

1 **FLORIDA BENEFIT CORPORATION LEGISLATION**

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3 **Chapter 611**  
4 Sections 607.1701 et seq.

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6 **Benefit Corporations**Corporation Supplement

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9 **~~§ 611.01~~ § 607.1701. Short Title.**

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11 This ~~act~~Section and ss. 607.1702 through 607.1714 shall be known and may be cited as the  
12 “~~Florida~~Benefit Corporation Act.”Supplement” and is referred to in such sections as “this  
13 supplement”.

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15 **~~§ 611.02~~ § 607.1702. Application and effect of ~~chapter~~supplement.**

16  
17 (1) This ~~chapter~~supplement shall be applicable to all benefit corporations.

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19 (2) The existence of a provision of this ~~chapter~~supplement shall not of itself create an  
20 implication that a contrary or different rule of law is applicable to a business corporation that is not  
21 a benefit corporation. This ~~chapter~~supplement shall not affect a statute or rule of law that is  
22 applicable to a business corporation that is not a benefit corporation.

23  
24 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this supplement, all other provisions of this chapter;  
25 ~~chapter 607~~ shall be generally applicable to all benefit corporations. The specific provisions of  
26 this ~~chapter~~supplement shall control over the general provisions of this chapter ~~607~~.

27  
28 (4) A benefit corporation may be subject simultaneously to this ~~chapter and one or more~~  
29 ~~other chapters, including supplement and to~~ chapter 621. In such event, the provisions and sections  
30 of this ~~act~~supplement shall take precedence with respect to a benefit corporation.

31  
32 (5) ~~A~~Except as permitted in this supplement, a provision of the articles of incorporation or  
33 bylaws of a benefit corporation may not limit, be inconsistent with, or supersede a provision of this  
34 ~~chapter~~supplement.

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36 **~~§ 611.02~~ 607.1703. Definitions.**

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38 As used in this ~~chapter~~supplement, unless the context otherwise requires, the term:

39  
40 (1) “**Benefit corporation**” means a business corporation:

- 41  
42 (a) which has elected to become subject to this ~~chapter~~supplement; and  
43  
44 (b) the status of which as a benefit corporation has not been terminated.

45  
46 (2) “**Benefit director**” means either:

- 47  
48 (a) the director designated as the benefit director of a benefit corporation under  
49 ~~section 611.08~~s. 607.1708; or

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51 (b) a person with one or more of the powers, duties or rights of a benefit director to  
52 the extent provided in the [articles of incorporation or](#) bylaws under ~~section 611.08(6)~~[s. 607.1709](#).

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54 (3) **“Benefit enforcement proceeding”** means any claim or action for:

55  
56 (a) failure of a benefit corporation to pursue or create ~~general~~ public benefit or a  
57 specific public benefit purpose set forth in its articles of incorporation; or

58  
59 (b) violation of any obligation, duty, or standard of conduct under this  
60 ~~chapter~~[supplement](#).

61  
62 (4) **“Benefit officer”** means the individual designated as the benefit officer of a benefit  
63 corporation under ~~section 611.10~~[s. 607.1711](#).

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65 (5) **“Business corporation”** means a corporation formed under this chapter which is not a  
66 [benefit corporation or a foreign corporation](#).

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68 (5) ~~“General public-~~ (6) **“Public benefit”** means a ~~material~~ positive ~~impact on society and~~  
69 ~~the environment~~[effect, or minimization of negative effects](#), taken as a whole, assessed against a  
70 third-party standard, [on the environment or on one or more categories of persons or entities, other](#)  
71 [than shareholders in their capacity as shareholders, of an artistic, charitable, economic, educational,](#)  
72 [cultural, literary, religious, social, ecological or scientific nature](#), from the business and operations  
73 of a benefit corporation.

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75 (6) ~~(7)~~ **“Independent”** means having no material relationship with a benefit corporation or a  
76 subsidiary of the benefit corporation. Serving as benefit director or benefit officer does not make  
77 an individual not independent. A material relationship between an individual and a benefit  
78 corporation or any of its subsidiaries will be conclusively presumed to exist- [at the time](#)  
79 [independence is to be determined](#), if any of the following apply:

80  
81 (a) The individual is, or has been within the ~~last~~[prior](#) three years, an employee other  
82 than a benefit officer of the benefit corporation or a subsidiary.

83  
84 (b) An immediate family member of the individual is, or has been within the ~~last~~  
85 [prior](#) three years, an executive officer other than a benefit officer of the benefit corporation or a  
86 subsidiary.

87  
88 (c) There is beneficial or record ownership of 5% or more of the outstanding shares  
89 of the benefit corporation, calculated as if all outstanding rights to acquire equity interests in the  
90 benefit corporation had been exercised, by:

91  
92 1. the individual; or

93  
94 2. an entity:

95  
96 (A) of which the individual is a director, an officer, or a manager; or

97  
98 (B) in which the individual owns beneficially or of record 5% or more of  
99 the outstanding equity interests, calculated as if all outstanding rights to acquire equity interests in

100 the entity had been exercised.

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102 ~~(7)~~**(8) “Minimum status vote”** means:

103  
104 (a) In the case of (i) a business corporation that is to become a benefit corporation,  
105 (ii) a benefit corporation whose articles of incorporation are to be amended pursuant to subs.  
106 607.1707(4), or (iii) a benefit corporation that is to cease being a benefit corporation, in addition to  
107 any other required approval or vote, the satisfaction of the following conditions:

108  
109 1. The shareholders of every class or series shall be entitled to vote as a  
110 separate voting group on the corporate action regardless of ~~a~~any limitation stated in the articles of  
111 incorporation or bylaws on the voting rights of any class or series.

112  
113 2. The corporate action must be approved by vote of the shareholders of each  
114 class or series entitled to cast at least two-thirds of the votes that all shareholders of the class or  
115 series are entitled to cast on the action.

116  
117 (b) In the case of a domestic entity other than a business corporation, in addition to  
118 any other required approval, vote, or consent, the satisfaction of the following conditions:

119  
120 1. The holders of every class or series of equity interest in the entity that are  
121 entitled to receive a distribution of any kind from the entity shall be entitled to vote on or consent  
122 to the action regardless of any otherwise applicable limitation on the voting or consent rights of any  
123 class or series.

124  
125 2. The action must be approved by vote or consent of the holders described in  
126 subparagraph 1 entitled to cast at least two-thirds of the votes or consents that all of those holders  
127 are entitled to cast on the action.

128  
129 ~~**(8) “Publicly traded corporation” means a business corporation that has shares listed on a**~~  
130 ~~**national securities exchange or traded in a market maintained by one or more members of a**~~  
131 ~~**national securities association.**~~

132  
133 **(9) “Specific public benefit”** includes:

134  
135 (a) providing low-income or underserved individuals or communities with beneficial  
136 products or services;

137  
138 (b) promoting economic opportunity for individuals or communities beyond the  
139 creation of jobs in the normal course of business;

140  
141 (c) protecting or restoring the environment;

142  
143 (d) improving human health;

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145 (e) promoting the arts, sciences, or advancement of knowledge;

146  
147 (f) increasing the flow of capital to entities with a purpose to benefit society or the  
148 environment; and  
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150 (g) conferring any other particular benefit on society or the environment.

151  
152 (10) “**Subsidiary**” means, in relation to a person, an entity in which the person owns  
153 beneficially or of record 50% or more of the outstanding equity interests.

154  
155 (11) “**Third-party standard**” means a recognized standard for defining, reporting, and  
156 assessing corporate social and environmental performance that is:

157  
158 (a) Comprehensive because it assesses the effect of the business and its operations  
159 upon the interests listed in ~~section 611.07(1)(a)2, 3, 4 and 5~~[subss. 607.1708\(1\)\(a\)](#).

160  
161 (b) Developed by an entity that is not controlled by the benefit corporation.

162  
163 (c) Credible because it is developed by an entity that both:

164  
165 1. has access to necessary expertise to assess overall corporate social and  
166 environmental performance; and

167  
168 2. uses a balanced multistakeholder approach to develop the standard,  
169 including a reasonable public comment period.

170  
171 (d) Transparent because the following information is publicly available:

172  
173 1. About the standard:

174  
175 (A) The criteria considered when measuring the overall social and  
176 environmental performance of a business.

177  
178 (B) The relative weightings, if any, of those criteria.

179  
180 2. About the development and revision of the standard:

181  
182 (A) The identity of the directors, officers, material owners, and the  
183 governing body of the entity that developed and controls revisions to the standard.

184  
185 (B) The process by which revisions to the standard and changes to the  
186 membership of the governing body are made.

187  
188 (C) An accounting of the revenue and sources of financial support for  
189 the entity, with sufficient detail to disclose any relationships that could reasonably be considered to  
190 present a potential conflict of interest.

191  
192 § ~~611.03~~[607.1704](#). **Incorporation of benefit corporation.**

193  
194 A benefit corporation shall be incorporated in accordance with [this](#) chapter ~~607~~, but its  
195 articles of incorporation must also state that it is a benefit corporation.

197 § ~~611.04~~607.1705. Election of benefit corporation status.

198 (1) An ~~existing~~-business corporation may become a benefit corporation under this ~~chapter~~  
199 supplement by amending its articles of incorporation so that they contain, in addition to the  
200 requirements of ~~section s.~~ 607.0202, a statement that the corporation is a benefit corporation. In  
201 order to be effective, the amendment must be adopted by ~~at least~~ the minimum status vote.

202  
203 (2) Subsection (3) applies if both of the following subparagraphs apply:

204 (a) An entity that is not a benefit corporation is:

- 205 1. a party to a merger or conversion; or
- 206 2. the exchanging entity in a share exchange.

207  
208 (b) The surviving, new, or resulting entity in the merger, conversion or share  
209 exchange is to be a benefit corporation.

210 (3) In order to be effective, a plan of merger, conversion, or share exchange subject to this  
211 subsection must be adopted by ~~at least~~ the minimum status vote.

212 (4) In the event of an election to become a benefit corporation by amendment of the  
213 articles of incorporation or by a merger, conversion or share exchange, shareholders of the entity  
214 becoming a benefit corporation shall be entitled to appraisal rights to the extent of, and in  
215 accordance with, the appraisal rights provisions of this chapter.

216 § ~~611.05~~607.1706. Termination of benefit corporation status.

217 (1) A benefit corporation may terminate its status as such and cease to be subject to this  
218 ~~chapter supplement~~ by amending its articles of incorporation to delete the provision required by  
219 ~~section 611.03 or 611.04 s. 607.1704 or s. 607.1705~~ to be stated in the articles of a benefit  
220 corporation. In order to be effective, the amendment must be adopted by ~~at least~~ the minimum  
221 status vote.

222 (2) If a plan of merger, conversion, or share exchange would have the effect of terminating  
223 the status of a business corporation as a benefit corporation, the plan must be adopted by ~~at least~~  
224 the minimum status vote in order to be effective. ~~Any sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of~~  
225 ~~all or substantially all of the assets of a benefit corporation, unless the transaction is in the usual~~  
226 ~~and regular course of business, shall not be effective unless the transaction is approved by at least~~  
227 ~~the minimum status vote.~~

228 (3) If a corporation's status as a benefit corporation is terminated pursuant to subs. (1) or  
229 (2), shareholders of the corporation shall be entitled to appraisal rights to the extent of, and in  
230 accordance with, the appraisal rights provisions of this chapter.

231 § ~~611.06~~607.1707. Corporate purposes.

232 (1) A benefit corporation shall have a purpose of creating ~~general~~-public benefit. This  
233 purpose is in addition to its ~~purpose~~-purposes under ~~section s.~~ 607.0301.

247 (2) The articles of incorporation of a benefit corporation may identify one or more specific  
248 public benefits that it is the purpose of the benefit corporation to create in addition to its purposes  
249 under ~~section 607.0301 and subsection (1). The identification of a specific public benefit under~~  
250 ~~this subsection does not limit the obligation of a benefit corporation under subsection s. 607.0301~~  
251 ~~and subs.~~ (1).

252  
253 (3) The creation of ~~general~~ public benefit and specific public benefit under ~~subsections~~  
254 ~~subss.~~ (1) and (2) is deemed to be in the best ~~interests~~ interest of the benefit corporation.

255  
256 (4) A benefit corporation may amend its articles of incorporation to add, amend, or delete  
257 the identification of a specific public benefit that it is the purpose of the benefit corporation to  
258 create. In order to be effective, the amendment must be adopted by ~~at least~~ the minimum status  
259 vote.

260  
261 (5) A professional corporation that is a benefit corporation does not violate ~~section s.~~  
262 621.08 by having the purpose to create ~~general~~ public benefit or a specific public benefit.

263  
264 § ~~611.07~~ 607.1708. Standard of conduct for ~~director~~ directors

265  
266 (1) In discharging ~~the~~ their duties ~~of their respective positions~~ and in considering the best  
267 interests of the benefit corporation, the ~~board of directors, committees of the board, and individual~~  
268 directors of a benefit corporation:

269 (a) shall consider the effects of any action or inaction upon:

- 270  
271 1. the shareholders of the benefit corporation;  
272  
273 2. the employees and work force of the benefit corporation, its subsidiaries,  
274 and its suppliers;  
275  
276 3. the interests of customers and suppliers as beneficiaries of the ~~general~~  
277 public benefit or specific public benefit purposes of the benefit corporation;  
278  
279 4. community and societal factors, including those of each community in  
280 which offices or facilities of the benefit corporation, its subsidiaries, or its suppliers are located;  
281  
282 5. the local and global environment;  
283  
284 6. the short-term and long-term interests of the benefit corporation, including  
285 benefits that may accrue to the benefit corporation from its long-term plans and the possibility that  
286 these interests may be best served by the continued independence of the benefit corporation; and  
287  
288 7. the ability of the benefit corporation to accomplish its ~~general~~ public  
289 benefit purpose and any specific public benefit purpose; and

290  
291 ~~1. — the interests referred to in section 607.0830(3); and~~

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293  
294 (b) may consider ~~2.~~ other pertinent factors or the interests of any other group that  
295 they deem appropriate; but  
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297  
298 (c) need not give priority or equal weight to the interests of a particular person or  
299 group referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) over the interests of any other person or group unless the  
300 benefit corporation has stated in its articles of incorporation its intention to give priority to certain  
301 interests related to its accomplishment of its ~~general~~ public benefit purpose or of a specific public  
302 benefit purpose identified in its articles of incorporation.

303  
304 ~~(2) — The consideration of interests and factors in the manner required by subsection (1):~~

305  
306 ~~(a) — does not constitute a violation section 607.0830; and~~

307  
308 ~~(b) — is in addition to the ability of directors to consider interests and factors as~~  
309 ~~provided in section 607.0830(3).~~

310  
311 ~~(3)~~ (2) Except as otherwise provided in the articles of incorporation or bylaws, a director  
312 is not personally liable for monetary damages ~~for: to the corporation or to any other person for the~~  
313 ~~failure of the benefit corporation to pursue or create a public benefit or a specific public benefit.~~

314 ~~(a) — any action or inaction in the course of performing the duties of a director under~~  
315 ~~subsection (a) if the director performed the duties of office in compliance with section 607.0830; or~~

316  
317 ~~(b) — failure of the benefit corporation to pursue or create general public benefit~~  
318 ~~or specific public benefit.~~

319  
320 ~~(4)~~ A Except as otherwise provided in the articles of incorporation or bylaws, a director  
321 does not have a duty to a person that is a beneficiary of the ~~general~~ public benefit purpose or a  
322 specific public benefit purpose of a benefit corporation arising from the status of the person as a  
323 beneficiary.

324  
325 ~~(5) — A director who makes a business judgment in good faith fulfills the duty under this~~  
326 ~~section if the director:~~

327  
328 ~~(a) — is not interested in the subject of the business judgment;~~

329  
330 ~~(b) — is informed with respect to the subject of the business judgment to the extent the~~  
331 ~~director reasonably believes to be appropriate under the circumstances; and~~

332  
333 ~~(c) — rationally believes that the business judgment is in the best interests of the~~  
334 ~~benefit corporation.~~

335  
336 ~~§ 611.08~~ § 607.1709. **Benefit director.**

337  
338 ~~(a) — shall be designated the benefit director; and~~

339 ~~(1) The~~ If the articles of incorporation so provide, the board of directors of a benefit  
340 corporation ~~that is a publicly traded corporation shall, and the board of any other benefit~~  
341 ~~corporation may, may~~ include a director, who; shall be designated the benefit director and who  
342 ~~(b)~~ shall have, in addition to the powers, duties, rights, and immunities of the other directors of the  
343 benefit corporation, the powers, duties, rights, and immunities provided in this ~~chapter~~ supplement.

344  
345 ~~(2) The benefit director shall be elected, and may be removed, in the manner provided by~~  
346 ~~this~~ chapter 607. ~~Except as provided in subsections (6) and (7), the~~ The benefit director shall be an

347 individual who is independent. The benefit director may serve as the benefit officer at the same  
348 time as serving as the benefit director. The articles of incorporation or bylaws ~~of a benefit~~  
349 ~~corporation~~ may prescribe additional qualifications of the benefit director ~~not inconsistent with this~~  
350 ~~subsection.~~

351  
352 (3) ~~The~~ Unless the articles of incorporation or bylaws provide otherwise, the benefit  
353 director shall prepare, and the benefit corporation shall include in the annual benefit report to  
354 shareholders required by ~~section 611.12~~ s. 607.1713, the opinion of the benefit director on all of the  
355 following:

356  
357 (a) Whether the benefit corporation acted in accordance with its ~~general~~ public  
358 benefit purpose and any specific public benefit purpose in all material respects during the period  
359 covered by the report.

360  
361 (b) Whether the directors and officers complied with ~~sections 611.07(1~~ ss.  
362 607.1708(1) and ~~611.09(a~~ 607.1710(1), respectively.

363  
364 (c) If, in the opinion of the benefit director, the benefit corporation or its directors or  
365 officers failed to comply with paragraph ~~(b)~~ or ss. 607.1708(1) or 607.1710(1), a description of  
366 the ways in which the benefit corporation or its directors or officers failed to comply.

367  
368 (4) The act or inaction of an individual in the capacity of a benefit director shall constitute  
369 for all purposes an act or inaction of that individual in the capacity of a director of the benefit  
370 corporation.

371  
372 ~~(5) — Regardless of whether the articles of incorporation or bylaws of a benefit corporation~~  
373 ~~include a provision eliminating or limiting the personal liability of directors authorized by section~~  
374 ~~607.0831, a benefit director shall not be personally liable for an act or omission in the capacity of a~~  
375 ~~benefit director unless the act or omission constitutes self-dealing, willful misconduct, or a~~  
376 ~~knowing violation of law.~~

377 ~~(6) — (a) — The articles of incorporation or bylaws of a benefit corporation must provide that~~  
378 ~~the persons or shareholders who perform the duties of the board of directors include a person with~~  
379 ~~the powers, duties, rights and immunities of a benefit director if the articles of incorporation or~~  
380 ~~bylaws of the benefit corporation provide that the powers and duties conferred or imposed upon the~~  
381 ~~board of directors shall be exercised or performed by a person other than the directors under~~  
382 ~~607.0732.~~

383 ~~(b) — A person that exercises one or more of the powers, duties or rights of a benefit~~  
384 ~~director under this subsection:~~

- 385 1. ~~does not need to be independent of the benefit corporation;~~  
386 2. ~~shall have the immunities of a benefit director;~~  
387 3. ~~may share the powers, duties, and rights of a benefit director with one or~~  
388 ~~more other persons; and~~  
389 4. ~~shall not be subject to the procedures for election or removal of directors~~  
390 ~~in chapter 607 unless:~~

- 391 (A) ~~the person is also a director of the benefit corporation; or~~  
392 (B) ~~the articles or bylaws make those procedures applicable.~~

393 ~~(7) The benefit director of a professional corporation does not need to be independent.~~  
394 ~~§ 611.09~~ § 607.1710. **Standard of conduct for officers.**

395  
396 (1) Each officer of a benefit corporation shall consider the interests and factors described



397 in ~~section 611.07(1)~~s. 607.1708(1) in the manner provided in that subsection if:

398 (a) the officer has discretion to act with respect to a matter; and

400 (b) it reasonably appears to the officer that the matter may have a material effect on  
401 the creation by the benefit corporation of ~~general~~ public benefit or a specific public benefit  
402 identified in the articles of incorporation ~~of the benefit corporation~~.

404 (2) The consideration of interests and factors in the manner described in ~~subsection subs.~~  
405 (1) shall not constitute a violation of ~~section s.~~ 607.0841.

408 (3) Except as provided in the articles of incorporation or bylaws, an officer is not  
409 personally liable for monetary damages ~~for: to the corporation or to any other person for the failure~~  
410 of the benefit corporation to pursue or create a public benefit or a specific public benefit.

411 ~~(a) — an action or inaction as an officer in the course of performing the duties of an~~  
412 ~~officer under subsection (1) if the officer performed the duties of the position in compliance with~~  
413 ~~section 607.0841 and this section; or~~

414 ~~(b) — failure of the benefit corporation to pursue or create general public benefit~~  
415 ~~or specific public benefit.~~

417 (4) An officer does not have a duty to a person that is a beneficiary of the ~~general~~ public  
418 benefit purpose or a specific public benefit purpose of a benefit corporation arising from the status  
419 of the person as a beneficiary.

421 ~~(5) — An officer who makes a business judgment in good faith fulfills the duty under this~~  
422 ~~section if the officer:~~

423 ~~(a) — is not interested in the subject of the business judgment;~~

424 ~~(b) — is informed with respect to the subject of the business judgment to the extent the~~  
425 ~~officer reasonably believes to be appropriate under the circumstances; and~~

426 ~~(c) — rationally believes that the business judgment is in the best interests of the~~  
427 ~~benefit corporation.~~

428 ~~§ 611.10~~ § 607.1711. **Benefit officer.**

430 (1) A benefit corporation may have an officer designated the benefit officer.

431 (2) A benefit officer shall have the powers and duties set forth in the bylaws or determined  
432 by the board of directors, which may include but not be limited to:

433 (a) the powers and duties relating to the purpose of the corporation to create ~~general~~  
434 public benefit or specific public benefit ~~provided:~~

435 ~~1. — by the bylaws; or~~

436 ~~2. — absent controlling provisions in the bylaws, by resolutions or orders of the~~  
437 ~~board of directors.~~

447  
448 (b) the duty to prepare the benefit report required by ~~section 611.12~~ s. 607.1713.  
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450 **§ ~~611.11~~ 607.1712. Right of action.**  
451

452 (1) (a) Except in a benefit enforcement proceeding, no person may bring an action or  
453 assert a claim against a benefit corporation or its directors or officers with respect to:  
454

455 1. failure to pursue or create ~~general~~-public benefit or a specific public  
456 benefit set forth in its articles of incorporation; or  
457

458 2. violation of an obligation, duty, or standard of conduct under this  
459 ~~chapter~~ supplement.  
460

461 (b) A benefit corporation shall not be liable for monetary damages under this ~~chapter~~  
462 supplement for any failure of the benefit corporation to pursue or create ~~general~~-public benefit or a  
463 specific public benefit.  
464

465 (2) A benefit enforcement proceeding may be commenced or maintained only:  
466

467 (a) directly by the benefit corporation; ~~or~~

468 ~~1. — a person or group of persons that owns beneficially or of record at least 2%~~  
470 ~~of the total number of shares of all classes and series outstanding on the date the benefit~~  
471 ~~enforcement proceeding is commenced;~~  
472

473 ~~2. — a director;~~

474 (b) derivatively by ~~a director or shareholder of the benefit corporation~~ 3. a person or  
475 ~~group of persons that owns beneficially or of record 5% or more of the outstanding equity interests~~  
476 ~~in an entity of which the benefit corporation is a subsidiary; or~~  
477

478 4. (c) derivatively by other persons ~~as~~-specified in the articles of incorporation or  
479 bylaws of the benefit corporation.  
480

481 ~~(3) — For purposes of this section, a person is the beneficial owner of shares or equity~~  
483 ~~interests if the shares or equity interests are held in a voting trust or by a nominee on behalf of the~~  
484 ~~beneficial owner.~~  
485

486 **§ ~~611.12~~ 607.1713. Preparation of annual benefit report.**  
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488 (1) ~~A benefit corporation shall prepare an~~ An annual benefit report ~~including all of~~ shall be  
489 prepared by the board of directors unless prepared by a benefit director or benefit officer. The  
490 report shall include the following:  
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492 (a) A narrative description of:  
493

494 1. The ways in which the benefit corporation pursued ~~general~~-public benefit  
495 during the year and the extent to which ~~general~~-public benefit was created.  
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497  
498 2. Both:  
499  
500 (A) the ways in which the benefit corporation pursued a specific public  
501 benefit that the articles of incorporation state it is the purpose of the benefit corporation to create;  
502 and  
503  
504 (B) the extent to which that specific public benefit was created.  
505  
506 3. Any circumstances that have hindered the creation by the benefit  
507 corporation of ~~general~~ public benefit or specific public benefit.  
508  
509 4. The process and rationale for selecting or changing the third-party standard  
510 used to prepare the benefit report.  
511  
512 (b) An assessment of the overall social and environmental performance of the  
513 benefit corporation against a third-party standard:  
514  
515 1. applied consistently with any application of that standard in prior benefit  
516 reports; or  
517  
518 2. accompanied by an explanation of the reasons for:  
519  
520 (A) any inconsistent application; or  
521  
522 (B) the change to that standard from the one used in the immediately  
523 prior report.  
524  
525 (c) The ~~name~~ names of the benefit director and the benefit officer, if any, and the  
526 address to which correspondence to each of them may be directed.  
527  
528 (d) ~~The compensation paid by \_\_\_\_\_ If the benefit corporation during the year to each~~  
529 has a benefit director in, the capacity of a director, statement of the benefit director described in s.  
530 607.1709(3).  
531 ~~(e) — The name of each person that owns 5% or more of the outstanding shares of the~~  
532 ~~benefit corporation either:~~  
533  
534 1. ~~beneficially, to the extent known to the benefit corporation without~~  
535 ~~investigation; or~~  
536  
537 2. ~~of record.~~  
538  
539 ~~(f) — The statement of the benefit director described in section 611.08(3).~~  
540  
541 ~~(g)~~ (e) A statement of any connection between the organization that established the  
542 third-party standard, or its directors, officers or any holder of 5 percent or more of the governance  
543 interests in the organization, and the benefit corporation or its directors, officers or any holder of 5  
544 percent or more of the outstanding shares of the benefit corporation, including any financial or  
545 governance relationship which might materially affect the credibility of the use of the third-party  
546 standard.

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548 (h) ~~If the benefit corporation has dispensed with, or restricted the discretion or~~  
549 ~~powers of, the board of directors, a description of:~~

550 1. ~~the persons that exercise the powers, duties, and rights and who have the~~  
551 ~~immunities of the board of directors; and~~

552 2. ~~the benefit director, as required by section 611.08(6).~~

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556 ~~(2) If, during the year covered by a benefit report, a benefit director resigned from or~~  
557 ~~refused to stand for reelection to the position of benefit director, or was removed from the position~~  
558 ~~of benefit director, and the benefit director furnished the benefit corporation with any written~~  
559 ~~correspondence concerning the circumstances surrounding the resignation, refusal, or removal, the~~  
560 ~~benefit report shall include that correspondence as an exhibit.~~

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562 ~~(3)~~ (2) Neither the benefit report nor the assessment of the performance of the benefit  
563 corporation in the benefit report required by ~~subsection~~ subs. (1)(b) needs to be audited or certified  
564 by a third party standards provider.

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566 § ~~611.13~~ 607.1714. Availability of annual benefit report.

567 (1) A benefit corporation shall send its annual benefit report to each shareholder:

568 (a) within 120 days following the end of the fiscal year of the benefit corporation; or

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570 (b) at the same time that the benefit corporation delivers any other annual report to  
571 its shareholders.

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573 (2) A benefit corporation shall post all of its benefit reports on the public portion of its  
574 Internet website, if any; ~~but the compensation paid to directors and financial or proprietary~~  
575 ~~information included in the benefit reports may be omitted from the benefit reports as posted.~~

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577 (3) If a benefit corporation does not have an Internet website, the benefit corporation shall  
578 provide a copy of its most recent benefit report, without charge, to any person that requests a copy;  
579 ~~but the compensation paid to directors and financial or proprietary information included in the~~  
580 ~~benefit report may be omitted from the copy of the benefit report provided.~~

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586 (4) (a) ~~Concurrently with the delivery of the benefit report to shareholders under~~  
587 ~~subsection (3), the benefit corporation shall deliver a copy of the benefit report to the Department~~  
588 ~~of State for filing, but the compensation paid to directors and financial or proprietary information~~  
589 ~~included in the benefit report may be omitted from the benefit report as delivered to the~~  
590 ~~Department of State.~~

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592 (b) ~~The Department of State shall charge a fee of \$\_\_\_ for filing a benefit report.~~

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Amendment to Section 607.1302 Relating to Appraisal Rights

**§ 607.1302. Right of shareholders to appraisal**

Add to § 607.1302 new subsections (1)(g) and (1)(h) to read as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ (g) An amendment of the articles of incorporation of a benefit corporation to which s. 607.1706 applies; or

\_\_\_\_\_ (h) A merger, conversion or share exchange of a benefit corporation to which s. 607.1705 applies.

Delete “or” at the end of § 607.1302(e) and delete the period at the end of § 607.1302(f).

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