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CODIFICATION OF THE TEXAS SECURITIES ACT¹

TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE TITLE 12. SECURITIES ACT

Chapter 4001. General Provisions.

Subchapter A. Short Title; Purposes; Construction.

Sec. 4001.001. Short Title.² This title may be cited as The Securities Act.

Sec. 4001.002. Purposes; Construction.³

(a) The general purposes of this title are to:

(1) protect investors and, consistent with that purpose, encourage capital formation, job formation, and free and competitive securities markets;

(2) maximize coordination with federal and other states' laws and administration, particularly with respect to procedure, reports, forms, and exemptions; and

(3) minimize regulatory burdens on issuers and other persons subject to this title, especially small businesses.

(b) This title may be construed and implemented to effectuate the title's general purposes.

Sec. 4001.003. Severability.⁴ The provisions of this title are severable. If any provision of this title is declared void or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions of this title would have been enacted notwithstanding such judicial determination of the invalidity of the provision, and the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.

Subchapter B. Definitions.

Sec. 4001.051. Applicability of Definitions; Construction of Certain Conjunctions.⁵

(a) The definition for a term provided by this chapter applies in this title unless the context in which the term is used indicates a different meaning.

(b) The term "and" may be construed to mean "or," and the term "or" may be construed to mean "and."

Sec. 4001.052. Agent.⁶

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), "agent" includes a person or company employed, appointed, or authorized by a dealer to sell, offer for sale or delivery, solicit

¹ Footnotes provide cross-references to the Texas Securities Act as it was effective on September 1, 2021, and contained in Texas Civil Statutes, articles 581-1 through 581-45.

² Section 1.

³ Section 10-1.

⁴ Section 38.

⁵ Section 4 (part); Section 4.J (part).

⁶ Section 4.D.

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