

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

**487.13701 Consolidated bank; formation.**

Sec. 3701.

(1) Subject to approval by the commissioner, a bank may consolidate with any number of consolidating organizations to form a consolidated bank.

(2) The approval of the commissioner shall be based on an examination or other appropriate analysis of each consolidating organization and the agreement of consolidation. A consolidation shall not be made to defeat or defraud any of the creditors of any of the consolidating organizations.

(3) A majority of the directors of each organization proposing to consolidate may enter into an agreement, signed by them, or by their designated representative or representatives, prescribing the terms and conditions of consolidation, the mode of carrying the consolidation into effect, and stating other terms required or permitted by this act and any laws of the United States, as well as the manner of converting the shares of each of the consolidating organizations into shares of the consolidated organization, with other details and provisions as are considered necessary.

(4) The proposed consolidation agreement shall be submitted to the shareholders of each consolidating organization, at separate meetings of their shareholders. A notice indicating the time, place, and purpose of the meeting shall be mailed to each shareholder of each consolidating organization at his or her last known address as appears from the stock records of the consolidating organizations, by registered or certified mail, at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. Notice shall not be required if it is waived by the commissioner, or, in the case of individual notice to a shareholder, by the shareholder.

(5) At the meeting, the proposed consolidation agreement shall be considered and a vote by ballot, in person or by proxy, taken for the adoption or rejection of the agreement. At the meeting, each share of stock shall entitle the holder to 1 vote. If the votes of shareholders of each consolidating organization representing not less than 2/3 of the total number of shares of each class of each consolidating organization's outstanding capital stock are cast for the adoption of the agreement, the vote shall be certified on the agreement by an officer of each of the consolidating organizations.

(6) If an out-of-state bank, national bank, association, or savings bank is a consolidating organization and approval is required by the laws of another state or of the United States, that organization shall furnish a copy of the approval of the appropriate state or federal regulator of the consolidation to the commissioner.

(7) The consolidation agreement required by this section shall be submitted to the commissioner, who shall, upon approval, certify upon the agreement the effective date of the consolidation. The consolidation agreement or a copy certified by the commissioner is evidence of the agreement and act of consolidation of the consolidating organizations and the observance and performance of all necessary acts and conditions precedent to the consolidation.

(8) A bank holding company that is the sole shareholder of all of the outstanding issued stock of a bank, out-of-state bank, or national bank that is a consolidating organization in a proposed consolidation may waive the shareholder meeting requirement of this subsection.

(9) In effecting a consolidation, stock of the consolidated bank may be issued in accordance with this act and as provided by the terms of the consolidation agreement free from any preemptive rights of the shareholders of the respective consolidating organizations.

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