

**BANKING CODE OF 1999 (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 276 of 1999**

**487.14401 Trust powers; conditions, limitations, and restrictions.**

Sec. 4401. (1) Upon application, the commissioner may grant to any bank or state foreign bank branch trust powers as provided in this section, subject to the conditions, limitations, and restrictions in this act.

(2) The commissioner shall not grant trust powers to a state agency.

(3) If the commissioner approves an application described in subsection (1), the bank or state foreign bank branch has the power to conduct a trust business. This power includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

(a) In its corporate name, to take, receive, hold, repay, reconvey, and dispose of any effects and property, both real and personal, that are granted, committed, transferred, or conveyed to it with its consent, according to the terms of any agreement or trust, at any time, by any individual, minor, corporate body, court, or any other person and to administer, fulfill, and discharge the duties of the trust.

(b) To act as agent for the transaction of business, the management of estates, the collection of rents, interest, dividends, and money, and the collection of principal and interest on mortgages, bonds, notes, and securities for money; to enforce the payment of any of these obligations; to act as agent for the purpose of issuing, negotiating, registering, transferring, or countersigning the certificates of stock, bonds, or other obligations of any corporation, association, or municipality; and to manage any sinking fund of any corporation, association, or municipality on the terms to which the parties have agreed.

(c) To accept and to execute the office of personal representative, trustee, receiver, conservator, liquidating agent, assignee, or guardian of any minor, incompetent person, legally incapacitated person, or any other person subject to guardianship. If an application is made to a court for the appointment of a trustee, receiver, personal representative, or guardian of any minor, incompetent person, legally incapacitated person, or any other person subject to guardianship, the court may appoint the bank or state foreign bank branch, with its consent, to hold that office. The accounts of a bank or state foreign bank branch as trustee, receiver, conservator, liquidating agent, assignee, personal representative, or guardian shall be regularly settled and adjusted by the proper office or tribunals. All proper, legal, usual, and customary charges, costs, and expenses shall be allowed to the bank or state foreign bank branch for the care and management of an estate committed to it under this section. If appointed by any court, a bank or state foreign bank branch is not required to give any security except in the discretion of the court. If the court orders the bank or state foreign bank branch to give security, the security shall be a bond in an amount fixed by the court and with a surety company authorized to do business in this state, or with personal surety or sureties on the bond satisfactory to the court.

(d) Subject to law, to exercise by its board of directors or authorized officers or agents all incidental powers necessary to carry on a trust business.

(e) A bank or state foreign bank branch acting as a fiduciary may charge a reasonable fee for its services. In any action or proceeding concerning fees, there is a rebuttable presumption that a fee is reasonable if the fee or its method of computation is specified in a fee schedule or fee agreement of the bank or state foreign bank branch in effect at the time the service is provided and if the agency or custody principal, the trust grantor, or any other person who is entitled to be kept reasonably informed of the fiduciary account and its administration under the estates and protected individuals code, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.1101 to 700.8102, received reasonable notice of that fee schedule or fee agreement before the fee is charged.

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