

CORPORATE NAME RESTRICTIONS IN KEY STATES

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STATE	STATUTE	TYPE OF RULE	CONSENT FOR USE OF NAME FROM EXISTING COMPANY ALLOWED?	FULLY RESTRICTED WORDS	WORDS REQUIRING SPECIAL CONSENT OR DOCUMENTATION	APPROVED INDICATORS (STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS OF THESE TERMS ALSO ACCEPTABLE)
California	Cal. Corp. Code § 201	Deceptively similar	Yes	Name may not mislead the public.	"Bank," "Trust," "Trustee" or related words. "Insurance," "Credit Union," "Cooperative" (only under section 12311(b)), words requiring permission of the U.S. Olympic Committee under U.S. Code, Title 36, Section 220506.	"Corporation" "Incorporated" or "Limited"
Delaware	8 Del. C. § 102	Distinguishable on record	Yes, except if the existing entity is a domestic corporation.		"Trust" must comply with 8 Del. C. §395. "Bank" requires banking consent unless context clearly shows it is not a banking business.	"Association", "Company", "Corporation", "Club", "Foundation", "Fund", "Incorporated", "Institute", "Society", "Union", "Syndicate", or "Limited"
Florida	Fla. Stat. § 607.0401	Distinguishable on record	No	Name may not imply corporation is organized for a purpose other than one permitted in this statute.		"Corporation", "Company", or "Incorporated"

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Georgia	O.C.G.A. § 14-2-401	Distinguishable on record	Yes. The consenting corporation must also change its name except (1) where the corporation applying to use the name has merged with the consenting corporation or (2) the applying corporation has been formed by reorganization of the consenting corporation.	Name may not imply the corporation is organized for a purpose other than those permitted by 14-2-301 and articles of incorporation; cannot be obscene, cannot exceed 80 characters.		"Corporation", "Company", "Incorporated", or "Limited"
Illinois	805 ILCS 5/4.05	Distinguishable on record	No	Name may not contain words restricted by any other statute.	"Trust", "Trustee", or "Fiduciary", only if it first complied with Section 1-9 of corporate Fiduciary Act. "Bank" and derivatives only if it first complied with Section 46 of Illinois Banking Act.	"Corporation", "Company", "Incorporated", or "Limited"
New York	NY CLS Bus. Corp. § 301	Distinguishable	No	Name may not contain any words that may mislead the public into believing the corporation is an agency of the U.S. or State of N.Y. or subdivision or a public corporation. May not contain a word or phrase that is obscene, degrading or imply unlawful activity. May not contain any word or phrase prohibited by any other statute.	<u>Entity Names in N.Y. That Require Approval From Various State Departments</u>	"Corporation", "Incorporated," or "Limited"

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North Carolina	N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 55D-20 to 55D-21	Distinguishable on record	Yes. Consenting company must also change name.	Name may not imply company is organized for a purpose other than one permitted by GS 55-3-01, 55A-3-01 or 55C-2-01, and by its formation document.	"Bank", "Banker", "Banking", "Trust", "Mutual", "Cooperative", "Co-op", "Insurance", "Engineer", "Engineering", "Architect", "Architecture", "Architectural", "Surveyor", "Survey", "Surveying", "Certified Public Accountant", or "Wholesale"	"Corporation", "Company", "Incorporated", or "Limited"
Texas	Texas Bus. Orgs. Code §§ 5.001 - 5.257	Distinguishable on record	Yes	Name may not imply that the entity is engaged in a business it is not authorized to pursue. May not contain the words "Lottery" or "Lotto."	"Veteran", "Legion", "Foreign", "Spanish", "Disabled", "War", or "World War"	"Corporation", "Company", "Incorporated", or "Limited"
Virginia	Va. Code Ann. § 13.1-630	Distinguishable on record	Yes. Consenting company must also change name.	Name may not imply an LLC or LP or that it will transact special kinds of business listed in 12.1-620 (such as insurer, bank, railroad, etc.); any word or phrase prohibited by law	"Redevelopment" must be organized as an Urban Redevelopment Corporation	"Corporation", "Company", "Incorporated" or "Limited"