

**§ 1865. Prior approval for investments in bank service companies**

**(a) Approval of Federal banking agency**

No insured depository institution shall invest in the capital stock of a bank service company that performs any service under authority of subsection (c), (d), or (e) of section 1864 of this title without prior notice, as determined by the appropriate Federal banking agency for the insured depository institution.

**(b) Approval of Board**

No insured depository institution shall invest in the capital stock of a bank service company that performs any service authorized only under authority of section 1864(f) of this title and no bank service company shall perform any activity authorized only under section 1864(f) of this title without the prior approval of the Board.

**(c) Considerations in determining approval**

In determining whether to approve or deny any application for prior approval or whether to approve or disapprove any notice under this section, the Board or the appropriate Federal banking agency, as the case may be, is authorized to consider the financial and managerial resources and future prospects of any insured depository institution and bank service company involved, including the financial capability of the insured depository institution to make a proposed investment under this chapter, and possible adverse effects such as undue concentration of resources, unfair or decreased competition, conflicts of interest, or unsafe or unsound banking practices.

**(d) Failure to act on application for approval**

In the event the Board or the appropriate Federal banking agency, as the case may be, fails to act on any application under this section within ninety days of the submission of a complete application to the agency, the application shall be deemed approved.

(Pub. L. 87-856, § 5, Oct. 23, 1962, 76 Stat. 1133; Pub. L. 95-630, title III, § 308, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3677; Pub. L. 97-320, title VII, § 709, Oct. 15, 1982, 96 Stat. 1542; Pub. L. 103-325, title III, § 323, Sept. 23, 1994, 108 Stat. 2227; Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title II, § 2613(f), Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-478; Pub. L. 109-351, title VI, § 602(b)(4), Oct. 13, 2006, 120 Stat. 1980.)

AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109-351, § 602(b)(4)(A), substituted “insured depository institution” for “insured bank”, struck out “bank’s” before “appropriate Federal banking agency”, and inserted “for the insured depository institution” before period at end.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109-351, § 602(b)(4)(B), substituted “insured depository institution” for “insured bank” and inserted “authorized only” after “performs any service” and “perform any activity”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 109-351, § 602(b)(4)(C), substituted “any insured depository institution” for “the bank or banks” and “capability of the insured depository institution” for “capability of the bank”.

1996—Pub. L. 104-208 substituted “companies” for “corporations” in section catchline and “company” for “corporation” wherever appearing in text.

1994—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 103-325, § 323(1), substituted “prior notice, as determined by” for “the prior approval of”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 103-325, § 323(2), inserted “or whether to approve or disapprove any notice” after “approval”.

1982—Pub. L. 97-320 substituted provisions relating to prior approval for investments in bank service corporations for provisions relating to regulation and examination of bank services for a regularly examined bank or its subsidiary or affiliate whether performed on or off its premises. See section 1867(c) of this title.

1978—Pub. L. 95-630 among other changes, substituted provisions requiring banks regularly examined by a Federal supervisory agency, which cause to be performed, by contract or otherwise, any bank service for itself, to notify such supervisory agency of the existence of a service relationship within 30 days after making such service contract or performance of service, whichever occurs first for provisions requiring that no bank subject to examination by a Federal supervisory agency may cause to be performed, by contract or otherwise, any bank service for itself unless satisfactory assurances are furnished to such supervisory agency by both the bank and the party performing such services that the performances thereof will be subject to regulation and examination by such agency to the same extent as if such services were being performed by the bank itself.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-630 effective on expiration of 120 days after Nov. 10, 1978, see section 2101 of Pub. L. 95-630, set out as an Effective Date note under section 375b of this title.

**§ 1866. Services to nonstockholders or nonmembers**

No bank service company shall unreasonably discriminate in the provision of any services authorized under this chapter to any depository institution that does not own stock in or is not a member of the service company on the basis of the fact that such depository institution is in competition with an institution that owns stock in or is a member of the bank service company, except that—

(1) it shall not be considered unreasonable discrimination for a bank service company to provide services to a nonstockholding or nonmember institution only at a price that fully reflects all of the costs of offering those services, including the cost of capital and a reasonable return thereon; and

(2) a bank service company may refuse to provide services to a nonstockholding or nonmember institution if comparable services are available from another source at competitive overall costs, or if the providing of services would be beyond the practical capacity of the service company.

(Pub. L. 87-856, § 6, Oct. 23, 1962, as added Pub. L. 97-320, title VII, § 709, Oct. 15, 1982, 96 Stat. 1543; amended Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title II, § 2613(g), Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-478.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-208, § 2613(g)(1)–(4), (6), in section catchline, inserted “or nonmembers” after “nonstockholders”, and in introductory provisions of text, substituted “company” for “corporation” wherever appearing and “such depository institution” for “the nonstockholding institution” and inserted “or is not a member of” after “does not own stock in” and “or is a member of” after “that owns stock in”.

Pars. (1), (2). Pub. L. 104-208, § 2613(g)(1), (5), substituted “company” for “corporation” wherever appearing and inserted “or nonmember” after “nonstockholding”.