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To: Banks and Banking

HOUSE BILL NO. 854  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 81-5-7, 81-12-95, 81-13-73 AND  
2 81-14-153, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE RECORD-KEEPING  
3 REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE BANKS, SAVINGS ASSOCIATIONS, CREDIT UNIONS  
4 AND SAVINGS BANKS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 SECTION 1. Section 81-5-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:[JMR1]

8 81-5-7. (1) (a) Each bank shall retain permanently the  
9 minute books of meetings of its stockholders and directors, its  
10 capital stock ledger and capital stock certificate ledger or  
11 stubs, its general ledger, its daily statements of condition, its  
12 general journal, its investment ledger, its copies of bank  
13 examination reports, and all ledger sheets showing unpaid balances  
14 in favor of depositors.

15 (b) The Commissioner of Banking and Consumer Finance  
16 shall from time to time prescribe by order and so notify each  
17 bank, a classified list of such other records which shall be  
18 preserved and the length of time therefor.

19 Prior to issuing any such regulation, the commissioner shall  
20 consider:

21 (i) Actions at law and administrative proceedings  
22 in which the production of bank records might be necessary or  
23 desirable.

24 (ii) State and federal statutes of limitation  
25 applicable to such actions or proceedings.

26 (iii) The availability of information contained in  
27 bank records from other sources.

28                   (iv) Such other matters as the commissioner shall  
29 deem pertinent in order that his regulations will require banks to  
30 retain their records for as short a period as is commensurate with  
31 the interests of bank customers and shareholders and of the people  
32 of this state in having bank records available.

33                   (c) Any state bank may dispose of any record which has  
34 been retained for the period prescribed by or in accordance with  
35 the terms of this section for retention of records of its class,  
36 and shall thereafter be under no duty to produce such record in  
37 any action or proceeding.

38                   (d) Any state bank may cause any or all records at any  
39 time in its custody to be reproduced in a format of storage  
40 commonly used, whether electronic, imaged, magnetic,  
41 microphotographic, or otherwise, and any reproduction so made  
42 shall have the same force and effect as the original thereof and  
43 be admitted in evidence equally with the original.

44                   (e) To the extent that they are not in contravention of  
45 any law of the United States, the provisions of this section shall  
46 apply to all banks doing business in this state.

47                   (2) No liability shall accrue against any bank destroying  
48 any records held for the period of time as provided in subsection  
49 (1) of this section, and in any cause or proceeding in which any  
50 such records or files may be called in question or be demanded of  
51 the bank or any officer or employee thereof, a showing that such  
52 records or files have been destroyed in accordance with the terms  
53 of this section shall be sufficient reason for the failure to  
54 produce them.

55                   SECTION 2. Section 81-12-95, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
56 amended as follows:[JMR2]

57                   81-12-95. Every association shall keep at the home office  
58 correct and complete minutes of the proceedings and meetings of  
59 members, stockholders, directors and the executive committee.  
60 Complete records of all business transacted at the home office

61 shall be maintained at the home office, and control records of all  
62 business transacted at each branch office or agency shall be  
63 maintained at the home office, except as permitted below.\_  
64 However, any state savings association may cause any or all  
65 records at any time in its custody to be reproduced in a format of  
66 storage commonly used, whether electronic, imaged, magnetic,  
67 microphotographic, or otherwise, and any reproduction so made  
68 shall have the same force and effect as the original thereof and  
69 be admitted in evidence equally with the original.

70 SECTION 3. Section 81-13-73, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
71 amended as follows:[JMR3]

72 81-13-73. Each credit union shall keep sufficient books and  
73 accounts in such form as shall be approved by the Commissioner of  
74 Banking and Consumer Finance in accordance with the NCUA  
75 guidelines. However, any state credit union may cause any or all  
76 records, books and accounts at any time in its custody to be  
77 reproduced in a format of storage commonly used, whether  
78 electronic, imaged, magnetic, microphotographic, or otherwise, and  
79 any reproduction so made shall have the same force and effect as  
80 the original thereof and be admitted in evidence equally with the  
81 original.

82 SECTION 4. Section 81-14-153, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
83 amended as follows:[JMR4]

84 81-14-153. (1) The commissioner shall have the authority to  
85 promulgate rules, instructions and regulations necessary to the  
86 discharge of his duties and powers for the supervision and  
87 regulation of savings banks and for the protection of the public  
88 investment in savings banks.

89 (2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1),  
90 rules, instructions and regulations may be promulgated with  
91 respect to:

- 92 (a) Reserve requirements;  
93 (b) Stock ownership and dividends;

- 94 (c) Stock transfers;
- 95 (d) Incorporators, stockholders, directors, officers  
96 and employees of a savings bank;
- 97 (e) Bylaws;
- 98 (f) The operation of savings banks;
- 99 (g) Deposit accounts, bonus plans and contracts for  
100 savings programs;
- 101 (h) Loans and loan expenses;
- 102 (i) Investments;
- 103 (j) Forms and definitions;
- 104 (k) Types of financial records to be maintained by  
105 savings banks;
- 106 (l) Retention periods of various financial records;
- 107 (m) Internal control procedures of savings banks;
- 108 (n) Conduct and management of savings banks;
- 109 (o) Chartering and branching;
- 110 (p) Liquidations;
- 111 (q) Mergers;
- 112 (r) Conversions;
- 113 (s) Reports which may be required by the commissioner;
- 114 (t) Conflicts of interest;
- 115 (u) Service corporations; and
- 116 (v) Holding companies.

117 (3) Any state savings bank may cause any or all of its  
118 records in its custody to be reproduced in a format of storage  
119 commonly used, whether electronic, imaged, magnetic,  
120 microphotographic, or otherwise, and any reproduction so made  
121 shall have the same force and effect as the original thereof and  
122 be admitted in evidence equally with the original.

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124 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
125 and after its passage.