

**BANKING DIVISION[187]**

**Notice of Intended Action**

**Proposing rule making related to organizational structure and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Iowa Division of Banking (IDOB) hereby proposes to amend Chapter 1, “Description of Organization,” Iowa Administrative Code.

*Legal Authority for Rule Making*

This rule making is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 17A.3 and 524.213.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code sections 17A.3 and 524.208.

*Purpose and Summary*

The proposed amendments reflect the Iowa Division of Banking’s compliance with Iowa Code section 17A.7(2), which states that, as of July 1, 2012, “over each five-year period of time, an agency shall conduct an ongoing and comprehensive review of all of the agency’s rules [and t]he goal of the review is the identification and elimination of all rules of the agency that are outdated, redundant, or inconsistent or incompatible with statute or its own rules or those of other agencies.” The proposed amendments to Chapter 1 make changes so that rule 187—1.3(17A,524) more accurately reflects the current organizational structure of the IDOB.

*Fiscal Impact*

No current fees are being changed, and no new fees are being added; therefore, the IDOB has concluded that the proposed amendments will not have a fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

*Jobs Impact*

Because no existing authorized activities are being restricted, no new activities are being authorized, no existing fees are being increased, and no new fees are being added, the IDOB has concluded that the proposed amendments will have no impact on jobs in Iowa.

*Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the IDOB for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 187—Chapter 12.

*Public Comment*

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this proposed rule making. Written comments in response to this rule making must be received by the IDOB no later than 4:30 p.m. on September 4, 2018. Comments should be directed to:

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*Public Hearing*

No public hearing is scheduled at this time. As provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b,” an oral presentation regarding this rule making may be demanded by 25 interested persons, a governmental subdivision, the Administrative Rules Review Committee, an agency, or an association having 25 or more members.

*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee’s meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rule-making actions are proposed:

ITEM 1. Amend rule 187—1.3(17A,524), introductory paragraph, as follows:

**187—1.3(17A,524) Division of banking.** The division of banking is a subdivision of the department of commerce and consists of the superintendent and those employees who discharge the duties and responsibilities imposed upon the superintendent by the laws of this state. The superintendent has general control, supervision and regulatory authority over all entities which the division is given authority to regulate pursuant to the Code of Iowa. The division consists of ~~two~~ three separate bureaus: the bank bureau, the finance bureau, and the professional licensing and regulation bureau. The bank bureau has primary responsibility relating to the supervision, regulation, and chartering of state banks. The finance bureau has primary responsibilities relating to the supervision, regulation, and licensing of appraisal management companies, closing agents, debt management businesses, delayed deposit services businesses, industrial loan companies, money services businesses, mortgage bankers, mortgage brokers, mortgage loan originators, real estate appraisers, and regulated loan companies; ~~industrial loan companies; mortgage bankers, brokers, and registrants; delayed deposit service licensees; persons engaged in the business of selling written instruments; and persons engaged in the business of debt management.~~ The professional licensing and regulation bureau has primary responsibilities relating to the regulation and licensing of specified professions by providing administrative support to and coordinating the activities of the following licensing boards: the Iowa accountancy examining board, the architectural examining board, the engineering and land surveying examining board, the interior design examining board, the landscape architectural examining board, and the real estate commission.

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 1.3(1) as follows:

**1.3(1) Organization—superintendent.** The superintendent is the administrator of the division. The superintendent is appointed by the governor, by and with the approval of the senate, for a term of four years. The superintendent’s office is located at 200 East Grand Avenue, Suite 300, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-1827. The superintendent is assisted by the following officials who are responsible to the superintendent:

*a. Bank bureau chief.* The bank bureau chief performs such duties as the superintendent prescribes, including general supervision of all bank examining personnel, administration and

supervision of regulatory examinations, and administration and supervision of all matters relating to the exercise of banking powers authorized by the laws of this state. ~~During the absence or disability of the superintendent, or as directed by the superintendent, a deputy superintendent who possesses the powers and performs the duties of the superintendent may be appointed by the superintendent.~~

*b. Bank analysts.* Bank analysts perform such duties as the superintendent prescribes, including advanced technical analysis and review of examination and financial reports of banks and bank holding companies; assessing, measuring, and monitoring the risk conditions in state banks and bank holding companies; assisting the superintendent and banking council in the analysis of applications submitted to the division for approval; and the review and analysis of bank examination reports.

*c. Finance bureau chief.* The finance bureau chief performs duties prescribed by the superintendent, including general supervision over all matters relating to the licensing and supervision of appraisal management companies, closing agents, debt management businesses, delayed deposit services businesses, industrial loan companies, money services businesses, mortgage bankers, mortgage brokers, mortgage loan originators, real estate appraisers, and regulated loan companies; ~~industrial loan companies; mortgage bankers, brokers, and registrants; delayed deposit service licensees; persons engaged in the business of debt management; and persons engaged in the sale of written instruments.~~

*d. Comptroller Chief operating officer.* The ~~comptroller~~ chief operating officer performs duties prescribed by the superintendent, including management of the administrative functions, information technology needs, and fiscal affairs of the division of banking. The ~~comptroller~~ chief operating officer is also responsible for administration of personnel policies, work rules, payrolls, and employee benefits for all employees of the division.

*e. Examiners. Regulatory* Each examiner performs duties prescribed by the superintendent in a manner consistent with the laws of this state and may be predominantly trained in an area within the jurisdiction of the superintendent. Bank examinations are performed by examining personnel situated in examination regions throughout the state. Each region is headed by a supervisor regional manager who is assisted by a staff of examiners. Each examiner performs duties prescribed by the superintendent in a manner consistent with the laws of this state and may be predominantly trained in the specialized fields of commercial bank and bank holding company regulation, trust asset administration, finance company and mortgage banking regulation, data processing, and other areas within the jurisdiction of the office of the superintendent.

*f. Professional licensing bureau chief.* The professional licensing bureau chief performs such duties as the superintendent prescribes, including budgetary and personnel matters related to the licensing and regulation of several professions by providing administrative support to and coordinating the activities of the following licensing boards: the Iowa accountancy examining board created pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 542, the real estate commission created pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 543B, the architectural examining board created pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 544A, the landscape architectural examining board created pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 544B, the real estate appraiser examining board created pursuant to Iowa Code section 543D.4, and the interior design examining board created pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 544C.