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SENATE BILL NO. 176

By Mr. Whito (of Hampshire)

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(S. B. No. 176)

[Passed March 11, 1933; in effect from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section sixty-three, article one, chapter thirty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, relating to the consolidation or merger of corporations.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section sixty-three, article one, chapter thirty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 63. Any two or more corporations organized under 2 the provisions of this chapter, or existing under the laws of this 3 state, for the purpose of carrying on any kind of business, may 4 consolidate or merge into a single corporation which may be 5 any one of such constituent corporations or a new corporation 6 to be formed by means of such consolidation or merger as shall

7 be specified in the agreement hereinafter required. The direc-

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8 tors, or a majority of them, of such corporations as desire to 9 consolidate or merge, may enter into an agreement signed by 10 them and under the corporate seals of the respective corporations, prescribing the terms and conditions of consolidation or 12 merger, the mode of carrying the same into effect, and stating 13 such other facts required or permitted by the provisions of this 14 article to be set out in an agreement of incorporation, as can be 15 stated in the case of a consolidation or merger, stated in such 16 altered form as the circumstances of the case requires, as well 17 as the manner of converting the shares of each of the con-18 stituent corporations into shares of the consolidated corporation, with such other details and provisions as are deemed nec-20 essary.

Such agreement shall be submitted to the stockholders of 22 each constituent corporation, at a meeting thereof, called separ-23 ately for the purpose of taking the same into consideration; of 24 the time, place and object of which meeting due notice shall be 25 given by publication at least once a week for four successive 26 weeks in one or more newspapers published in the county 27 wherein each such corporation either has its principal office or 28 conducts its business, and a copy of such notice shall be mailed Enrolled S. B. No. 176]

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29 to the last known postoffice address of each stockholder of each

30 such corporation, at least twenty days prior to the date of such 31 meeting: Provided, however, That in the consolidation or 32 merger of banking institutions as defined in this chapter, in the 33 case of emergency and upon the order of the commissioner of 34 banking, the meeting may be held upon at least twelve hours' 35 notice sent by mail or telegraph to the last known postoffice ad-36 dress of each stockholder, and without publication. At such 37 meeting said agreement shall be considered and a vote by bal-38 lot. in person or by proxy, taken for the adoption or rejection 39 of the same, each share entitling the holder thereof to one vote; 40 and if the votes of stockholders of each such corporation rep-41 resenting two-thirds of the total number of shares of its capital 42 stock shall be for the adoption of such agreement, then that 43 fact shall be certified on such agreement by the secretary of 44 each such corporation, under the seal thereof; and the agree-45 ment so adopted and certified shall be signed by the president 46 and secretary of each of such corporations under the corporate 47 seals thereof and acknowledged by the president of each of 48 such corporations before any officer authorized by the laws of 49 this state to take acknowledgments of deeds to be the respec-

50 tive act, deed and agreement of each of such corporations, and 51 the agreement so certified and acknowledged shall be filed in 52 the office of the secretary of state, and shall thence be taken 53 and deemed to be the agreement and act of consolidation or 54 merger of the said corporations; and a copy of such agreement 55 and act of consolidation or merger, duly certified by the secre-56 tary of state under the seal of his office, shall also be recorded 57 in the offices of the clerks of the county courts of the counties 58 of this state in which the respective corporations so consoli-59 dating or merging shall have their original certificates of incor-60 poration recorded, if any, or if any of the corporations shall 61 have been specially created by a public act of the legislature, 62 then such agreement shall be recorded in the county where such 63 corporation shall have had its principal place of business, if 64 any, and such record, or a certified copy thereof, shall be evi-65 dence of the agreement and act of consolidation or merger of 66 such corporations, and of the observance and performance of 67 all acts and conditions necessary to have been observed and 68 performed precedent to such consolidation or merger.

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