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We own some rental properties in Texas through two LLC's. While routine annual filings through the online system are reasonably simple, any deviation from routine quickly becomes a frustrating, time consuming exercise. My example - we owned rental properties in Oregon in an Oregon LLC. We moved back to Texas over a decade ago and began selling our Oregon properties. As we sold them, we bought rental properties in Texas. That necessitated registering our Oregon LLC as a "foreign entity" in Texas. In 2021 we sold the last of our Oregon properties, established a Texas LLC and transferred the properties (now all in Texas) to the new LLC. No problem so far - but when I attempted to terminate the old "foreign entity" registration, it proved to be an impossible task. I sent in one form which appeared to be appropriate and assumed it was done. Then I received a rather threatening letter from the Texas Corporate Division. I attempted to call - several times, on different days and was NEVER able to talk to anyone. So I found another form that looked like it might work, completed and sent in. No luck. Another threatening letter followed. I wrote a letter of explanation along with copies of the two forms - no response. Tried calling, again no luck. At that point I gave up. The Oregon LLC no longer existed, I tried to do the right thing, it didn't work. A few weeks ago I received a letter stating I had forfeited the right for the Oregon LLC to do business in Texas. Hell yeah, that's all I wanted anyway.

Small business is the backbone of Texas, and it shouldn't be absurdly complicated to comply with small business registration issues. People want to start, run and grow businesses in Texas. Compliance with state regulations, especially for small business, needs to be intuitive and simple, and if you expect compliance, questions should be answered quickly, by real people. All I needed to know was how to terminate a foreign entity's registration in Texas; apparently the current answer is to ignore the Comptroller's office threats until they terminate it for you. I want to make it clear, I don't think this is incompetence - the business office seems to be completely overwhelmed and the website can be an unnavigable, endless labyrinth when you deviate from annual registration forms.