colorado	
Connecticut	
Delaware	
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Idaho	
Illinois	
Indiana	
Iowa	
Kansas	
Kentucky	
Louisiana	<p>We do not file a Name Change or any submission with a "future effective date", unless it is a merger. We will accept filings to "HOLD" until that effective date (up to 30 days in advance) and then file them on that date, but we do not record them with our office until the effective date. If someone wants a specific file/effective date, they must submit by paper, they cannot submit online.</p>
Maine	
Maryland	
Massachusetts	
Michigan	
Minnesota	
Mississippi	
Missouri	
Montana	<p>This is currently in our system and delayed effective dates work across initial filings, amendments, dissolutions.</p> <p>In our new system coming out later this fall, only items with status changes will work (i.e. filing articles of termination and changing the status from active to inactive). Otherwise name changes and others will show immediately, but the delayed effective date will be recorded in the history, and display on certificates.</p>
Nebraska	

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Nevada	
New Hampshire	<p>In New Hampshire, if a name change is processed with a future effective date, the name is changed immediately, but the status of the entity is changed from "GOOD STANDING" to "FUTURE EFFECTIVE."</p>
New Jersey	
New Mexico	
New York	
North Carolina	
North Dakota	
Ohio	<p>In Ohio amendments are effective upon the date of filing with our office, so this is not an issue, but we have similar issues with filings like Mergers with future effective dates. Once we file the document the name changes in our system. It can be an issue for business entities, and sometimes we have to manually change the name back and so they can obtain a certificate of good standing under the prior name.</p> <p>This is on my "wish list" to improve for our IT system.</p>
Oklahoma	
Oregon	
Pennsylvania	
Rhode Island	
South Carolina	
South Dakota	
Tennessee	

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Vermont	
Virginia	
Washington	
West Virginia	
Wisconsin	
Wyoming	

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