

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Banking Development District Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Department" means the Department of Financial and  
8 Professional Regulation.

9 "Depository institution" means a bank, savings bank,  
10 savings and loan association, or credit union organized or  
11 chartered under the laws of this State or any other state or  
12 under the laws of the United States.

13 "Improvement" does not include ordinary maintenance and  
14 repairs.

15 "Local government" means a municipality, county, township,  
16 or other unit of local government.

17 "Secretary" means the Secretary of Financial and  
18 Professional Regulation or the Secretary's designee.

19 "State Treasurer" means the State Treasurer or the State  
20 Treasurer's designee.

21 Section 10. Banking development district program.

22 (a) There is hereby created a banking development district

1 program, the purpose of which is to encourage the  
2 establishment of banking branches for banking services in  
3 geographic locations where there are the greatest underbanked  
4 and unbanked populations. The Department shall, in  
5 consultation with the State Treasurer, adopt rules in  
6 accordance with the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act that  
7 set forth the criteria for the establishment of banking  
8 development districts.

9 (b) The criteria for the establishment of banking  
10 development districts shall include, but not be limited to,  
11 the following:

12 (1) the location, number, and proximity of sites where  
13 banking services are available within the district;

14 (2) the identification of unmet consumer needs for  
15 banking services within the district;

16 (3) the economic viability and unmet local credit  
17 needs of the community within the district;

18 (4) the existing commercial development within the  
19 district;

20 (5) the impact that additional banking services would  
21 have on potential economic development in the district;  
22 and

23 (6) any other criteria that the Secretary, in  
24 consultation with the State Treasurer, deems appropriate.

25 Section 15. Application.

1           (a) The governing board of a local government, in  
2 conjunction with a depository institution, may submit an  
3 application to the Department for the designation of a banking  
4 development district. The boundaries of the proposed banking  
5 development district shall include property on which the  
6 depository institution plans to make improvements to establish  
7 a banking branch. The application shall include the legal  
8 description of the property to be designated.

9           (b) The Secretary, in consultation with the State  
10 Treasurer, shall issue a determination on the application  
11 within 60 days after receiving the application. If an  
12 application is approved, the Department shall transmit  
13 notification of the approval and a copy of all application  
14 materials to the applicants, the Governor, the State  
15 Comptroller, the State Treasurer, the Director of Commerce and  
16 Economic Opportunity, the President of the Senate, the Speaker  
17 of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the  
18 Senate, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives,  
19 and the clerk of the county, the municipal clerk, or the  
20 equivalent official in which the property is located.

21           Section 20. Existing facilities. Notwithstanding any other  
22 provision of law, an application may be submitted by a local  
23 government in conjunction with a depository institution that  
24 has already opened a branch within the area of the proposed  
25 district. In considering the criteria authorized under Section

1 10, the Secretary must also take into account the importance  
2 and benefits of preserving the banking services offered by the  
3 existing branch and the likelihood that the branch will remain  
4 open if the application is not approved.

5 Section 25. Deposits of public funds. When investing or  
6 depositing State funds, the State Treasurer and local  
7 governments may give preference to depository institutions  
8 that have an approved banking development district  
9 application.

10 Section 30. Limitations. Nothing in this Act shall be  
11 construed as authorizing the State Treasurer or local  
12 governments to conduct an examination or investigation of a  
13 depository institution or to receive information that is not  
14 publicly available and the disclosure of which is otherwise  
15 prohibited by law.

16 Section 35. Rulemaking. In addition to such powers as may  
17 be prescribed by this Act, the Department, in consultation  
18 with the State Treasurer, may adopt rules consistent with the  
19 purposes of this Act, including, but not limited to:

20 (1) rules that define the terms used in this Act and as  
21 may be necessary and appropriate to interpret and  
22 implement this Act;

23 (2) rules that establish fees for applications or

1 other services rendered by the Department related to this  
2 Act; and

3 (3) rules as may be necessary for the enforcement of  
4 this Act.

5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
6 1, 2023.