

524.228 Interim cease and desist order — final order — suspension.

1. If it appears to the superintendent that a state bank, or any director, officer, employee, or substantial shareholder of the state bank is engaging in or is about to engage in an unsafe or unsound practice or dishonest act in conducting the business of the state bank that is likely to cause insolvency or substantial dissipation of assets or earnings of the state bank, or is likely to seriously weaken the condition of the state bank or otherwise seriously prejudice the interests of its depositors prior to the completion of the proceedings conducted pursuant to [section 524.223](#), [524.606, subsection 2](#), or [524.707, subsection 2](#), the superintendent may issue an interim order requiring the bank, director, officer, employee, or substantial shareholder to cease and desist from any such practice or act, and to take affirmative action, including suspension of the director, officer, or employee to prevent such insolvency, dissipation, condition, or prejudice pending completion of the proceedings. The interim order becomes effective upon service upon the state bank, or upon the director, officer, employee, or substantial shareholder of the state bank and, unless set aside, limited, or suspended by a court as provided in [this chapter](#), remains effective and enforceable pending the completion of the administrative proceedings pursuant to the interim order and until such time as the superintendent dismisses the charges specified in the interim order, or, if a final cease and desist order is issued against the state bank or the director, officer, employee, or substantial shareholder until the effective date of the final order.

2. Within ten days after the state bank concerned or any director, officer, employee, or substantial shareholder is served with an interim order, the bank or such director, officer, employee, or substantial shareholder may apply to the district court in the county in which the bank has its principal place of business, for an injunction setting aside, limiting, or suspending the enforcement, operation, or effectiveness of such interim order pending the completion of the administrative proceedings. If serious prejudice to the interests of the superintendent, the state bank, the officer, director, employee, or substantial shareholder would result from such hearing, the court may order the judicial proceeding to be conducted in camera.

3. The interim order shall contain a concise statement of the facts constituting the alleged unsafe or unsound practice or alleged dishonest act, and shall fix a time and place at which a hearing will be held to determine whether a final order to cease and desist should issue against the state bank or any director, officer, employee, or substantial shareholder. The hearing shall be fixed for a date not later than thirty days after service of the interim order unless a later date is set at the request of the party so served. If the state bank, or the director, officer, employee, or substantial shareholder fails to appear at the hearing, the state bank, or the director, officer, employee, or substantial shareholder is deemed to have consented to the issuance of a cease and desist order. In the event of such consent, or if upon the record made at the hearing the superintendent finds that any unsafe or unsound practice or dishonest act specified in the interim order has been established, the superintendent may issue and serve upon the bank, or the director, officer, employee, or substantial shareholder a final order to cease and desist from any such practice or act. The order may require the state bank, or the director, officer, employee, or substantial shareholder to cease and desist from any such practice or act and, further, to take affirmative action, including suspension of the director, officer, or employee.

4. A hearing provided for in [this section](#) shall be presided over by an administrative law judge appointed in accordance with [section 17A.11](#). The hearing shall be private, unless the superintendent determines after full consideration of the views of the party afforded the hearing, that a public hearing is necessary to protect the public interest. After the hearing, and within thirty days after the case has been submitted for decision, the superintendent shall review the proposed order of the administrative law judge and render a final decision, including findings of fact upon which the decision is predicated, and issue and serve upon each party to the proceeding an order consistent with [this section](#).

5. Any final order issued by the superintendent pursuant to [subsection 3](#) becomes effective upon service of the final order on the state bank, director, officer, employee, or substantial shareholder and shall remain effective except to the extent that it is stayed, modified, terminated, or set aside by action of the superintendent or of the district court of

the county in which the state bank has its principal place of business in accordance with the terms of [chapter 17A](#).

6. In the case of violation or threatened violation of, or failure to obey, an interim order issued pursuant to [subsection 1](#) or a final order issued pursuant to [subsection 3](#), the superintendent may apply to the district court of the county in which the state bank has its principal place of business for the enforcement of the order and such court shall have jurisdiction and power to order and require compliance with the interim order or final order.

7. For purposes of [this section](#), “*substantial shareholder*” means a shareholder exercising a controlling influence over the management or policies of a state bank as determined by the superintendent.

[91 Acts, ch 220, §2](#)