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A registered agent is an individual or company approved by the state, who has a physical address located within your company's state of formation or incorporation.

Registered Agents are responsible for receiving all legal and tax documents, including: law suits (service of process), wage liens (garnishments), state franchise tax bills, and annual report forms. Because of this, they must be open during regular business hours.

The Registered Agent's name and address is included on the formation documents and they become matter of public record.

Do I Have to Appoint a Registered Agent?

Almost all states require corporations and LLCs to appoint a Registered Agent physically located within the state of formation or incorporation. Using American Incorporators as your Registered Agent gives you piece of mind that important documents will be handled correctly and efficiently.

Can I Act as My Own Agent?

If you are physically located within the state of your company's incorporation or formation, have a physical address there (PO Boxes are not accepted), and have someone available during regular business hours, you can act as your own agent. When you act as your own Registered Agent, your address will become public record. You can elect a company such as American Incorporators to provide this service, keeping your address private.

If you create your business outside of your home state, you will need to designate a Registered Agent other than yourself. In addition, you may elect to have a professional company, such as American Incorporators, provide this important service in any state.

Can I Change My Current Registered Agent Service to American Incorporators?

Yes, we can act as the Registered Agent for your existing corporation or LLC. We will need to file a "Change of Agent" form, which we will prepare and submit to the state of incorporation with any required filing fees. For more information, please contact one of our Incorporation Specialists.

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