

524.1007 Succession of fiduciary accounts to an affiliate.

1. A state bank authorized to act in a fiduciary capacity may enter into an agreement for the succession of fiduciary accounts with any of its affiliates which are authorized to act in a fiduciary capacity. In the agreement the succeeding affiliate may agree to succeed the relinquishing affiliate as a fiduciary to those fiduciary accounts which are designated in the agreement. The designation of accounts may be by general class or description and may include fiduciary accounts subject and not subject to court administration and fiduciary accounts to arise in the future under wills, trusts, court orders, or other documents under which the relinquishing affiliate is named as a fiduciary or is named to become a fiduciary upon the death of a testator or settlor or upon the happening of any other subsequent event. The agreement shall provide that the succeeding affiliate maintain one or more employees or agents at the office of the relinquishing affiliate in order to facilitate the continued servicing of the designated fiduciary accounts. The relinquishing affiliate shall mail a notice of the succession to all persons having an interest in a fiduciary account at the then last known address, and shall publish a notice of the succession to fiduciary accounts in a newspaper published in the county of the principal place of business of the relinquishing affiliate. After the publication, the succeeding affiliate shall, without further notice, approval or authorization, succeed to the relinquishing affiliate as to the fiduciary accounts and the fiduciary powers, rights, privileges, duties, and liabilities for the fiduciary accounts. On the effective date of the succession to fiduciary accounts, the relinquishing affiliate is released from the fiduciary duties under the fiduciary accounts and shall discontinue its exercise of trust powers to the fiduciary accounts. This subsection does not absolve a bank or affiliate from liabilities arising out of a breach of fiduciary duty occurring prior to the effective date of the succession to fiduciary accounts.

2. Within sixty days after the mailing and publication of the notice, a person with an interest in a fiduciary account included within the notice and agreement required by subsection 1 may apply to the district court in the county in which the notice is published for the appointment of a new fiduciary on the ground that the succeeding fiduciary will adversely affect the administration of the fiduciary account. After notice to all interested parties and a hearing on the issues, the court may appoint a new fiduciary to replace the succeeding fiduciary if it finds that the substitution of the succeeding fiduciary will adversely affect the administration of the account and that the appointment of a new fiduciary would be in the best interests of the beneficiaries of the fiduciary account. This subsection is in addition to section 633.65 governing the removal of a fiduciary.

3. For purposes of subsection 1, "*affiliate*" means a trust company subsidiary authorized by the superintendent pursuant to section 524.802, subsection 12, paragraph "*b*", and located in this state, a state bank located in this state, or a national bank located in this state and organized under 12 U.S.C. § 21, that are under the common ownership of a bank holding company as defined in section 524.1801.

4. The privilege extended to a state bank by this section is also extended on the same terms and conditions to a national bank located in this state and organized under 12 U.S.C. § 21 et seq. to engage generally in the banking business.