

CREDIT UNION ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 215 of 2003

490.301 Domestic credit union; membership; organization; approval by commissioner; notice; disapproval; request to reconsider; hearing; appeal; retention by commissioner of original certificate of organization and bylaws; delivery; form.

Sec. 301.

(1) Seven individuals, a majority of whom are residents of this state and all of whom are within the proposed field of membership of the domestic credit union, may file an application to organize a domestic credit union under this act. This subsection does not apply to the organization of a corporate credit union under this act.

(2) A domestic credit union is organized in the following manner:

(a) The applicants shall file an application in the form prescribed by the commissioner. The application shall contain all of the following information:

- (i) The name and all proposed assumed names of the domestic credit union.
- (ii) The location of the principal place of business and any initial branches of the domestic credit union.
- (iii) The names and addresses of the applicants and the number of shares subscribed by each.
- (iv) The par value of the shares of the domestic credit union. The par value of a share shall not exceed \$100.00.
- (v) The proposed field of membership.
- (vi) Any other information required by the commissioner.

(b) The applicants shall deliver the application to the commissioner, with an application fee in an amount established by the commissioner.

(c) Within 60 days after receipt of an application or the last amendment or supplement to the application, the commissioner shall do all of the following:

- (i) Examine the information contained in the application and conduct any investigation the commissioner considers necessary pertaining to the organization of the new domestic credit union.
- (ii) Determine whether the organization of the proposed domestic credit union will benefit its members.
- (iii) Determine whether a federal agency authorized to insure share and deposit accounts has issued a firm commitment to provide that insurance for the domestic credit union.
- (iv) Determine whether organization of the domestic credit union is consistent with the purposes of this act.
- (v) Approve or disapprove the proposed field of membership only on the basis of safety and soundness.
- (d) The commissioner approves or disapproves of the organization of the domestic credit union.
- (e) If the commissioner approves, he or she issues a certificate of approval.

(3) The decision to approve or disapprove of the organization of a domestic credit union under subsection (2) is discretionary with the commissioner. The commissioner shall notify the applicants of his or her decision. If the commissioner approves, he or she shall issue a certificate of organization and approved bylaws of the domestic credit union. If all of the organizers sign the certificate of organization and adopt the bylaws and return the certificate of organization and bylaws to the commissioner, the commissioner shall issue the certificate of approval authorizing the commencement of business. If the commissioner disapproves, he or she shall state the reasons for the decision and the applicant may request a hearing to reconsider the decision before the commissioner within 30 days after the mailing of a copy of the decision to the applicants. Within 10 days after receipt of a request for a hearing to reconsider, the commissioner shall set a date for the hearing that is within 60 days after the date the request was received. If the commissioner does not approve the organization of the domestic credit union after the hearing to reconsider, the applicants may file an appeal of the commissioner's decision in the circuit court for the county stated in the application as the location of the principal office of the domestic credit union or in the circuit court for Ingham county within 30 days after the date of mailing by certified mail of a copy of the decision to the applicants. If the applicants appeal to the circuit court, the commissioner shall retain the exhibits introduced at the hearing and shall forward them to the circuit court. The applicants shall pay the cost of preparation of the stenographer's record of the hearing to reconsider.

(4) If a certificate of approval authorizing a domestic credit union to commence business is issued under subsection (2), the domestic credit union is organized for purposes of this act.

(5) The commissioner shall retain the original certificate of organization and the original bylaws. The commissioner shall deliver the certificate of approval and a copy of the approved bylaws to the domestic credit union.

(6) The commissioner shall prescribe the form of the certificate of organization and the bylaws and shall furnish them upon request to a domestic credit union or a person who is considering organization of a domestic credit union.

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