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SENATE BILL NO. 176

By Mr. White (of Hampshire)

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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 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-
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 corpora-
11 tions, 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 corpora-
19 tion, with such other details and provisions as are deemed nec-
20 essary.
21 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
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-
tive act, deed and agreement of each of such corporations, and the agreement so certified and acknowledged shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state, and shall thence be taken and deemed to be the agreement and act of consolidation or merger of the said corporations; and a copy of such agreement and act of consolidation or merger, duly certified by the secretary of state under the seal of his office, shall also be recorded in the offices of the clerks of the county courts of the counties of this state in which the respective corporations so consolidating or merging shall have their original certificates of incorporation recorded, if any, or if any of the corporations shall have been specially created by a public act of the legislature, then such agreement shall be recorded in the county where such corporation shall have had its principal place of business, if any, and such record, or a certified copy thereof, shall be evidence of the agreement and act of consolidation or merger of such corporations, and of the observance and performance of all acts and conditions necessary to have been observed and performed precedent to such consolidation or merger.