

**SAVINGS BANK ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 354 of 1996**

**487.3417 Savings bank with branch in another state.**

Sec. 417. (1) A savings bank may establish and operate a branch or branches within any state, the District of Columbia, a territory or protectorate of the United States, or a foreign country, unless the commissioner objects in writing within 30 days after receipt of a written notice from the bank of its intent to establish a branch. The commissioner may issue a written statement of intent not to object at any time before the expiration of the 30 days.

(2) The written notice of intent to establish a mobile branch shall contain a statement by the applying savings bank that it intends to move the location of the physical structure of the branch from time to time.

(3) Except for a mobile branch, a branch of a bank shall not be moved from 1 location to another without prior written notice to the commissioner.

(4) Unless the commissioner objects in writing within 30 days after receipt of written notice from a savings bank of its intent to contract for branch services, a savings bank may contract with 1 or more banks, out-of-state banks, national banks, associations, or savings banks for the depository institution or institutions to act as branches to provide services to the customers of the contracting savings bank. The commissioner may issue a written statement of intent not to object at any time before the expiration of the 30 days. This subsection shall not be construed to limit the powers granted to a savings bank under section 401(cc).

(5) Unless the commissioner objects in writing within 30 days after receipt of written notice from a contracting depository institution of its intent to contract for branch services, 1 or more out-of-state banks, national banks, associations, or savings banks may contract with a savings bank for the savings bank to provide services to the customers of the contracting out-of-state bank, national bank, association, or savings bank. The commissioner may issue a written statement of intent not to object at any time before the expiration of the 30 days. This subsection shall not be construed to limit the powers granted to a savings bank under section 401(cc).

(6) Upon 30 days' advance written notice to the commissioner, a savings bank may contract with a person or entity to act as an agent in an agency office. The written notice shall include the name and address of the person or entity who will act as agent for the savings bank, the location of the agency office, when the agency office will be operational, and the activities in which the agency office will initially be engaged. A savings bank may perform any of the following activities through an agency office:

(a) Accept a deposit to an existing account and record the addition to the account or give other evidence of receipt as prescribed by the savings bank.

(b) Accept a withdrawal form and such other evidence required by the savings bank from an account holder for transmission to the main office or a branch office of the savings bank.

(c) Solicit and accept a new account. Evidence of account ownership shall be issued only by authority of the main office or a branch office of the savings bank. An agent may obtain signature cards from the savings bank for the account holder.

(d) Solicit and accept an application for a loan or for a land contract purchase. The agent shall submit the application to the main office or a branch of the savings bank for processing and approval.

(e) Disburse withdrawn or loaned funds, upon approval of each disbursement by the savings bank.

(f) Accept payment on a loan or on a land contract and issue evidence of receipt as prescribed by the savings bank.

(g) Any other services as approved by order or declaratory ruling of the commissioner.

(7) An out-of-state savings bank or federal savings bank located in a state, the District of Columbia, or a territory or protectorate of the United States whose laws permit the establishment in that state, district, territory, or protectorate of a branch by a savings bank may establish and operate 1 or more branches in this state.

(8) An out-of-state savings bank may apply to organize a branch in this state under this act by providing to the commissioner proof that its deposits are insured by an agency of the United States government. If the commissioner determines that the out-of-state savings bank is safe and sound, that the out-of-state savings bank is subject to regulation, and that there exists an agreement for exchange of supervisory information between the bureau and the out-of-state savings bank's regulator, the commissioner shall provide to the out-of-state savings bank a certificate of organization and eligibility to accept deposits and investments of public funds of the state and local units of government.

(9) Prior to commencing operations at a branch in this state, an out-of-state savings bank or federal savings bank shall provide written notice to the commissioner of the name of the institution, the street address and mailing address, if different, of the institution's principal office, the street address of the branch office, and the

date when the branch is to commence operations in this state.

(10) Each savings bank, out-of-state savings bank, and federal savings bank operating in this state shall do both of the following:

(a) Designate and maintain an agent located in this state upon whom process for judicial and administrative matters may be served and shall provide written notice containing the name and address of its agent to the commissioner before commencing operations in this state.

(b) Notify the commissioner in writing of any change in its designated agent or the agent's address within 10 days following the effective date of the change.

(11) For purposes of this section, the designated agent of a savings bank or a federal savings bank is its chief executive officer.

(12) If a savings bank permanently discontinues the operations of any branch, all functions of the branch shall be considered transferable to, and treated as a part of, the principal office of the savings bank.

(13) A savings bank, out-of-state savings bank, or federal savings bank shall notify the commissioner in writing before discontinuing operations of a branch.

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