

524.312 Location of state bank exceptions.

1. A state bank originally incorporated or organized pursuant to this chapter shall have its principal place of business within the city limits of a municipal corporation. The existence of a state bank shall not, however, be affected by the subsequent discontinuance of the municipal corporation. A state bank existing and operating on January 1, 1970, which does not have its principal place of business within the city limits of a municipal corporation, may renew its corporate or organizational existence pursuant to section 524.314 without regard to this section and may also operate as a bank or convert to and operate as a bank office when acquired by or merged into another state bank and approved by the superintendent.

2. A state bank may, with the prior written approval of the superintendent, change the location of its principal place of business to a new location. A change of location shall be limited to another location in the same municipal corporation, to a location in a municipal corporation in the same county, or to a location in a municipal corporation in a county that is contiguous to or touching or cornering on the county in which the state bank is located. If a state bank has its principal place of business in an unincorporated area, the superintendent may authorize a change of location of its principal place of business to a new location within the same unincorporated area as well as to any location referred to in this subsection.

3. If a change in the location of the principal place of business of a state bank is proposed, application for approval of the superintendent shall be made as required by the superintendent pursuant to this section. A change in location of the principal place of business of a state bank, including a change from one municipal corporation to another municipal corporation within an urban complex, requires an amendment to the articles of incorporation pursuant to sections 524.1502, 524.1504, and 524.1506. A state bank seeking approval of a change of location pursuant to this subsection shall publish a notice of the proposed change of location in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipal corporation or unincorporated area in which the state bank has its principal place of business, or if there is none, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, or in a county adjoining the county, in which the state bank has its principal place of business, and in the municipal corporation in which it seeks to establish its principal place of business, or if there is none, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, or in a county adjoining the county, in which the municipal corporation is located. The notice shall be published within thirty days after the application to the superintendent for approval of the change in location is accepted for processing. The notice shall set forth the name of the state bank, the present location of its principal place of business, the location to which it proposes to move its principal place of business, and the date upon which the application was accepted for processing by the superintendent.

4. Within thirty days after acceptance of an application for approval of a change of location of the principal place of business of a state bank pursuant to subsection 3, the superintendent shall commence an investigation into the circumstances of the application as deemed necessary by the superintendent, giving due consideration to factors substantially similar to those set forth in section 524.305, subsection 1, paragraphs "c" through "f". Within one hundred eighty days after the application has been accepted for processing, the superintendent shall approve or disapprove the application on the basis of the investigation. The superintendent shall give written notice of the decision to the state bank, and in the event of disapproval a statement of the reasons for the disapproval. If the superintendent approves the change in location the superintendent shall deliver the articles of amendment to the secretary of state. As a condition of receiving the decision of the superintendent with respect to the application, the state bank shall reimburse the superintendent for all expenses incurred by the superintendent in connection with the application.

5. A state bank approved under the provisions of section 524.305, subsection 8, shall not commence its business at any location other than within a municipal corporation or unincorporated area in which was located the principal place of business or an office of the bank the condition of which was the basis for the superintendent authorizing incorporation or organization of the new state bank.

85 Acts, ch 13, §1; 95 Acts, ch 148, §31, 32; 2004 Acts, ch 1141, §59; 2006 Acts, ch 1015, §5