

**533.304 Investment in certain shares or equity interests.**

1. For purposes of [this section](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

a. “*Equity interests*” means limited partnership interests and other equity investments in which liability is limited to the amount of the investment, but does not mean general partnership interests or other interests involving general liability.

b. “*Small business*” means a corporation, partnership, proprietorship, or other entity formed under the laws of the United States, or a state, district, or territory of the United States, that meets the appropriate United States small business administration definition of small business and that is principally engaged in the development or exploitation of inventions, technological improvements, new processes, or other products not previously generally available in this state, or other investments which provide an economic benefit to this state.

c. “*Venture capital fund*” means a corporation, partnership, proprietorship, or other entity formed under the laws of the United States, or a state, district, or territory of the United States, whose principal business is or will be the making of investments in and the provision of significant managerial assistance to small businesses that meet the United States small business administration definition of small business.

2. A state credit union may invest in either of the following to the extent that the total investments under [this section](#) shall not be more than five percent of the state credit union’s assets:

a. Shares or equity interests in venture capital funds that agree to invest an amount equal to at least fifty percent of the state credit union’s investment in small businesses having their principal offices within this state and having either more than one-half of their assets within this state or more than one-half of their employees employed within this state.

b. Shares or equity interests in small businesses having their principal offices within this state and having either more than one-half of their assets within this state or more than one-half of their employees employed within this state. A state credit union shall not invest in more than twenty percent of the total capital and surplus of any one small business under this paragraph.

[2007 Acts, ch 174, §35](#)