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AN ACT to amend and reenact section fifteen, article eight, chapter thirty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the annual meeting of stockholders of banking institutions; preparation and submission to stockholders of statements of the financial condition of banking institutions; the appointment by stockholders of an examining committee and prescribing the duties of such committee.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

Section 15. Annual Meeting; Financial Statement;
2 Examining Committee; Appointment, Duties and Report.

—The stockholders of each banking institution shall meet annually and at such annual meeting it shall be the duty of the cashier or other executive officer of such banking institution to prepare and submit to the stockholders a 6 clear and concise statement of the financial condition of the corporation as of the close of business on the last day of the month next preceding. At such meeting, the stockholders present in person or by proxy shall, by 10 11 majority vote, elect an examining committee composed 12 of not less than three nor more than five persons, each 13 of whom shall be a stockholder in such banking institution. At such time or times as it may be directed to do so by the written request of the commissioner of bank-15 16 ing, such committee shall immediately proceed to exam-17 ine the condition of the bank and, upon completion of 18 such examination, shall file its report in writing with the 19 board of directors. Such report shall set forth in detail 20 all items included in the assets of the bank which the committee has reason to believe are not of the value at 21 22 which they appear on the books and records of the bank, and shall give the value of each of such items according 23

24 to its judgment. The board shall cause such report to be recorded in the minute books of the bank and shall 25 26 transmit a duly authenticated copy thereof to the commissioner of banking. Should such committee deem it 27 28 advisable, it may, with the consent and approval of the 29 board of directors, employ competent accountants or audi-30 tors to make such examination or, if directed by the com-31 missioner of banking, shall make the same in conjunction 32 with the regular examination of the banking department. 33 The examiners of the banking department may require 34 the presence of the examining committee or the executive 35 committee during their examination.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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