

Interstate Branching and Merger Act  
Chapter 8, Article 21  
§§ 8-2101 to 8-2108

**8-2101**

***Act, how cited.***

Sections 8-2101 to 8-2108 shall be known and may be cited as the Interstate Branching and Merger Act.

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**8-2102**

***Terms, defined.***

For purposes of the Interstate Branching and Merger Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) Bank means a bank as defined in 12 U.S.C. 1813, as such section existed on January 1, 2012;

(2) Department means the Department of Banking and Finance;

(3) Director means the Director of Banking and Finance;

(4) Home state means (a) with respect to a state chartered bank, the state in which the bank is chartered and (b) with respect to a national bank, the state in which the main office of the bank is located;

(5) Home state regulator means, with respect to an out-of-state state chartered bank, the bank supervisory agency of the state in which such bank is chartered;

(6) Host state means a state, other than the home state of a bank, in which the bank maintains, or seeks to establish and maintain, a branch;

(7) Interstate merger transaction means a merger or consolidation of two or more banks, at least one of which is a Nebraska bank and at least one of which is an out-of-state bank, and the conversion of the main office and the branches of any bank involved in such merger or consolidation into branches of the resulting bank;

(8) Nebraska bank means a bank whose home state is Nebraska;

(9) Nebraska state chartered bank means a corporation which is chartered to conduct a bank in this state pursuant to the Nebraska Banking Act;

(10) Out-of-state bank means a bank whose home state is a state other than Nebraska;

(11) Out-of-state state chartered bank means a bank chartered under the laws of any state other than Nebraska;

(12) Resulting bank means a bank that has resulted from an interstate merger transaction under the Interstate Branching and Merger Act; and

(13) State means any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, any territory of the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

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**8-2103**

***Nebraska state chartered bank; powers.***

(1) A Nebraska state chartered bank may establish and maintain a branch or acquire a branch in any other state with the prior approval of the director and upon payment of the branch application fee set forth in section 8-602.

(2) A Nebraska state chartered bank may engage in an interstate merger transaction in any other state in which it is the resulting bank and establish one or more branches in such other state with the prior approval of the director and upon payment of the merger and branch application fees set forth in section 8-602.

(3) A Nebraska state chartered bank may conduct any activities at any branch outside the State of Nebraska that are permissible under the laws of the host state where the branch is located or of the United States.

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**8-2104**

***Out-of-state bank; powers; interstate merger transaction; notice; powers and duties.***

(1) An out-of-state bank may establish and maintain a branch or acquire a branch in this state upon compliance with any applicable requirements of the Nebraska Model Business Corporation Act for registration or qualification to do business in this state.

(2) An out-of-state bank may engage in an interstate merger transaction in this state in which it is the resulting bank and establish one or more branches in this state. The out-of-state bank shall notify the department of the proposed interstate merger transaction involving a Nebraska state chartered bank within fifteen days after the date it files an application for an interstate merger transaction with its primary regulator.

(3) An out-of-state bank may conduct only those activities at its branch or branches in this state that are permissible under the laws of Nebraska or of the United States, except that an out-of-state bank with trust powers may exercise all trust powers in this state as a Nebraska bank with trust powers subject to the requirements of section 8-209.

(4) All branches of an out-of-state bank shall comply with all applicable Nebraska laws and regulations in the conduct of their business in this state to the maximum extent authorized by federal law.

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**8-2105**

***Repealed. Laws 2012, LB 963, § 2***

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**8-2106**

***Interstate merger transaction; when prohibited.***

An interstate merger transaction shall not be permitted if, upon consummation of such transaction, the resulting bank or its bank holding company would have direct or indirect ownership or control of deposits in Nebraska in excess of twenty-two percent of the total deposits of all banks in Nebraska, plus the total deposits, savings accounts, passbook accounts, and share accounts in savings and loan associations and building and loan associations in Nebraska, as determined by the director on the basis of the most recent midyear reports, except as provided in subsection (4), (5), or (6) of section 8-910.

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**8-2107**

***Director; powers and duties; costs.***

(1) The director may enter into cooperative, coordinating, and information-sharing agreements with any other bank supervisory agencies or any organization affiliated with or representing one or more bank supervisory agencies with respect to the periodic examination or other supervision of any branch in Nebraska of an out-of-state state chartered bank or any branch of a Nebraska state chartered bank in a host state, and the director may accept such reports of examination and reports of investigation in lieu of conducting his or her own examinations or investigations.

(2) The director may enter into contracts with any bank supervisory agencies that have concurrent jurisdiction over a Nebraska state chartered bank or an out-of-state state chartered bank operating a branch in this state to engage the services of such agencies' examiners or to provide the services of department examiners to such agency.

(3) The director may enter into joint examinations or joint enforcement actions with other bank supervisory agencies having concurrent jurisdiction over any branch in Nebraska of an out-of-state state chartered bank or any branch of a Nebraska state chartered bank in any host state. The director may, at any time, take such actions independently if he or she deems such actions to be necessary or appropriate to carry out his or her responsibilities under the Interstate Branching and Merger Act or to ensure compliance with the laws of this state. In the case of an out-of-state state chartered bank, the director shall recognize the exclusive authority of the home state regulator over corporate government matters and the primary responsibility of the home state regulator with respect to safety and soundness matters.

(4) The cost of any examination conducted under this section shall be assessed against such out-of-state state chartered bank in the manner set forth in sections 8-605 and 8-606 and paid for by such out-of-state state chartered bank.

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**8-2108**

***Branch closing or disposal; act; how construed.***

Nothing in the Interstate Branching and Merger Act shall prevent the resulting bank in an interstate merger transaction from closing or disposing of any branches acquired in the transaction in accordance with state law subject to applicable federal law regarding branch closures.

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