

**COPARTNERSHIPS (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 164 of 1913**

**449.101a Certificate of copartnership; signers authorized to conduct business as partners for 5 years; renewal certificate; filing, fee, forms, and duration; notice; destruction of certificate; imposition of fees by certain charter counties.**

Sec. 1a. (1) The certificate when acknowledged and filed as required in section 1 shall authorize the persons signing it to conduct their business as partners for 5 years. Within 90 days before the expiration date, a renewal certificate may be filed with the county clerk upon payment of a fee of \$10.00 on forms to be provided by the county clerk. The renewal certificate will extend the right to the persons signing the certificate to conduct their business as partners for an additional 5-year period after the date of expiration of the original certificate or renewal if it has previously been renewed.

(2) Between the ninetieth day and the thirtieth day before the expiration date of an outstanding certificate, the county clerk shall mail to the persons whose certificate will expire, renewal certificate blank forms, in triplicate, together with a notice on a form to be provided by the county clerk that the certificate authorizing ..... and ..... etc., et al. to carry on a business as partners expires at 5 p.m. on the ..... day of ....., and, that failure to file a renewal certificate and pay a fee of \$10.00 before the expiration date above mentioned will constitute a violation of section 6 rendering the persons liable to the punishment provided for in section 6. The notice required in this section shall be mailed by the county clerk to the last known address of persons whose certificates or renewal certificates will expire as stated on the original or renewal certificate. Six years after an original or renewal certificate has expired the county clerk may destroy the certificate.

(3) A charter county with a population of more than 2,000,000 may impose by ordinance a different amount for the fees required by this section. A charter county shall not impose a fee which is greater than the cost of the service for which the fee is charged.

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