

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

**487.3706 Definitions; consolidation.**

Sec. 706. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Existing association" means a stock association engaged in the savings and loan business or federal savings bank business prior to the consolidation under this section.

(b) "Existing bank" means a savings bank, national banking association, or state chartered bank engaged in the business of banking prior to the consolidation under this section.

(c) "New bank" means a savings bank not engaged in the business of banking prior to the consolidation under this section.

(2) Notwithstanding any other section of this act:

(a) Persons as provided in section 301 may organize and incorporate as the incorporator or incorporators a new bank having its principal office in the same city or village as the principal office of an existing bank or existing association in the manner specified in section 302, but without regard to section 302(2) and (3)(b), (c), and (e), and section 304, if the new bank is organized for the sole purpose of effecting its consolidation under section 701 with an existing bank or existing association having its principal office in the same city or village as the new bank and if upon completion of the consolidation a bank holding company becomes the owner of all of the outstanding voting shares of the consolidated organization, other than shares necessary to qualify directors. The new bank and the existing bank may consolidate under the charter of either bank. The new bank and the existing association shall consolidate under the charter of the new bank and sections 701, 703, and 705 are applicable with respect to the consolidation except that the agreement of consolidation may provide that shares of either or both the consolidating organizations, in lieu of being converted into shares of the consolidated organization, will be converted into shares or other securities of the bank holding company.

(b) A shareholder of the existing bank or existing association who votes against the consolidation, or who has given notice in writing to that bank or association at or prior to the meeting called for the purpose of considering the agreement of consolidation that he or she dissents from the consolidation, is entitled to receive in cash from the consolidated organization the fair value of all shares held by him or her, if and when the consolidation is consummated, upon written request made to the consolidated organization at any time within 30 days after the date of consummation of the consolidation, accompanied by the surrender of his or her stock certificates. Upon the filing of the written request and the surrender of stock certificates, the shareholder shall cease to have any of the rights of a shareholder except the right to be paid the fair value of his or her shares. The request having been made, shall not be withdrawn except with the written consent of the consolidated organization. The fair value of the shares shall be determined, as of the date on which the meeting of shareholders of the existing bank or existing association was held adopting the agreement of consolidation, by a qualified and independent appraiser selected by the commissioner upon written application filed by a dissenting shareholder entitled to receive the fair value of his or her shares, or by the consolidated organization. The appraiser selected shall file a written report of his or her appraisal with the commissioner, who in turn shall forward copies to all interested parties. The valuation determined by the appraiser is final and binding on all parties as to the fair value of the shares. The consolidated organization shall pay to each dissenting shareholder entitled the fair value of his or her shares within 30 days following the receipt of the written report of the appraiser. The fees and expenses of the appraisal, which shall be approved by the commissioner, shall be paid by the consolidated organization. The agreement of consolidation shall provide the manner of disposing of the shares of the existing bank or existing association surrendered by the dissenting shareholders.

(c) The commissioner shall approve or disapprove an application submitted under this section in writing within 30 days after acceptance of the application or the last amendment or supplement to the application.

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