

HOUSE No. 1000

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to banks and banking..

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 168 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section
2 34, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following
3 section:-

4 Section 34. Any two or more such corporations may merge or consolidate into a single
5 corporation on such terms as shall have been approved in writing by the commissioner. A request
6 for such approval by the commissioner shall be accompanied by an investigation fee, the amount
7 of which shall be determined annually by the commissioner of administration. If the
8 commissioner is satisfied that a merger or consolidation of a savings bank proposing liquidation,
9 as provided in section thirty-three, can be effected, upon terms approved by him, with another
10 savings bank and if he finds that such merger or consolidation is in the interests of the depositors
11 of the savings banks concerned, such merger or consolidation may be effected on such terms and
12 subject to the direction of the commissioner. In making a finding that such merger or
13 consolidation is in the interests of the depositors, the commissioner shall also determine whether
14 or not competition among banking institutions will be unreasonably affected and whether or not

15 public convenience and advantage will be promoted. In making such determination, the
16 commissioner shall consider, but not be limited to, a showing of net new benefits. For the
17 purpose of this section, the term “net new benefits” shall mean initial capital investments, job
18 creation plans, consumer and business services, commitments to maintain and open branch
19 offices within a bank’s delineated community, as such term is used within section fourteen of
20 chapter one hundred and sixty-seven, and such other matters as the commissioner may
21 determine. If the consolidating corporations have main offices in different counties, the main
22 office of the continuing corporation shall be the main office of that consolidating corporation
23 which has the greater total assets on the date on which the merger or consolidation is approved
24 by the board of the last consolidating corporation so to approve; provided, however, that upon a
25 determination by the commissioner that such consolidation is not for the purpose of
26 circumventing any geographic restrictions on the establishment of branch offices, he may allow
27 the main office of the consolidating corporation which has the lesser total assets on such date to
28 be the main office of the continuing corporation. Before becoming effective, any such merger or
29 consolidation, hereinafter sometimes referred to as a “consolidation”, shall have been approved
30 by a vote of at least two-thirds of the corporators of each of the consolidating corporations at
31 special meetings called to consider the subject. Notice of each such meeting shall be given by the
32 clerk in accordance with the provisions of section nine A. A certificate under the hands of the
33 presidents and clerks or other duly authorized officers of the consolidating corporation,
34 respectively, stating that all requirements of this section have been complied with shall be
35 submitted to the commissioner who, if he shall approve such consolidation, shall endorse his
36 approval upon such certificate.

37 Articles of consolidation or merger shall be filed with the state secretary which shall set
38 forth the due adoption of an agreement of consolidation or merger and shall state: (i) the names
39 of the corporations and the name of the resulting or surviving corporation; (ii) the effective date
40 of the consolidation or merger determined pursuant to the agreement of consolidation or merger;
41 and, (iii) any amendment to the articles of organization of the surviving corporation to be
42 effected pursuant to the agreement of merger. Such articles of consolidation or merger shall be
43 signed by the president or a vice president and the clerk or an assistant clerk of each corporation,
44 who shall state under the penalties of perjury that the agreement of consolidation or merger has
45 been duly executed on behalf of such corporation and has been approved as required.

46 The form on which articles of consolidation or merger are filed shall also contain the
47 following information which shall not for any purpose be treated as a permanent part of the
48 articles of organization of the resulting or surviving corporation:

49 (1) the post office address of the initial principal office of the resulting or surviving
50 corporation in the commonwealth;

51 (2) the name, residence and post office address of each of the initial trustees or directors
52 and the president, treasurer and clerk of the resulting or surviving corporation;

53 (3) the fiscal year of the resulting or surviving corporation initially adopted;

54 (4) the date initially fixed in the by-laws for the annual meeting of the shareholders or
55 members of the resulting or surviving corporation.

56 The consolidation or merger shall become effective when the articles of consolidation or
57 merger are filed in accordance with section 1.25 of chapter one hundred and fifty-six D, unless

58 said articles specify a later effective date not more than ninety days after such filing in
59 accordance with section 1.23 of chapter one hundred and fifty-six D, in which event the
60 consolidation or merger shall become effective on such later date. Upon consolidation of any
61 such corporations, as herein provided:

62 1. The corporate existence of all but one of the consolidating corporations shall be
63 discontinued and consolidated into that of the remaining corporation, which shall continue. All
64 and singular the rights, privileges and franchises of each discontinuing corporation and its right,
65 title and interest to all property of whatever kind, whether real, personal or mixed, and things in
66 action, and every right, privilege, interest or asset of conceivable value or benefit then existing
67 which would inure to it under an unconsolidated existence, shall be deemed fully and finally, and
68 without any right of reversion, transferred to or vested in the continuing corporation, without
69 further act or deed, and such continuing corporation shall have and hold the same in its own right
70 as fully as if the same was possessed and held by the discontinuing corporation from which it
71 was, by operation of the provisions hereof, transferred, and other provisions of law relative to
72 limitations on the number of corporators or trustees and on the investment of funds of such
73 corporations, and shall not apply.

74 2. A discontinuing corporation's rights, obligations and relations to any depositor,
75 creditor, trustee or beneficiary of any trust, or other person, as of the effective date of the
76 consolidation, shall remain unimpaired, and the continuing corporation shall, by the
77 consolidation, succeed to all such relations, obligations and liabilities, as though it had itself
78 assumed the relation or incurred the obligation or liability; and its liabilities and obligations to
79 creditors existing for any cause whatsoever shall not be impaired by the consolidation; nor shall
80 any obligation or liability of any depositor in any such corporation, continuing of discontinuing,

81 which is party to the consolidation, be affected by any such consolidation, but such obligations
82 and liabilities shall continue as fully and to the same extent as the same existed before the
83 consolidation, and the provisions relative to the limitations on deposits shall not apply.

84 3. A pending action or other judicial proceeding to which any of the consolidating
85 corporations is a party shall not be deemed to have abated or to have discontinued by reason of
86 the consolidation, but may be prosecuted to final judgment, order or decree in the same manner
87 as if the consolidation had not been made; or the continuing corporation may be substituted as a
88 party to any such action or proceeding to which the discontinuing corporation was a party, and
89 any judgment, order or decree may be rendered for or against the continuing corporation that
90 might have been rendered for or against such discontinuing corporation if consolidation had not
91 occurred.

92 4. After such consolidation, a foreclosure, of a mortgage begun by any of the
93 discontinuing corporations may be completed by the continuing corporation, and publication
94 begun by the discontinuing corporation may be continued in the name of the discontinuing
95 corporation. Any certificate of possession, affidavit of sale or foreclosure deed relative to such
96 foreclosure shall be executed by the proper officers in behalf of whichever of such corporation
97 actually took possession or made the sale, but any such instrument executed in behalf of the
98 continuing corporation shall recite that it is the successor of the discontinuing corporation which
99 commenced the foreclosure.

100 A new name, or the name of any of the consolidating corporations may be adopted as the
101 name of the continuing corporation at the special meetings called as herein provided, and it shall
102 become the name of the continuing corporation upon the approval of the consolidation, without

103 further action under the laws of the commonwealth as to change or adoption of a new name on
104 the part of the continuing corporation.

105 Any merger or consolidation may be approved and effected pursuant to this section,
106 notwithstanding that the percentage which the aggregate value of the surplus accounts as defined
107 in section twenty-seven, and other surplus accounts, of any of the consolidating corporations,
108 bears to its liabilities, exceeds such percentage of any of the other consolidating corporations,
109 and any consolidating corporation having such an excess of percentage shall not be required to
110 make any distribution to its depositors.

111 SECTION 2. Chapter 168 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section
112 34A, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following
113 section:-

114 Section 34A. Any one or more such corporations and any one or more cooperative banks,
115 as defined in section one of chapter one hundred and seventy, may merge or consolidate into a
116 single savings bank or into a single cooperative bank, upon such terms as shall have been
117 approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the boards of trustees of each corporation and of the
118 board of directors of each cooperative bank, and as shall have been approved in writing by the
119 commissioner. The terms of any such merger or consolidation shall be approved by the
120 corporators of each corporation and shareholders of each cooperative bank in the manner
121 prescribed herein. A request for such approval by the commissioner shall be accompanied by an
122 investigation fee, the amount of which shall be determined annually by the commissioner of
123 administration, a copy of the terms of any agreement reached by the respective boards of trustees
124 and directors, and certified copies of the vote of such boards. If the commissioner, after such

125 notice and hearing as he may require, is satisfied that a merger or consolidation can be effected
126 on terms approved by him and he finds that such a merger or consolidation is in the interests of
127 the depositors and shareholders of the institutions concerned, such merger or consolidation may
128 be approved by him subject to his direction. In making a finding that such merger or
129 consolidation is in the interests of the depositors and shareholders, the commissioner shall also
130 determine whether or not competition among banking institutions will be unreasonably affected
131 and whether or not public convenience and advantage will be promoted. In making such
132 determination, the commissioner shall consider, but not be limited to, a showing of net new
133 benefits. For the purpose of this section, the term “net new benefits” shall mean initial capital
134 investments, job creation plans, consumer and business services, commitments to maintain and
135 open branch offices within a bank’s delineated community, as such term is used within section
136 fourteen of chapter one hundred and sixty-seven, and such other matters as the commissioner
137 may determine. Before becoming effective, any merger or consolidation authorized by this
138 section, hereinafter sometimes referred to as a “consolidation”, shall have been approved by a
139 vote of at least two-thirds of the corporators of each corporation at meetings specially called to
140 consider the subject, and approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the shareholders of each
141 cooperative bank present, qualified to vote, and voting at meetings of each cooperative bank
142 specially called for that purpose. Notice for such meetings shall be given in accordance with the
143 provisions of section nine A and section twenty-four of chapter one hundred and seventy. A
144 certificate under the hands of the presidents and clerks or other duly authorized officers of all
145 merging or consolidating corporations and cooperative banks setting forth that each institution,
146 respectively, has complied with the requirements of this section shall be submitted to the
147 commissioner who, if he shall approve such consolidation, shall endorse his approval upon such

148 certificate. No such transaction shall be consummated until arrangements satisfactory to any
149 excess deposit insurer of each such bank have been made and notice thereof has been received by
150 the commissioner.

151 Articles of consolidation or merger shall be filed with the state secretary which shall set
152 forth the due adoption of an agreement of consolidation or merger and shall state: (i) the names
153 of the corporations and the name of the resulting or surviving corporation; (ii) the effective date
154 of the consolidation or merger determined pursuant to the agreement of consolidation or merger;
155 and, (iii) any amendment to the articles of organization of the surviving corporation to be
156 effected pursuant to the agreement of merger. Such articles of consolidation or merger shall be
157 signed by the president or a vice president and the clerk or an assistant clerk of each corporation,
158 who shall state under the penalties of perjury that the agreement of consolidation or merger has
159 been duly executed on behalf of such corporation and has been approved as required.

160 The form on which articles of consolidation or merger are filed shall also contain the
161 following information which shall not for any purpose be treated as a permanent part of the
162 articles of organization of the resulting or surviving corporation:

163 (1) the post office address of the initial principal office of the resulting or surviving
164 corporation in the commonwealth;

165 (2) the name, residence and post office address of each of the initial trustees or directors
166 and the president, treasurer and clerk of the resulting or surviving corporation;

167 (3) the fiscal year of the resulting or surviving corporation initially adopted;

168 (4) the date initially fixed in the by-laws for the annual meeting of the shareholders or
169 members of the resulting or surviving corporation.

170 The consolidation or merger shall become effective when the articles of consolidation or
171 merger are filed in accordance with section 1.25 of chapter one hundred and fifty-six D, unless
172 said articles specify a later effective date not more than ninety days after such filing in
173 accordance with section 1.23 of chapter one hundred and fifty-six D, in which event the
174 consolidation or merger shall become effective on such later date. Upon consolidation of any
175 such institutions, as herein provided:

176 1. The corporate existence of all but one of the consolidating institutions shall be
177 discontinued and consolidated into that of the remaining institution, which shall continue. All
178 and singular the rights, privileges and franchises of each discontinuing institution and its right,
179 title and interest to all property of whatever kind, whether real, personal or mixed, and things in
180 action, and every right, privilege, interest or asset of conceivable value or benefit then existing
181 which would inure to it under an unconsolidated existence, shall be deemed fully and finally, and
182 without any right of reversion, transferred to or vested in the continuing institution, without
183 further act or deed, and such continuing institution shall have and hold the same in its own right
184 as fully as if the same was possessed and held by the discontinuing institution from which it was,
185 by operation of the provisions hereof, transferred, and other provisions of law relative to
186 limitations on the number of directors, incorporators or trustees and on the investment of funds of
187 such institutions shall not apply. Notwithstanding the foregoing or any other provision of law,
188 upon any such merger or consolidation pursuant to this section by any such corporation into a
189 cooperative bank, such corporation, hereinafter referred to as a former member bank, shall cease
190 to be a member bank of the Depositors Insurance Fund, and such cooperative bank shall not

191 succeed to or acquire any rights, including but not limited to rights to dividends or to the
192 proceeds of any distribution in complete or partial dissolution or liquidation, in the Depositors
193 Insurance Fund, or in its Liquidity Fund or Deposit Insurance Fund.

194 2. A discontinuing institution's rights, obligations and relations to any shareholder, or
195 depositor, creditor, trustee or beneficiary of any trust, or other person, as of the effective date of
196 the consolidation, shall remain unimpaired, and the continuing institution shall, by the
197 consolidation, succeed to all such relations, obligations and liabilities, as though it had itself
198 assumed the relation or incurred the obligation or liability; and its liabilities and obligations to
199 creditors existing for any cause whatsoever shall not be impaired by the consolidation; nor shall
200 any obligation or liability of any shareholder or depositor in any such institution, continuing or
201 discontinuing, which is party to the consolidation, be affected by any consolidation, but such
202 obligations and liabilities shall continue as fully and to the same extent as the same existed
203 before the consolidation, and the provisions relative to the limitations on shares and deposits,
204 shall not apply.

205 3. A pending action or other judicial proceeding to which any of the consolidating
206 institutions is a party shall not be deemed to have abated or to have discontinued by reason of the
207 consolidation, but may be prosecuted to final judgment, order or decree in the same manner as if
208 the consolidation has not been made; or the continuing institution may be substituted as a party
209 to any such action or proceeding to which the discontinuing institution was a party, and any
210 judgment, order or decree may be rendered for or against the continuing institution that might
211 have been rendered for or against such discontinuing institution if such consolidation had not
212 occurred.

213 4. After such consolidation, a foreclosure of a mortgage begun by any discontinuing
214 institution may be completed by the continuing institution, and publication begun by the
215 discontinuing institution may be continued in the name of the discontinuing institution. Any
216 certificate of possession, affidavit of sale or foreclosure deed relative to such foreclosure shall be
217 executed by the proper officers in behalf of whichever of such institutions actually took
218 possession or made the sale, but any such instrument executed in behalf of the continuing
219 institution shall recite that it is the successor of the discontinuing institution which commenced
220 the foreclosure.

221 5. A new name may be adopted as the name of the continuing institution at the special
222 meetings called as herein provided, and it shall become the name of the continuing institution
223 upon the approval of the consolidation, without further action under the laws of the
224 commonwealth as to change or adoption of a new name on the part of the continuing institution.

225 6. Any consolidation may be approved and effected pursuant to this section,
226 notwithstanding that the percentage which the aggregate value of the surplus and other reserves,
227 of any of the consolidating institutions, bears to its liabilities including share liabilities,
228 exceeding such percentage of any other consolidating institution, and any consolidating
229 institution having such an excess of percentage shall not be required to make any distribution to
230 its shareholders or depositors.

231 The offices and depots of any savings bank and the offices of any co-operative bank
232 merged or consolidated under this section, may be maintained as branch offices or depots,
233 respectively, of the continuing institution with the written permission of, and under such
234 conditions, if any, as may be approved by the commissioner.

235 If the consolidating corporations have main offices in different counties, the main office
236 of the continuing corporation shall be the main office of that consolidating corporation which has
237 the greater total assets on the date on which the merger or consolidation is approved by the board
238 of the last consolidating corporation so to approve; provided, however, that upon a determination
239 by the commissioner that such consolidation is not for the purpose of circumventing any
240 geographic restrictions on the establishment of branch offices, he may allow the main office of
241 the consolidating corporation which has the lesser total assets on such date to be the main office
242 of the continuing corporation.

243 SECTION 3. Chapter 168 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section
244 34B, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following
245 section:-

246 Section 34B. Any one or more such corporations and any one or more thrift institutions
247 may merge or consolidate into a single savings bank or into a single thrift institution, upon such
248 terms as shall have been approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the board of trustees of each
249 corporation and by the board of each thrift institution, and as shall have been approved in writing
250 by the commissioner. The terms of any such merger or consolidation shall be approved by the
251 corporators of each corporation and by each thrift institution in the manner prescribed herein. A
252 request for such approval by the commissioner shall be accompanied by an investigation fee the
253 amount of which shall be determined annually by the commissioner of administration under the
254 provisions of section three B of chapter seven, a copy of the terms of any agreement reached by
255 the respective boards of trustees and directors, and certified copies of the votes of such boards. If
256 the commissioner, after such notice and hearings as he may require, is satisfied that a merger or
257 consolidation can be effected on terms approved by him and he finds that such a merger or

258 consolidation is in the interests of the depositors and shareholders of the institutions concerned,
259 such merger or consolidation may be approved by him subject to his direction. Before becoming
260 effective, any merger or consolidation authorized by this section, hereinafter referred to as a
261 “consolidation”, shall have been approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the corporators of
262 each corporation at meetings specially called to consider the subject, and approved by a vote of
263 each such thrift institution as required by any applicable law or regulation governing such
264 institution.

265 Notice for such meetings shall be given in accordance with the relevant provisions of
266 section nine A and any applicable provision governing a thrift institution. A certificate under the
267 hands of the presidents and clerks or other duly authorized officers of all merging or
268 consolidating corporations and thrift institutions setting forth that each institution, respectively,
269 has complied with the requirements of this section shall be submitted to the commissioner who,
270 if he shall approve such consolidation, shall endorse his approval upon such certificate. No such
271 transaction under this section shall be consummated until arrangements satisfactory to any excess
272 deposit insurer of each such bank have been made and notice thereof has been received by the
273 commissioner.

274 Articles of consolidation or merger shall be filed with the state secretary which shall set
275 forth the due adoption of an agreement of consolidation or merger and shall state: (i) the names
276 of the corporations and the name of the resulting or surviving corporation; (ii) the effective date
277 of the consolidation or merger determined pursuant to the agreement of consolidation or merger;
278 and, (iii) any amendment to the articles of organization of the surviving corporation to be
279 effected pursuant to the agreement of merger. Such articles of consolidation or merger shall be
280 signed by the president or a vice president and the clerk or an assistant clerk of each corporation,

281 who shall state under the penalties of perjury that the agreement of consolidation or merger has
282 been duly executed on behalf of such corporation and has been approved as required.

283 The form on which articles of consolidation or merger are filed shall also contain the
284 following information which shall not for any purpose be treated as a permanent part of the
285 articles of organization of the resulting or surviving corporation:

286 (1) the post office address of the initial principal office of the resulting or surviving
287 corporation in the commonwealth;

288 (2) the name, residence and post office address of each of the initial trustees or directors
289 and the president, treasurer and clerk of the resulting or surviving corporation;

290 (3) the fiscal year of the resulting or surviving corporation initially adopted;

291 (4) the date initially fixed in the by-laws for the annual meeting of the shareholders or
292 members of the resulting or surviving corporation.

293 The consolidation or merger shall become effective when the articles of consolidation or
294 merger are filed in accordance with section 1.25 of chapter one hundred and fifty-six D, unless
295 said articles specify a later effective date not more than ninety days after such filing in
296 accordance with section 1.23 of chapter one hundred and fifty-six D, in which event the
297 consolidation or merger shall become effective on such later date. Upon consolidation of any
298 such institutions, as herein provided:

299 1. The corporate existence of all but one of the consolidating institutions shall be
300 discontinued and consolidated into that of the remaining institution, which shall continue. All
301 and singular the rights, privileges and franchises of each discontinuing institution and its right,

302 title and interest to all property of whatever kind, whether real, personal or mixed, and things in
303 action, and every right, privilege, interest or asset of conceivable value or benefit then existing
304 which would inure to it under an unconsolidated existence, shall be deemed fully and finally, and
305 without any right of reversion, transferred to or vested in the continuing institution, without
306 further act or deed, and such continuing institution shall have and hold the same in its own right
307 as fully as if the same was possessed and held by the discontinuing institution from which it was,
308 by operation of the provisions hereof, transferred, and other provisions of law relative to
309 limitations on the number of directors, corporators or trustees and on the investment of funds of
310 such institutions shall not apply.

311 2. A discontinuing institution's rights, obligations and relations to any shareholder, or
312 depositor, creditor, trustee or beneficiary of any trust, or other person, as of the effective date of
313 the consolidation, shall remain unimpaired, and the continuing institution shall, by the
314 consolidation, succeed to all such relations, obligations and liabilities, as though it had itself
315 assumed the relation or incurred the obligation or liability; and its liabilities and obligations to
316 creditors existing for any cause whatsoever shall not be impaired by the consolidation; nor shall
317 any obligation or liability of any shareholder or depositor in any such institution, continuing or
318 discontinuing, which is party to the consolidation, be affected by any consolidation, but such
319 obligations and liabilities shall continue as fully and to the same extent as the same existed
320 before the consolidation, and the provisions relative to the limitations on shares and deposits,
321 shall not apply.

322 3. A pending action or other judicial proceeding to which any of the consolidating
323 institutions is a party shall not be deemed to have abated or to have discontinued by reason of the
324 consolidation, but may be prosecuted to final judgment, order or decree in the same manner as if

325 the consolidation has not been made; or the continuing institution may be substituted as a party
326 to any such action or proceeding to which the discontinuing institution was a party, and any
327 judgment, order or decree may be rendered for or against the continuing institution that might
328 have been rendered for or against such discontinuing institution if such consolidation had not
329 occurred.

330 4. After such consolidation, a foreclosure of a mortgage begun by any discontinuing
331 institution may be completed by the continuing institution, and publication begun by the
332 discontinuing institution may be continued in the name of the discontinuing institution. Any
333 certificate of possession, affidavit of sale or foreclosure deed relative to such foreclosure shall be
334 executed by the proper officers in behalf of whichever of such institution actually took
335 possession or made the sale, but any such instrument executed in behalf of the continuing
336 institution shall recite that it is the successor of the discontinuing institution which commenced
337 the foreclosure.

338 5. A new name may be adopted as the name of the continuing institution at the special
339 meetings called as herein provided, and it shall become the name of the continuing institution
340 upon the approval of the consolidation, without further action under the laws of the
341 commonwealth as to change or adoption of a new name on the part of the continuing institution.

342 6. Any consolidation may be approved and effected pursuant to this section,
343 notwithstanding that the percentage which the aggregate value of the guaranty fund, surplus and
344 other reserves, of any of the consolidating institutions, bears to its liabilities including share
345 liabilities, exceeds such percentage of any of the other consolidating institutions, and any

346 consolidating institution having such an excess of percentage shall not be required to make any
347 distribution to its shareholders or depositors.

348 The offices and depots of any savings bank and the offices of any thrift institution
349 merged or consolidated under the provisions of this section, may be maintained as branch offices
350 or depots, respectively, of the continuing institution with the written permission of, and under
351 such conditions, if any, as may be approved by the commissioner.

352 If the consolidating corporations have main offices in different states or counties, the
353 main office of the continuing corporation shall be the main office of that consolidating
354 corporation which has the greater total assets on the date on which the merger or consolidation is
355 approved by the board of the last consolidating corporation so to approve; provided, however,
356 that upon a determination by the commissioner that such consolidation is not for the purpose of
357 circumventing any geographic restrictions on the establishment of branch offices, he may allow
358 the main office of the consolidating corporation which has the lesser total assets on such date to
359 be the main office of the continuing corporation.

360 If the merging or consolidating corporations or thrift institutions are chartered by or, in
361 the case of federal savings and loan associations or federal mutual savings banks, have their main
362 offices located in and are authorized to do business in different states, then from and after the
363 effective date of the merger or consolidation, the citizenship and residency requirements for
364 corporators and trustees set forth in sections nine and ten shall no longer apply, and any citizen
365 of the United States may serve as corporator or trustee of the continuing corporation.

366 In making a finding that such merger or consolidation is in the interests of depositors and
367 shareholders, the commissioner shall also determine whether or not competition among banking

368 institutions will be unreasonably affected and whether or not public convenience and advantage
369 will be promoted. In making such determination, the commissioner shall consider, but not be
370 limited to, a showing of net new benefits. For the purpose of this section, the term “net new
371 benefits” shall mean initial capital investments, job creation plans, consumer and business
372 services, commitments to maintain and open branch offices within a bank’s delineated local
373 community, as such term is used within section fourteen of chapter one hundred and sixty-seven,
374 and such other matters as the commissioner may determine.

375 For the purposes of this section, a thrift institution shall mean a mutual bank chartered by
376 a country other than the United States or a federal mutual savings and loan association, or a
377 federal mutual savings bank which has its main office located in the commonwealth.

378 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section any such savings bank, by vote of at least
379 two-thirds of its corporators at a meeting duly called for that purpose preceded by notice in
380 writing sent to each corporator, to the commissioner and the Depositors Insurance Fund by
381 registered mail at least sixty days before said meeting, may consolidate or merge into such a
382 federal savings and loan association or federal mutual savings bank in accordance with the laws
383 of the United States and without the approval of any authority of the commonwealth.

384 Upon a merger or consolidation pursuant to this section by any such corporation into a
385 single thrift institution, such corporation, hereinafter referred to as a former member bank, shall
386 cease to be a member of the Depositors Insurance Fund. Notwithstanding the foregoing or any
387 other provision of law, upon any such merger or consolidation, such thrift institution shall not
388 succeed to or acquire any rights, including but not limited to rights to dividends or to the

389 proceeds of any distribution in complete or partial dissolution or liquidation, in the Depositors
390 Insurance Fund, or in its Liquidity Fund or Deposit Insurance Fund.

391 SECTION 4. Chapter 168 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section
392 34D, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following
393 section:-

394 Section 34D. Any one or more such stock corporations may, upon compliance with the
395 provisions of part 11 of chapter one hundred and fifty-six D, which are hereby made applicable
396 in all such cases and subject as to any such corporation to the provisions of sections 13.01 and
397 13.03 to 13.31, inclusive, of chapter one hundred and fifty-six D as modified for the purposes of
398 this section by the provisions hereof, consolidate or merge into any single state or federally-
399 chartered stock corporation. A request for approval by the commissioner of such a consolidation
400 or merger shall be accompanied by an investigation fee, the amount of which shall be determined
401 annually by the commissioner of administration under the provision of section three B of chapter
402 seven. A certificate under the hands of the presidents and clerks or other duly authorized officers
403 of all merging or consolidating corporations setting forth that each corporation, respectively, has
404 complied with the requirements of this section shall be submitted to the commissioner. No such
405 transaction under this section shall be consummated until arrangements satisfactory to any excess
406 deposit insurer of each bank have been made and notice thereof has been received by the
407 commissioner. The offices and depots of any such corporation merged or consolidated under this
408 section may be maintained as branch offices or depots, respectively, of the continuing institution
409 with the written permission of and under such conditions, if any, as may be approved by the
410 commissioner.

411 If the consolidating corporations have main offices in different states or counties, the
412 main office of the continuing corporation shall be the main office of that consolidating
413 corporation which has the greater total assets on the date on which the merger or consolidation is
414 approved by the board of the last consolidating corporation so to approve; provided, however,
415 that upon a determination by the commissioner that such consolidation is not for the purpose of
416 circumventing any geographic restrictions on the establishment of branch offices, he may allow
417 the main office of the consolidating corporation which has the lesser total assets on such date to
418 be the main office of the continuing corporation.

419 If the merging or consolidating stock corporations are chartered by or, in the case of
420 federally chartered stock corporations, have their main offices located in and are authorized to do
421 business in different states, then from and after the effective date of the merger or consolidation,
422 the citizenship and residency requirements for directors set forth in section thirteen of chapter
423 one hundred and seventy-two shall no longer apply, and any citizen of the United States may
424 serve as a director of the continuing corporation.

425 For the purposes of this section, the value of the stock of stockholders of a state-chartered
426 stock corporation who have, as provided in section 13.21 and section 13.23 of chapter one
427 hundred and fifty-six D, objected to any action authorized herein shall be ascertained in the
428 manner provided in sections 13.01 and 13.03 to 13.31, inclusive, of chapter one hundred and
429 fifty-six D.

430 The provisions of section 11.07 of chapter one hundred and fifty-six D shall apply to
431 consolidations and mergers of state-chartered stock corporations authorized under this section
432 provided that, for this purpose, references in said section 11.07 to said chapter one hundred and

433 fifty-six D shall be deemed to be the chapter of the General Laws governing such stock
434 corporation, and references in said section 11.07 to articles of organization shall be deemed to be
435 to the articles of organization, including any special act of incorporation, as from time to time
436 amended.

437 For the purposes of this section, a state-chartered stock corporation shall mean a trust
438 company, savings bank, or cooperative bank in stock form chartered by the commonwealth. A
439 stock corporation shall include a stock bank chartered by a country other than the United States.
440 A federally chartered stock corporation shall mean a national banking association, federal
441 savings and loan association or federal savings bank in stock form which has its main office
442 located in the commonwealth.

443 In deciding whether or not to approve such consolidation or merger the commissioner
444 shall determine whether or not competition among banking institutions will be unreasonably
445 affected and whether or not public convenience and advantage will be promoted. In making such
446 determination, the commissioner shall consider, but not be limited to, a showing of net new
447 benefits. For the purpose of this section, the term “net new benefits” shall mean initial capital
448 investments, job creation plans, consumer and business services, commitments to maintain and
449 open branch offices within a bank’s delineated local community, as such term is used within
450 section fourteen of chapter one hundred and sixty-seven, and such other matters as the
451 commissioner may determine.

452 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, any such savings bank by vote of the
453 holders of at least two-thirds of each class of its capital stock at a meeting duly called for that
454 purpose, preceded by a notice in writing sent to each stockholder of record, the commissioner

455 and the Depositors Insurance Fund, by registered mail at least sixty days before said meeting,
456 may consolidate or merge into a federally-chartered stock corporation in accordance with the
457 laws of the United States and without the approval of any authority of the commonwealth.

458 Upon a merger or consolidation pursuant to this section by any such stock corporation
459 into a state chartered trust company or federally chartered stock corporation, such stock
460 corporation, hereinafter referred to as a former member bank, shall cease to be a member bank in
461 the Depositors Insurance Fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, upon any such
462 merger or consolidation, such stock corporation shall not succeed to or acquire any rights,
463 including but not limited to rights to dividends or to the proceeds of any distribution in complete
464 or partial dissolution or liquidation, in the Depositors Insurance Fund, or in its Liquidity Fund or
465 Deposit Insurance Fund.

466 SECTION 5. Chapter 168 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section
467 34F, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following
468 section:-

469 Section 34F. Any one or more of such corporations and any one or more credit unions, as
470 defined in section one of chapter one hundred and seventy-one, may merge or consolidate into a
471 single savings bank upon such terms as shall have been approved by a vote of at least two-thirds
472 of the board of trustees of each corporation and the board of directors of each credit union, and
473 shall have been approved in writing by the commissioner. The terms of any such merger or
474 consolidation shall be approved by the corporators of each corporation and the shareholders of
475 each credit union in the manner prescribed herein. A request for such approval by the
476 commissioner shall be accompanied by an investigation fee, the amount of which shall be

477 determined annually by the commissioner of administration under the provisions of section three
478 B of chapter seven, a copy of the terms of any agreement reached by the respective boards of
479 trustees or directors, and certified copies of the votes of such boards. If the commissioner, after
480 such notice and hearing as he may require, is satisfied that a merger or consolidation can be
481 effected on terms approved by him and he finds that such merger or consolidation is in the
482 interests of the depositors and shareholders of the institutions concerned, such merger or
483 consolidation may be approved by him subject to his direction. In making a finding that any such
484 merger or consolidation is in the interests of depositors and shareholders, the commissioner shall
485 also determine whether or not competition among banking institutions will be unreasonably
486 affected and whether or not public convenience and advantage will be promoted. In making such
487 determination, the commissioner shall consider, but not be limited to, a showing of net new
488 benefits. For the purposes of this section, the term “net new benefits” shall mean initial capital
489 investments, job creation plans, consumer and business services, commitments to maintain and
490 open branch offices within the bank’s delineated community, as such term is used within section
491 fourteen of chapter one hundred and sixty-seven, and such other matters as the commissioner
492 may determine.

493 Before becoming effective, any merger or consolidation authorized by this section,
494 hereinafter sometimes referred to as a “consolidation”, shall have been approved by a vote of at
495 least two-thirds of the corporators of each corporation present, qualified to vote and voting at a
496 meeting specially called to consider the subject and approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of
497 the shareholders of each credit union present, qualified to vote, and voting at a meeting specially
498 called for that purpose. Notice for such meetings shall be given in accordance with the relevant
499 provisions of section nine A of this chapter and section eleven of chapter one hundred and

500 seventy-one. A certificate under the hands of the presidents and clerks or other duly authorized
501 officers of all merging or consolidating corporations and credit unions setting forth that each
502 institution, respectively, has complied with the requirements of this section shall be submitted to
503 the commissioner who, if he shall approve such consolidation, shall endorse his approval upon
504 such certificate. No such transaction under this section shall be consummated until arrangements
505 satisfactory to any excess deposit insurer of each such bank have been made and notice thereof
506 has been received by the commissioner.

507 Articles of consolidation or merger shall be filed with the state secretary which shall set
508 forth the due adoption of an agreement of consolidation or merger and shall state: (i) the names
509 of the corporations and the name of the resulting or surviving corporation; (ii) the effective date
510 of the consolidation or merger determined pursuant to the agreement of consolidation or merger;
511 and, (iii) any amendment to the articles of organization of the surviving corporation to be
512 effected pursuant to the agreement of merger. Such articles of consolidation or merger shall be
513 signed by the president or a vice president and the clerk or an assistant clerk of each corporation,
514 who shall state under the penalties of perjury that the agreement of consolidation or merger has
515 been duly executed on behalf of such corporation and has been approved as required.

516 The form on which articles of consolidation or merger are filed shall also contain the
517 following information which shall not for any purpose be treated as a permanent part of the
518 articles of organization of the resulting or surviving corporation:

519 (1) the post office address of the initial principal office of the resulting or surviving
520 corporation in the commonwealth;

521 (2) the name, residence and post office address of each of the initial trustees or directors
522 and the president, treasurer and clerk of the resulting or surviving corporation;

523 (3) the fiscal year of the resulting or surviving corporation initially adopted;

524 (4) the date initially fixed in the by-laws for the annual meeting of the shareholders or
525 members of the resulting or surviving corporation.

526 The consolidation or merger shall become effective when the articles of consolidation or
527 merger are filed in accordance with section 1.25 of chapter one hundred and fifty-six D, unless
528 said articles specify a later effective date not more than ninety days after such filing in
529 accordance with section 1.23 of chapter one hundred and fifty-six D, in which event the
530 consolidation or merger shall become effective on such later date. Upon the merger or
531 consolidation of any such institutions, the provisions of subparagraphs 1 to 6, inclusive, of
532 section thirty-four A shall apply.

533 The offices and depots of any credit union merged or consolidated under this section may
534 be maintained as branch offices or depots of the corporation with the written permission of, and
535 under such conditions, if any, as approved by the commissioner.

536 SECTION 6. Chapter 170 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section
537 26A, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following
538 section:-

539 Section 26A. Any one or more such corporations and any one or more savings banks, as
540 defined in section one of chapter one hundred and sixty-eight may merge or consolidate into a
541 single co-operative bank or into a single savings bank upon such terms as shall have been

542 approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the board of directors of each corporation and of the
543 board of trustees of each savings bank, and as shall have been approved in writing by the
544 commissioner. The terms of any such merger or consolidation shall be approved by the
545 shareholders of each corporation and incorporators of each savings bank in the manner prescribed
546 herein. A request for such approval by the commissioner shall be accompanied by an
547 investigation fee the amount of which shall be determined annually by the commissioner of
548 administration, a copy of the terms of any agreement reached by the respective boards of
549 directors and trustees, and certified copies of the votes of such boards. If the commissioner, after
550 such notice and hearing as he may require, is satisfied that a merger or consolidation can be
551 effected on terms approved by him and he finds that such merger or consolidation is in the
552 interests of the shareholders and depositors of the institutions concerned, such merger or
553 consolidation may be approved by him subject to his direction. In making a finding that any such
554 merger or consolidation is in the interests of depositors and shareholders, the commissioner shall
555 also determine whether or not competition among banking institutions will be unreasonably
556 affected and whether or not public convenience and advantage will be promoted. In making such
557 determination, the commissioner shall consider, but not be limited to, a showing of net new
558 benefits. For the purpose of this section, the term "net new benefits" shall mean initial capital
559 investments, job creation plans, consumer and business services, commitments to maintain and
560 open branch offices within a bank's delineated local community, as such term is used within
561 section fourteen of chapter one hundred and sixty-seven, and such other matters as the
562 commissioner may determine. Before becoming effective, any merger or consolidation
563 authorized by this section, hereinafter sometimes referred to as a "consolidation", shall have
564 been approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the shareholders of each corporation present,

565 qualified to vote and voting at meetings specially called to consider the subject, and approved by
566 a vote of at least two-thirds of the corporators of each savings bank voting at meetings of each
567 savings bank specially called for that purpose. Notice for such meetings shall be given in
568 accordance with the relevant provisions of section twenty-four of this chapter and section nine A
569 of chapter one hundred and sixty-eight.

570 A certificate under the hands of the presidents and clerks or other duly authorized officers
571 of the consolidating corporation, respectively, stating that all requirements of this section have
572 been complied with shall be submitted to the commissioner who, if he shall approve such
573 consolidation, shall endorse his approval upon such certificate. No such transaction under this
574 section shall be consummated until arrangements satisfactory to any excess deposit insurer of
575 each such bank have been made and notice thereof has been received by the commissioner.

576 Articles of consolidation or merger shall be filed with the state secretary which shall set
577 forth the due adoption of an agreement of consolidation or merger and shall state: (i) the names
578 of the corporations and the name of the resulting or surviving corporation; (ii) the effective date
579 of the consolidation or merger determined pursuant to the agreement of consolidation or merger;
580 and, (iii) any amendment to the articles of organization of the surviving corporation to be
581 effected pursuant to the agreement of merger. Such articles of consolidation or merger shall be
582 signed by the president or a vice president and the clerk or an assistant clerk of each corporation,
583 who shall state under the penalties of perjury that the agreement of consolidation or merger has
584 been duly executed on behalf of such corporation and has been approved as required.

585 The form on which articles of consolidation or merger are filed shall also contain the
586 following information which shall not for any purpose be treated as a permanent part of the
587 articles of organization of the resulting or surviving corporation:

588 (1) the post office address of the initial principal office of the resulting or surviving
589 corporation in the commonwealth;

590 (2) the name, residence and post office address of each of the initial trustees or directors
591 and the president, treasurer and clerk of the resulting or surviving corporation;

592 (3) the fiscal year of the resulting or surviving corporation initially adopted;

593 (4) the date initially fixed in the by-laws for the annual meeting of the shareholders or
594 members of the resulting or surviving corporation.

595 The consolidation or merger shall become effective when the articles of consolidation or
596 merger are filed in accordance with section 1.25 of chapter one hundred and fifty-six D, unless
597 said articles specify a later effective date not more than ninety days after such filing in
598 accordance with section 1.23 of chapter one hundred and fifty-six D, in which event the
599 consolidation or merger shall become effective on such later date. Upon consolidation of any
600 such corporation with another, as herein provided:

601 1. The corporate existence of all but one of the consolidating institutions shall be
602 discontinued and consolidated into that of the remaining institution, which shall continue. All
603 and singular the rights, privileges and franchises of each discontinuing institution and its right,
604 title and interest to all property of whatever kind, whether real, personal or mixed, and things in
605 action, and every right, privilege, interest or asset of conceivable value or benefit then existing

606 which would inure to it under the unconsolidated existence, shall be deemed fully and finally,
607 and without any right of reversion, transferred to or vested in the continuing institution, without
608 further act or deed, and such continuing institution shall have and hold the same in its own right
609 as fully as if the same was possessed and held by the discontinuing institution from which it was,
610 by operation of the provisions hereof, transferred, and other provisions of law relative to
611 limitations on the number of directors, corporators or trustees and on the investment of funds of
612 such institutions shall not apply.

613 2. A discontinuing institution's rights, obligations and relations to any shareholder, or
614 depositor, creditor, trustee or beneficiary of any trust, or other person, as of the effective date of
615 the consolidation, shall remain unimpaired, and the continuing institution shall, by the
616 consolidation, succeed to all such relations, obligations and liabilities, as though it had itself
617 assumed the relation or incurred the obligation or liability; and its liabilities and obligations to
618 creditors existing for any cause whatsoever shall not be impaired by the consolidation; nor shall
619 any obligation or liability of any shareholder or depositor in any such institution, continuing or
620 discontinuing, which is party to the consolidation, be affected by any consolidation, but such
621 obligations and liabilities shall continue as fully and to the same extent as the same existed
622 before the consolidation and the provisions relative to the limitations on shares and deposits,
623 shall not apply.

624 3. A pending action or other judicial proceeding to which any of the consolidating
625 institutions is a party shall not be deemed to have abated or to have discontinued by reason of the
626 consolidation, but may be prosecuted to final judgment, order or decree in the same manner as if
627 the consolidation has not been made; or the continuing institution may be substituted as a party
628 to any such action or proceeding to which the discontinuing institution was a party, and any

629 judgment, order or decree may be rendered for or against the continuing institution that might
630 have been rendered for or against such discontinuing institution if such consolidation had not
631 occurred.

632 4. After such consolidation, a foreclosure of a mortgage begun by any discontinuing
633 institution may be completed by the continuing institution, and publication begun by the
634 discontinuing institution may be continued in the name of the discontinuing institution. Any
635 certificate of possession, affidavit of sale or foreclosure deed relative to such foreclosure shall be
636 executed by the proper officers in behalf of whichever of such institutions actually took
637 possession or made the sale, but any such instrument executed in behalf of the continuing
638 institution shall recite that it is the successor of the discontinuing institution which commenced
639 the foreclosure.

640 5. A new name may be adopted as the name of the continuing institution at the special
641 meetings called as herein provided, and it shall become the name of the continuing institution
642 upon the approval of the consolidation, without further action under the laws of the
643 commonwealth as to change or adoption of a new name on the part of the continuing institution.

644 6. Any consolidation may be approved and effected pursuant to this section,
645 notwithstanding that the percentage which the aggregate value of the surplus and other reserves,
646 of any of the consolidating institutions, bears to its liabilities including share liabilities, exceeds
647 such percentage of any of the other consolidating institutions, and any consolidating institution
648 having such an excess of percentage shall not be required to pay an extra dividend or make any
649 other distribution to its shareholders or depositors.

650 The offices and depots of any co-operative bank and the offices of any savings bank
651 merged or consolidated under this section, may be maintained as branch offices or depots,
652 respectively, of the continuing institution with the written permission of, and under such
653 conditions, if any, as may be approved by the commissioner.

654 If the consolidating corporations have main offices in different counties, the main office
655 of the continuing corporation shall be the main office of that consolidating corporation which has
656 the greater total assets on the date on which the merger or consolidation is approved by the board
657 of the last consolidating corporation so to approve; provided, however, that upon a determination
658 by the commissioner that such consolidation is not for the purpose of circumventing any
659 geographic restrictions on the establishment of branch offices, he may allow the main office of
660 the consolidating corporation which has the lesser total assets on such date to be the main office
661 of the continuing corporation.

662 SECTION 7. Chapter 170 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section
663 26B, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following
664 section:-

665 Section 26B. Any one or more such corporations and any one or more thrift institutions
666 may merge or consolidate into a single co-operative bank or into a single thrift institution, upon
667 such terms as shall have been approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the board of directors
668 of each corporation and of the board of directors of each thrift institution, and as shall have been
669 approved in writing by the commissioner. The terms of any such merger or consolidation shall be
670 approved by the shareholders of each corporation and by each thrift institution in the manner
671 prescribed herein. A request for such approval by the commissioner shall be accompanied by an

672 investigation fee the amount of which shall be determined annually by the commissioner of
673 administration under the provision of section three B of chapter seven, a copy of the terms of any
674 agreement reached by the respective boards of directors, and certified copies of the votes of such
675 boards. If the commissioner, after such notice and hearings as he may require, is satisfied that a
676 merger or consolidation can be effected on terms approved by him and he finds that such a
677 merger or consolidation is in the interests of the shareholders and depositors of the institutions
678 concerned, such merger or consolidation may be approved by him subject to his direction. Before
679 becoming effective, any merger or consolidation authorized by this section, hereinafter
680 sometimes referred to as a “consolidation”, shall have been approved by a vote of at least two-
681 thirds of the shareholders of each corporation present, qualified to vote and voting at meetings
682 specially called to consider the subject, and approved by a vote of each thrift institution as
683 required by any applicable law or organization governing such institution.

684 Notice for such meetings shall be given in accordance with the relevant provisions of
685 section twenty-four and any applicable provision governing a thrift institution. A certificate
686 under the hands of the presidents and clerks or other duly authorized officers of all merging or
687 consolidating corporations and thrift institutions, respectively, stating that all requirements of
688 this section have been complied with shall be submitted to the commissioner who, if he shall
689 approve such consolidation, shall endorse his approval upon such certificate. No such transaction
690 under this section shall be consummated until arrangements satisfactory to any excess deposit
691 insurer of each such bank have been made and notice thereof has been received by the
692 commissioner.

693 Articles of consolidation or merger shall be filed with the state secretary which shall set
694 forth the due adoption of an agreement of consolidation or merger and shall state: (i) the names

695 of the corporations and the name of the resulting or surviving corporation; (ii) the effective date
696 of the consolidation or merger determined pursuant to the agreement of consolidation or merger;
697 and, (iii) any amendment to the articles of organization of the surviving corporation to be
698 effected pursuant to the agreement of merger. Such articles of consolidation or merger shall be
699 signed by the president or a vice president and the clerk or an assistant clerk of each corporation,
700 who shall state under the penalties of perjury that the agreement of consolidation or merger has
701 been duly executed on behalf of such corporation and has been approved as required.

702 The form on which articles of consolidation or merger are filed shall also contain the
703 following information which shall not for any purpose be treated as a permanent part of the
704 articles of organization of the resulting or surviving corporation:

705 (1) the post office address of the initial principal office of the resulting or surviving
706 corporation in the commonwealth;

707 (2) the name, residence and post office address of each of the initial trustees or directors
708 and the president, treasurer and clerk of the resulting or surviving corporation;

709 (3) the fiscal year of the resulting or surviving corporation initially adopted;

710 (4) the date initially fixed in the by-laws for the annual meeting of the shareholders or
711 members of the resulting or surviving corporation.

712 The consolidation or merger shall become effective when the articles of consolidation or
713 merger are filed in accordance with section 1.25 of chapter one hundred and fifty-six D, unless
714 said articles specify a later effective date not more than ninety days after such filing in
715 accordance with section 1.23 of chapter one hundred and fifty-six D, in which event the

716 consolidation or merger shall become effective on such later date. Upon consolidation of any
717 such corporation with another, as herein provided:

718 1. The corporate existence of all but one of the consolidating institutions shall be
719 discontinued and consolidated into that of the remaining institution, which shall continue. All
720 and singular the rights, privileges and franchises of each discontinuing institution and its right,
721 title and interest to all property of whatever kind, whether real, personal or mixed, and things in
722 action, and every right, privilege, interest or asset of conceivable value or benefit then existing
723 which would inure to it under an unconsolidated existence, shall be deemed fully and finally, and
724 without any right of reversion, transferred to or vested in the continuing institution, without
725 further act or deed, and such continuing institution shall have and hold the same in its own right
726 as fully as if the same was possessed and held by the discontinuing institution from which it was,
727 by operation of the provisions hereof, transferred, and other provisions of law relative to
728 limitations on the number of directors, corporators or trustees and on the investment of funds of
729 such institutions shall not apply.

730 2. A discontinuing institution's rights, obligations and relations to any shareholder,
731 depositor, creditor, trustee or beneficiary of any trust, or other person, as of the effective date of
732 the consolidation, shall remain unimpaired, and the continuing institution shall, by the
733 consolidation, succeed to all such relations, obligations and liabilities, as though it had itself
734 assumed the relation or incurred the obligation or liability; and its liabilities and obligations to
735 creditors existing for any cause whatsoever shall not be impaired by the consolidation; nor shall
736 any obligation or liability of any shareholder or depositor in any such institution, continuing or
737 discontinuing, which is party to the consolidation, be affected by any consolidation, but such
738 obligations and liabilities shall continue as fully and to the same extent as the same existed

739 before the consolidation, and the provisions relative to the limitations on shares and deposits,
740 shall not apply.

741 3. A pending action or other judicial proceeding to which any of the consolidating
742 institutions is a party shall not be deemed to have abated or to have discontinued by reason of the
743 consolidation, but may be prosecuted to final judgment, order or decree in the same manner as if
744 the consolidation has not been made; or the continuing institution may be substituted as a party
745 to any such action or proceeding to which the discontinuing institution was a party, and any
746 judgment, order or decree may be rendered for or against the continuing institution that might
747 have been rendered for or against such discontinuing institution if such consolidation had not
748 occurred.

749 4. After such consolidation, a foreclosure of a mortgage begun by any discontinuing
750 institution may be completed by the continuing institution, and publication begun by the
751 discontinuing institution may be continued in the name of the discontinuing institution. Any
752 certificate of possession, affidavit of sale or foreclosure deed relative to such foreclosure shall be
753 executed by the proper officers in behalf of whichever of such institutions actually took
754 possession or made the sale, but any such instrument executed in behalf of the continuing
755 institution shall recite that it is successor of the discontinuing institution which commenced the
756 foreclosure.

757 5. A new name may be adopted as the name of the continuing institution at the special
758 meetings as herein provided, and it shall become the name of the continuing institution upon the
759 approval of the consolidation, without further action under the laws of the commonwealth as to
760 change or adoption of a new name on the part of the continuing institution.

761 6. Any consolidation may be approved and effected pursuant to this section,
762 notwithstanding that the percentage which the aggregate value of the guaranty fund, surplus and
763 other reserves, of any of the consolidating institutions, bears to its liabilities including share
764 liabilities, exceeds such percentage of any of the other consolidating institutions, and any
765 consolidating institution having such an excess of percentage shall not be required to pay an
766 extra dividend or make any other distribution to its shareholders or depositors.

767 The offices and depots of any co-operative bank and the offices of any thrift institution
768 merged or consolidated under this section, may be maintained as branch offices or depots,
769 respectively, of the continuing institution with the written permission of, and under such
770 conditions, if any, as may be approved by the commissioner.

771 If the consolidating corporations have main offices in different states or counties, the
772 main office of the continuing corporation shall be the main office of that consolidating
773 corporation which has the greater total assets on the date on which the merger or consolidation is
774 approved by the board of the last consolidating corporation so to approve; provided, however,
775 that upon a determination by the commissioner that such consolidation is not for the purpose of
776 circumventing any geographic restrictions on the establishment of branch offices, he may allow
777 the main office of the consolidating corporation which has the lesser total assets on such date to
778 be the main office of the continuing corporation.

779 In making a finding that any such merger or consolidation is in the interests of depositors
780 and shareholders, the commissioner shall also determine whether or not competition among
781 banking institutions will be unreasonably affected and whether or not public convenience and
782 advantage will be promoted. In making such determination, the commissioner shall consider, but

783 not be limited to, a showing of net new benefits. For the purpose of this section, the term “net
784 new benefits” shall mean initial capital investments, job creation plans, consumer and business
785 services, commitments to maintain and open branch offices within a bank’s delineated local
786 community, as such term is used within section fourteen of chapter one hundred and sixty-seven,
787 and such other matters as the commissioner may determine.

788 For the purposes of this section, a thrift institution shall mean a mutual bank chartered by
789 a country other than the United States or a federal mutual savings and loan association or a
790 federal mutual savings bank which has its main office located in the commonwealth.

791 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section any such co-operative bank by vote of at
792 least two-thirds of its directors at a meeting duly called for that purpose, preceded by notice in
793 writing sent to each director, to the commissioner, and the Co-operative Central Bank by
794 registered mail at least sixty days before said meeting, may consolidate or merge into such a
795 federal savings and loan association or federal mutual savings bank in accordance with the laws
796 of the United States and without the approval of any authority of the commonwealth.

797 SECTION 8. Chapter 170 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section
798 26D, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following
799 section:-

800 Section 26D. Any one or more such stock corporations may, upon compliance with the
801 provisions of part 11 of chapter one hundred and fifty-six D, which are hereby made applicable
802 in all such cases and subject as to any such corporation to the provisions of sections 13.01 and
803 13.03 to 13.31, inclusive, of chapter one hundred and fifty-six D as modified for the purposes of
804 this section by the provisions hereof, consolidate or merge into any single state or federally-

805 chartered stock corporation. A request for approval by the commissioner of such a consolidation
806 or merger shall be accompanied by an investigation fee, the amount of which shall be determined
807 annually by the commissioner of administration under the provision of section three B of chapter
808 seven. A certificate under the hands of the presidents and clerks or other duly authorized officers
809 of all merging or consolidating corporations setting forth that each corporation, respectively, has
810 complied with the requirements of this section shall be submitted to the commissioner. No such
811 transaction under this section shall be consummated until arrangements satisfactory to any excess
812 deposit insurer of each such bank have been made and notice thereof has been received by the
813 commissioner. The offices and depots of any such corporation merged or consolidated under this
814 section may be maintained as branch offices or depots, respectively, of the continuing institution
815 with the written permission of and under such conditions, if any, as may be approved by the
816 commissioner.

817 If the consolidating corporations have main offices in different states or counties, the
818 main office of the continuing corporation shall be the main office of that consolidating
819 corporation which has the greater total assets on the date on which the merger or consolidation is
820 approved by the board of the last consolidating corporation so to approve; provided, however,
821 that upon a determination by the commissioner that such consolidation is not for the purpose of
822 circumventing any geographic restrictions on the establishment of branch offices, he may allow
823 the main office of the consolidating corporation which has the lesser total assets on such date to
824 be the main office of the continuing corporation.

825 For the purposes of this section, the value of the stock of stockholders of a state-chartered
826 stock corporation who have, as provided in section 13.21 and section 13.23 of chapter one
827 hundred and fifty-six D, objected to any action authorized herein shall be ascertained in the

828 manner provided in sections 13.01 and 13.03 to 13.31, inclusive, of said chapter one hundred and
829 fifty-six D.

830 The provisions of section 11.07 of chapter one hundred and fifty-six D shall apply to
831 consolidations and mergers of state-chartered stock corporations authorized under this section
832 provided that, for this purpose, references in said section 11.07 to said chapter one hundred and
833 fifty-six D shall be deemed to be to the chapter of the General Laws governing such stock
834 corporation, and references in said section 11.07 to articles of organization shall be deemed to be
835 to the articles of organization, including any special act of incorporation, as from time to time
836 amended.

837 In deciding whether or not to approve any such consolidation or merger, the
838 commissioner shall determine whether or not competition among banking institutions will be
839 unreasonably affected and whether or not public convenience and advantage will be promoted. In
840 making such determination, the commissioner shall consider, but not be limited to, a showing of
841 net new benefits. For the purpose of this section, the term “net new benefits” shall mean initial
842 capital investments, job creation plans, consumer and business services, commitments to
843 maintain and open branch offices within a bank’s delineated local community, as such term is
844 used within section fourteen of chapter one hundred and sixty-seven, and such other matters as
845 the commissioner may determine.

846 For the purposes of this section, a state-chartered stock corporation shall mean a trust
847 company, savings bank, or cooperative bank in stock form chartered by the commonwealth. A
848 federally chartered stock corporation shall mean a national banking association, federal savings
849 and loan association or federal savings bank in stock form which has its main office located in

850 the commonwealth. A stock corporation shall include a stock bank chartered by a country other
851 than the United States.

852 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, any such co-operative bank by vote of the
853 holders of at least two-thirds of each class of its capital stock, at a meeting duly called for that
854 purpose, preceded by a notice in writing sent to each stockholder of record, the commissioner,
855 and the Co-operative Central Bank by registered mail at least sixty days before said meeting,
856 may consolidate or merge into a federally-chartered stock corporation in accordance with the
857 laws of the United States and without the approval of any authority of the commonwealth.

858 SECTION 9. Chapter 172 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section
859 12, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following
860 section:-

861 Section 12. Stockholders entitled to vote may vote in person or by proxy. No proxy dated
862 more than six months before the date of the meeting named therein shall be valid, and no proxy
863 shall be valid after the final adjournment of such meeting. A proxy with respect to stock held in
864 the name of two or more persons shall be valid if executed by any one of them unless at or prior
865 to the exercise of the proxy such corporation receives a specific written notice to the contrary
866 from any one of them. A proxy purporting to be executed by or on behalf of a stockholder shall
867 be deemed valid unless challenged at or prior to its exercise, and the burden of proving invalidity
868 shall rest on the challenger. Except as otherwise provided in the articles of organization or by-
869 laws of the corporation, special meetings of the stockholders may be called pursuant to the
870 provisions of section 7.02 of chapter one hundred and fifty-six D.

871 SECTION 10. Chapter 172 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out
872 section 24, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following
873 section:-

874 Section 24. The capital stock of a trust company shall be subject to the following
875 provisions:

876 A. Classes. — The capital stock of such corporation may consist of common stock and
877 one or more classes of preferred stock. The issuance of any such capital stock shall require the
878 prior approval of the commissioner, and shall be subject to such conditions as the commissioner
879 may impose.

880 B. Preferred Stock. — The preferred stock may contain such provisions relative to
881 preferences, voting powers, retirement, dividend and conversion rights and participation in
882 control and management as the by-laws and articles of organization may, with the approval of
883 the commissioner, provide; but the holders thereof shall not be held individually responsible as
884 such holders for any debts, contracts or engagements of such corporation and shall not be liable
885 for assessments to restore impairments in its capital. In case dividends on the preferred stock are
886 to be cumulative, no dividends shall be declared or paid on common stock until all such
887 cumulative dividends shall have been paid in full and all requirements of any retirement fund
888 shall have been met; and if such corporation is placed in voluntary liquidation, or a conservator
889 is appointed therefor, or possession of its property and business has been taken by the
890 commissioner, no payments shall be made to the holders of the common stock until the holders
891 of the preferred stock shall have been paid in full such amounts as may, with the approval of the
892 commissioner, be provided in the articles of organization or amendments thereof, not in excess

893 of the purchase price or other consideration received by the corporation for such preferred stock,
894 plus all accumulated unpaid dividends.

895 C. Issue. — No stock specified in the agreement of association shall be issued until the
896 par value and pro rata portion of surplus account and undivided profits account shall be paid in
897 full in cash. No additional stock shall be issued until the par value thereof is paid in full in cash
898 or such other consideration as shall be approved by the commissioner or is in its possession as
899 surplus account; provided, that no stock shall be issued against the surplus account unless, after
900 such issue, the surplus account shall amount to at least fifty per cent of the total capital stock.

901 D. Increase or Reduction. — Any such corporation may, subject to the approval of the
902 commissioner, increase or reduce its capital stock in the manner provided by section 10.03 of
903 chapter one hundred and fifty-six D; provided, however, that the capital stock shall not be
904 reduced to less than the minimum amounts set forth in section four; and provided, further, that,
905 in the case of reorganization of any such corporation in possession of the commissioner under
906 section twenty-two of chapter one hundred and sixty-seven or in possession of a conservator
907 under section forty of this chapter, the capital stock outstanding at the time of possession taken
908 by the commissioner or conservator may be cancelled in whole or in part or other disposition
909 thereof made in accordance with any plan of reorganization approved by the commissioner and
910 the supreme judicial court.

911 E. Change of Par Value. — Any such corporation may change the par value of its shares
912 in the same manner and by the same vote provided by section 10.03 of chapter one hundred and
913 fifty-six D for an increase or reduction in the corporation's capital stock.

914 F. Rights and Options. — The terms and conditions of any rights or options issued by any
915 such corporation, including those outstanding on the effective date of this section, may include,
916 without limitation, restrictions or conditions that preclude or limit the exercise, transfer, receipt
917 or holding of such rights or options by any person or persons owning or offering to acquire a
918 specified number or percentage of the outstanding stock or other securities of the corporation, or
919 any transferees of any such persons, or that preclude or limit such actions based on such other
920 factors, including the nature or identity of such persons, as the directors determine to be
921 reasonable and in the best interests of the corporation. Nothing contained in this section shall
922 affect the duties or standard of care of a director. The issuance of any shares of the capital stock
923 of the corporation upon the exercise of any such options or rights shall require the prior approval
924 of the commissioner and shall be subject to such conditions as the commissioner may impose.

925 SECTION 11. Chapter 172 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out
926 section 26B, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the
927 following section:-

928 Section 26B. A company having capital stock divided into shares which desires to
929 acquire all the capital stock of any such corporation shall, together with such corporation,
930 submit, in duplicate, to the commissioner a written plan of acquisition of such stock. Such plan
931 shall be in form satisfactory to the commissioner, shall specify the corporation the stock of which
932 is to be acquired by the company shall prescribe the terms and conditions of the acquisition and
933 the mode of carrying it into effect, including the manner of exchanging the shares of the
934 corporation for shares or other securities of the company. Any such plan may provide for the
935 payment of cash in lieu of the issuance of fractional shares of the company. At the time of
936 submitting said written plan of acquisition, an investigation fee, the amount of which shall be

937 determined annually by the commissioner of administration under the provisions of section three
938 B of chapter seven, shall be paid to the commissioner of banks by the company.

939 There shall also be submitted, in duplicate, with said plan of acquisition of stock, a
940 certificate of the president or clerk or secretary of the company, certifying that such plan has
941 been approved by the board of directors or other governing body of his company by a majority
942 vote of all the members thereof, and a certificate of the president, secretary or treasurer of each
943 corporation, the acquisition of all the capital stock of which is provided for, certifying that such
944 plan has been approved by the board of directors of his corporation by a majority vote of all the
945 members thereof, and that such plan was thereafter submitted to the stockholders of such
946 corporation at a meeting thereof held upon notice of at least fifteen days, specifying the time,
947 place and object of such meeting and addressed to each stockholder at the address appearing
948 upon the books of the corporation and published at least once a week for two successive weeks
949 in one newspaper in the county in which such corporation has its principal place of business and
950 that such plan has been approved at such meeting by the vote of stockholders owning at least
951 two-thirds in amount of the stock of such corporation.

952 The commissioner shall examine the plan of acquisition of stock so submitted, and after
953 making such investigation thereof as he deems appropriate he shall, within sixty days after
954 receipt thereof approve or disapprove such plan of acquisition in case such company is not, and
955 would not upon the effectiveness of such plan become, a bank holding company. In approving
956 any such plan, the commissioner may attach such conditions thereto as he deems advisable.

957 If the commissioner finds that competition among banking institutions will not be
958 unreasonably affected and that public convenience and advantage will be promoted he shall

959 approve such plan of acquisition, and shall endorse his approval thereon and a copy of the plan
960 bearing such endorsement shall be filed within thirty days thereafter in the office of the
961 commissioner. Upon such filing, the plan, and the acquisition provided for therein, shall become
962 effective, unless a later date is specified in the plan, in which event the plan and such acquisition
963 shall become effective upon such later date.

964 A stockholder of any such corporation which shall have approved such plan of
965 acquisition, who objects to such action, in the manner provided in sections 13.21 and 13.23 of
966 chapter one hundred and fifty-six D, shall be entitled, if such plan shall have become effective, to
967 demand payment for his stock from such corporation and an appraisal thereof in accordance with
968 the provisions of sections 13.01 and 13.03 to 13.31, inclusive, of chapter one hundred and fifty-
969 six D, which provisions, as modified for the purposes of this paragraph by the provisions hereof,
970 are hereby made applicable in all such cases, and such stockholder and such corporation shall
971 have the rights and duties and follow the procedure set forth in said sections.

972 Any corporation organized under or subject to the provisions of chapter one hundred and
973 sixty-eight, one hundred and seventy or one hundred and seventy-two shall have the power to
974 organize a company for the purposes contemplated by this section; and in connection with such
975 organization and the development of a plan of acquisition, any such corporation may incur
976 organization and other expenses in such amounts, in the aggregate, not exceeding two percent of
977 its capital stock, surplus account and undivided profits as the commissioner may approve.

978 Any such company shall engage directly or indirectly only in such activities as are now
979 or may hereafter be proper activities for bank holding companies registered under the Federal
980 Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing,

981 the issuance and sale of commercial paper and acquiring, managing or controlling corporations
982 organized under or subject to the provisions of chapter one hundred and sixty-eight, one hundred
983 and seventy or one hundred and seventy-two.

984 The provisions of section twenty-six A shall not apply to an acquisition under this
985 section. A company which acquires any such corporation under this section shall be deemed a
986 bank holding company subject to the provisions of section five of chapter one hundred and sixty-
987 seven A. For the purposes of this section, the word “company” shall have the same meaning as
988 defined in subparagraph (c) of section one of chapter one hundred and sixty-seven A.

989 SECTION 12. Chapter 172 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out
990 section 36, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following
991 section:-

992 Section 36. A. With the written approval of the commissioner:

993 (1) any trust company, any banking company, or any national banking association
994 engaged in the business of banking in the commonwealth may, upon compliance with the
995 provisions of part 11 of chapter one hundred and fifty-six D, which are hereby made applicable
996 in all such cases, and subject, as to any such trust company or banking company, to the
997 provisions of sections 13.01 and 13.03 to 13.31, inclusive, of chapter one hundred and fifty-six D
998 as modified for the purposes of this section by the provisions hereof, consolidate or merge into
999 any trust company. A request for approval by the commissioner of such a consolidation or
1000 merger shall be accompanied by an investigation fee, the amount of which shall be determined
1001 annually by the commissioner of administration under the provision of section three B of chapter
1002 seven.

1003 (2) any trust company or banking company may, subject to the provisions of sections
1004 12.02 and 13.02(a)(3) of chapter one hundred and fifty-six D as modified for the purpose of this
1005 section by the provisions hereof, or any such national banking association may sell or exchange
1006 all or substantially all of its property and assets to or with any trust company, and any trust
1007 company may purchase all or substantially all of the assets of any trust company or any banking
1008 company of any such national banking association. A request for approval by the commissioner
1009 pursuant to this clause shall be accompanied by an investigation fee, the amount of which shall
1010 be determined annually by the commissioner of administration under the provision of section
1011 three B of chapter seven.

1012 (3) by vote, at a meeting duly called for the purpose, of two-thirds of each class of its
1013 stock outstanding and entitled to vote and upon execution by a majority of its directors in form
1014 satisfactory to the commissioner of an agreement of association, an organization certificate and
1015 such other instruments as the commissioner shall prescribe, any such national banking
1016 association having an unimpaired capital stock sufficient in value or amount to satisfy the
1017 provisions of section five may, upon approval by the board of bank incorporation, be converted
1018 into a trust company and shall not, in connection with or upon such conversion, be subject to the
1019 requirements of this chapter with respect to the organization and commencement of business of
1020 trust companies; provided, however, that such conversion shall not be in contravention of the
1021 laws of the United States.

1022 (4) any one or more such trust companies may, upon compliance with the provisions of
1023 part 11 of chapter one hundred and fifty-six D, which are hereby made applicable in all such
1024 cases and subject as to any such trust company to the provisions of sections 13.01 and 13.03 to
1025 13.31, inclusive, of chapter one hundred and fifty-six D as modified for the purposes of this

1026 section by the provisions hereof, consolidate or merge into any single state or federally-chartered
1027 stock corporation. A request for approval by the commissioner of such a consolidation or merger
1028 shall be accompanied by an investigation fee, the amount of which shall be determined annually
1029 by the commissioner of administration under the provision of section three B of chapter seven. A
1030 certificate under the hands of the presidents and clerks or other duly authorized officers of all
1031 merging or consolidating corporations setting forth that each corporation, respectively, has
1032 complied with the requirements of this section shall be submitted to the commissioner. No such
1033 transaction under this section shall be consummated until arrangements satisfactory to any excess
1034 deposit insurer of each such bank have been made and notice thereof has been received by the
1035 commissioner. The offices and depots of any such corporation merged or consolidated under this
1036 section may be maintained as branch offices or depots, respectively, of the continuing institution
1037 with the written permission of and under such conditions, if any, as may be approved by the
1038 commissioner.

1039 If the consolidating corporations have main offices in different states or counties, the
1040 main office of the continuing corporation shall be the main office of that consolidating
1041 corporation which has the greater total assets on the date on which the merger or consolidation is
1042 approved by the board of the last consolidating corporation so to approve; provided, however,
1043 that upon a determination by the commissioner that such consolidation is not for the purpose of
1044 circumventing any geographic restrictions on the establishment of branch offices, he may allow
1045 the main office of the consolidating corporation which has the lesser total assets on such date to
1046 be the main office of the continuing corporation.

1047 If the merging or consolidating corporations are chartered by or, in the case of federally
1048 chartered stock corporations, have their main offices located in and are authorized to do business

1049 in different states, then from and after the effective date of the merger or consolidation, the
1050 citizenship and residency requirements for directors set forth in section thirteen shall no longer
1051 apply, and any citizen of the United States may serve as director of the continuing corporation.

1052 For the purposes of this section, the value of the stock of stockholders of a state-chartered
1053 stock corporation who have, as provided in section 13.21 and section 13.23 of chapter one
1054 hundred and fifty-six D, objected to any action authorized herein shall be ascertained in the
1055 manner provided in sections 13.01 and 13.03 to 13.31, inclusive, of said chapter one hundred and
1056 fifty-six D.

1057 The provisions of section 11.07 of chapter one hundred and fifty-six D shall apply to
1058 consolidations and mergers of state-chartered stock corporations authorized under this section
1059 provided that, for this purpose, references in said section 11.07 to said chapter one hundred and
1060 fifty-six D shall be deemed to be to the chapter of the General Laws governing such stock
1061 corporation, and references in said section 11.07 to articles of organization shall be deemed to be
1062 to the articles of organization, including any special act of incorporation, as from time to time
1063 amended.

1064 The provisions of this clause shall not apply to a consolidation or merger authorized by
1065 clause (1) or to a consolidation or merger under subsection B.

1066 In deciding whether or not to approve any such consolidation or merger under this
1067 subsection, the commissioner shall determine whether or not competition among banking
1068 institutions will be unreasonably affected and whether or not public convenience and advantage
1069 will be promoted. In making such determination, the commissioner shall consider, but not be
1070 limited to, a showing of net new benefits. For the purpose of this section, the term 'net new

1071 benefits‘ shall mean initial capital investments, job creation plans, consumer and business
1072 services, commitments to maintain and open branch offices within a bank’s delineated local
1073 community, as such term is used within section fourteen of chapter one hundred and sixty-seven,
1074 and such other matters as the commissioner may determine.

1075 For the purposes of this section, a state-chartered stock corporation shall mean a trust
1076 company, savings bank, or a cooperative bank in stock form chartered by the commonwealth, or
1077 a bank chartered by a country other than the United States. A federally chartered stock
1078 corporation shall mean a national banking association, federal savings and loan association or
1079 federal savings bank in stock form which has its main office located in the commonwealth.

1080 B. A trust company or banking company by vote of the holders of at least two- thirds of
1081 each class of capital stock at a meeting duly called for the purpose, preceded by a notice in
1082 writing sent to each stockholder of record and to the commissioner by registered mail at least
1083 sixty days before said meeting, may consolidate or merge into or convert into a national banking
1084 association in accordance with the laws of the United States and without the approval of any
1085 authority of the commonwealth.

1086 C. For the purposes of either clause (1) or clause (2) of subsection A hereof, the value of
1087 the stock of stockholders of a trust company or banking company who have, as provided in
1088 section 13.21 and section 13.23 of chapter one hundred and fifty-six D, objected to any action
1089 authorized by either of such clauses shall be ascertained in the manner provided in sections 13.01
1090 and 13.03 to 13.31, inclusive, of said chapter one hundred and fifty-six D.

1091 D. The continuing trust company into which a trust company, banking company or a
1092 national banking association shall have been consolidated or merged or into which a national

1093 banking association shall have been converted under this section shall be considered the same
1094 business and corporate entity as that of the consolidating or merging or converting institution and
1095 the rights, powers and duties of the continuing trust company shall be those established by its
1096 charter; provided that if the consolidating corporations have main offices in different counties,
1097 the main office of the continuing corporation shall be the main office of that consolidating
1098 corporation which has the greater total assets on the date on which the merger or consolidation is
1099 approved by the board of directors of the last consolidating corporation so to approve; provided,
1100 further, that upon a determination by the commissioner that such consolidation is not for the
1101 purpose of circumventing any geographic restrictions on the establishment of branch offices, he
1102 may allow the main office of the consolidating corporation which has the lesser total assets on
1103 such date to be the main office of the continuing corporation.

1104 E. The charter of any trust company or banking company which shall have been
1105 converted into a national banking association, or consolidated or merged into, or the business and
1106 substantially all of the property and assets of which shall have been purchased or absorbed by a
1107 trust company or national banking association, or the affairs of which shall have been liquidated,
1108 shall be void except for the purpose of discharging existing obligations and liabilities.

1109 F. The provisions of section 11.07 of chapter one hundred and fifty-six D shall apply to
1110 consolidations and mergers of trust companies authorized under this section provided that, for
1111 this purpose, references in said section 11.07 to said chapter one hundred and fifty-six D shall be
1112 deemed to be to this chapter, and references in said section 11.07 to articles of organization shall
1113 be deemed to be to the articles of organization, including any special act of incorporation, as
1114 from time to time amended.