PROCEDURES FOR NAME CHANGES OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES

All name changes require approval by the State Bank Commissioner and should be presented in the form of a letter requesting the name change. The letter should include the proposed name, an explanation as to why the request is being made, and a resolution from the bank’s or trust company’s Board of Directors approving the filing of the request.

Requests for bank name changes should include a statement verifying there are no other banks with the same name doing business in the same city or town, or within a 15-mile radius of the bank.

Requests for trust company name changes should include a statement verifying there are no other trust companies with the same name or substantially similar name doing business in the state of Kansas.

The corporations division of the Kansas Secretary of State's office (785-296-4564) should be contacted to confirm the above. In addition, it is advisable for the applicant to inquire whether the proposed name is registered under the Revised Kansas Trademark Act.

Once the application is approved, and at the time the name change becomes effective, an amendment to the bank’s or trust company’s Articles of Incorporation must be made.

Questions should be directed to:
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