

§ 1423. Federal Home Loan Bank districts; number and boundaries; establishment of Federal Home Loan Banks; names

(a) In general

As soon as practicable the Director shall divide the continental United States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii into not less than eight nor more than twelve districts. Such districts shall be apportioned with due regard to the convenience and customary course of business of the institutions eligible to and likely to subscribe for stock of a Federal Home Loan Bank to be formed under this chapter, but no such district shall contain a fractional part of any State. The districts thus created may be readjusted and new districts may from time to time be created by the Director, not to exceed twelve in all. Such districts shall be known as Federal Home Loan Bank districts and may be designated by number. As soon as practicable the Director shall establish, in each district, a Federal Home Loan Bank at such city as may be designated by the Director. Its title shall include the name of the city at which it is established.

(b) Authority to reduce districts

Notwithstanding subsection (a), the number of districts may be reduced to a number less than 8—

(1) pursuant to a voluntary merger between Banks, as approved pursuant to section 1446(b) of this title; or

(2) pursuant to a decision by the Director to liquidate a Bank pursuant to section 4617 of this title.

(July 22, 1932, ch. 522, §3, 47 Stat. 726; July 14, 1952, ch. 723, §10(c), 66 Stat. 604; Pub. L. 101-73, title VII, §701(b)(1), (3)(A), Aug. 9, 1989, 103 Stat. 412; Pub. L. 110-289, div. A, title II, §§1204(8), 1210, July 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2786, 2790.)

AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-289, §1210, designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, and added subsec. (b).

Pub. L. 110-289, §1204(8), substituted “the Director” for “the Board” wherever appearing.

1989—Pub. L. 101-73 substituted “Board” for “board” wherever appearing.

1952—Act July 14, 1952, inserted “Guam,” after “Virgin Islands,”.

ADMISSION OF ALASKA AND HAWAII TO STATEHOOD

Alaska was admitted into the Union on Jan. 3, 1959, on issuance of Proc. No. 3269, Jan. 3, 1959, 24 F.R. 81, 73 Stat. c16, and Hawaii was admitted into the Union on Aug. 21, 1959, on issuance of Proc. No. 3309, Aug. 21, 1959, 24 F.R. 6868, 73 Stat. c74. For Alaska Statehood Law, see Pub. L. 85-508, July 7, 1958, 72 Stat. 339, set out as a note preceding section 21 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions. For Hawaii Statehood Law, see Pub. L. 86-3, Mar. 18, 1959, 73 Stat. 4, set out as a note preceding section 491 of Title 48.

§ 1424. Eligibility for membership

(a) Criteria for eligibility

(1) In general

Any building and loan association, savings and loan association, cooperative bank, home-
stead association, insurance company, savings

bank, community development financial institution, or any insured depository institution (as defined in section 1422 of this title), shall be eligible to become a member of a Federal Home Loan Bank if such institution—

(A) is duly organized under the laws of any State or of the United States;

(B) is subject to inspection and regulation under the banking laws, or under similar laws, of the State or of the United States or, in the case of a community development financial institution, is certified as a community development financial institution under the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994 [12 U.S.C. 4701 et seq.];¹ and

(C) makes such home mortgage loans as, in the judgment of the Director, are long-term loans (except that in the case of a savings bank, this subparagraph applies only if, in the judgment of the Director, its time deposits, as defined in section 461 of this title, warrant its making such loans).

(2) Qualified thrift lender

An insured depository institution that is not a member on January 1, 1989, may become a member of a Federal Home Loan Bank only if—

(A) the insured depository institution (other than a community financial institution) has at least 10 percent of its total assets in residential mortgage loans;

(B) the insured depository institution's financial condition is such that advances may be safely made to such institution; and

(C) the character of its management and its home-financing policy are consistent with sound and economical home financing.

(3) Certain institutions

An insured depository institution commencing its initial business operations after January 1, 1989, may become a member of a Federal Home Loan Bank if it complies with regulations and orders prescribed by the Director for the 10 percent asset requirement (described in the² paragraph (2)) within one year after the commencement of its operations.

(4) Limited exemption for community financial institutions

A community financial institution that otherwise meets the requirements of paragraph (2) may become a member without regard to the percentage of its total assets that is represented by residential mortgage loans, as described in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2).

(b) Location requirement

An institution eligible to become a member under this section may become a member only of, or secure advances from, the Federal Home Loan Bank of the district in which is located the institution's principal place of business, or of the bank of a district adjoining such district, if demanded by convenience and then only with the approval of the Director.

¹ So in original.

² So in original. The word “the” probably should not appear.

(c) Inspection and regulation requirements

Notwithstanding the provisions of clause (2) of subsection (a) of this section requiring inspection and regulation under law as a condition with respect to eligibility for membership, any building and loan association which would be eligible to become a member of a Federal Home Loan Bank except for the fact that it is not subject to inspection and regulation under the banking laws or similar laws of the State in which such association is organized shall, upon subjecting itself to such inspection and regulation as the Director shall prescribe, be eligible to become a member.

(July 22, 1932, ch. 522, § 4, 47 Stat. 726; June 13, 1933, ch. 64, § 3, 48 Stat. 129; Pub. L. 101-73, title VII, §§ 701(b)(1), (3)(A), 704(a), 710(b)(1), Aug. 9, 1989, 103 Stat. 412, 415, 418; Pub. L. 106-102, title VI, § 605, Nov. 12, 1999, 113 Stat. 1452; Pub. L. 110-289, div. A, title II, §§ 1204(8), 1206, July 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2786, 2787.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994, referred to in subsec. (a)(1)(B), is subtitle A (§§ 101-121) of title I of Pub. L. 103-325, Sept. 23, 1994, 108 Stat. 2163, which is classified principally to subchapter I (§ 4701 et seq.) of chapter 47 of this title. For complete classification of subtitle A to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 4701 of this title and Tables.

Section 461 of this title, referred to in subsec. (a)(1)(C), was in the original "section 19 of the Federal Reserve Act". Definition provisions of section 19 are classified to section 461 of this title. Other provisions of section 19 are classified to sections 142, 371b, 371b-1, 374, 374a, 463 to 466, 505, and 506 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 110-289, § 1206(1), which directed insertion of "community development financial institution," after "savings bank," was executed by making the insertion after "savings bank," the first time appearing.

Subsec. (a)(1)(B). Pub. L. 110-289, § 1206(2), which directed insertion of "or, in the case of a community development financial institution, is certified as a community development financial institution under the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994." after "United States," was executed by making the insertion after "United States" to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Subsecs. (a)(1)(C), (3), (b), (c). Pub. L. 110-289, § 1204(8), substituted "the Director" for "the Board" wherever appearing.

1999—Subsec. (a)(2) to (4). Pub. L. 106-102 inserted "(other than a community financial institution)" after "institution" in par. (2)(A), designated concluding provisions of par. (2) as par. (3), inserted heading and substituted "paragraph (2)" for "preceding sentence", and added par. (4).

1989—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 101-73, § 704(a), amended subsec. (a) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (a) read as follows: "Any building and loan association, savings and loan association, cooperative bank, homestead association, insurance company, or savings bank shall be eligible to become a member of, or a nonmember borrower of, a Federal Home Loan Bank if such institution (1) is duly organized under the laws of any State or of the United States; (2) is subject to inspection and regulation under the banking laws, or under similar laws, of the State or of the United States; and (3) makes such home mortgage loans as in the judgment of the board, are long-term loans (and in the case of a savings bank if, in the judgment of the board, its time deposits, as defined in section 461 of this title, warrant its making

such loans). No institution shall be eligible to become a member of, or a nonmember borrower of, a Federal Home Loan Bank if, in the judgment of the board, its financial condition is such that advances may not safely be made to such institution or the character of its management or its home-financing policy is inconsistent with sound and economical home financing, or with the purposes of this chapter."

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 101-73, § 710(b)(1), struck out "or a nonmember borrower" after "eligible to become a member".

Pub. L. 101-73, § 701(b)(1), (3)(A), substituted "Board" for "board".

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 101-73, § 701(b)(1), (3)(A), substituted "Board" for "board".

1933—Subsec. (d). Act June 13, 1933, struck out subsec. (d) which provided for direct loans to homeowners. See chapter 12 (§ 1461 et seq.) of this title.

§§ 1425 to 1425b. Repealed. Pub. L. 101-73, title VII, §§ 705, 716, 720, Aug. 9, 1989, 103 Stat. 416, 421, 423

Section 1425, acts July 22, 1932, ch. 522, § 5, 47 Stat. 727; Dec. 24, 1969, Pub. L. 91-152, title IV, § 416(a), 83 Stat. 401, related to limitation on lawful contract rate of interest receivable by members and nonmember borrowers, and applicability to home mortgage loans on single-family dwellings.

Section 1425a, act July 22, 1932, ch. 522, § 5A, as added June 27, 1950, ch. 369, § 1, 64 Stat. 256; amended Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 783, title I, § 109(a)(3), 69 Stat. 640; Sept. 21, 1968, Pub. L. 90-505, § 4, 82 Stat. 856; Mar. 31, 1980, Pub. L. 96-221, title I, § 104(b), title IV, § 405, 94 Stat. 139, 158; Oct. 8, 1980, Pub. L. 96-399, title III, § 325(a), 94 Stat. 1648; Oct. 15, 1982, Pub. L. 97-320, title III, § 332, 96 Stat. 1504; Oct. 17, 1984, Pub. L. 98-479, title II, § 207, 98 Stat. 2235, related to liquidity requirements for savings and loan associations and other members.

Section 1425b, act July 22, 1932, ch. 522, § 5B, as added Sept. 21, 1966, Pub. L. 89-597, § 4, 80 Stat. 824; amended Sept. 21, 1968, Pub. L. 90-505, § 2(c), 82 Stat. 856; Dec. 23, 1969, Pub. L. 91-151, § 2(b), 83 Stat. 372; Oct. 29, 1974, Pub. L. 93-501, title I, § 103, title III, § 303, 88 Stat. 1558, 1560; Nov. 5, 1979, Pub. L. 96-104, title II, § 203, 93 Stat. 793; Dec. 28, 1979, Pub. L. 96-161, title II, § 210, 93 Stat. 1239; Mar. 31, 1980, Pub. L. 96-221, title II, § 207(b)(7)-(9), title V, § 529, 94 Stat. 144, 168, related to rate of interest payable on deposits, shares or withdrawable accounts by members, insured institutions and other nonmember financial institutions.

§ 1426. Capital structure of Federal home loan banks**(a) Regulations****(1) Capital standards**

Not later than 18 months after November 12, 1999, the Director shall issue regulations prescribing uniform capital standards applicable to each Federal home loan bank, which shall require each such bank to meet—

(A) the leverage requirement specified in paragraph (2); and

(B) the risk-based capital requirements, in accordance with paragraph (3).

(2) Leverage requirement**(A) In general**

The leverage requirement shall require each Federal home loan bank to maintain a minimum amount of total capital based on the total assets of the bank and shall be 5 percent.

(B) Treatment of stock and retained earnings

In determining compliance with the minimum leverage ratio established under sub-