2

3

4 5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14 15

16

17

18 19

20

21

24

25

26 27

28

29 30

31

32

33

34

35

36

37

38 39

40

41

42

## IN THE SENATE

## SENATE BILL NO. 1295

## BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

AN ACT RELATING TO THE IDAHO CREDIT UNION ACT; AMENDING SECTION 26-2104, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS; AMENDING SECTION 26-2106, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BYLAWS; REPEALING SECTION 26-2108, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO CORPORATE POWERS; AMENDING CHAPTER 21, TITLE 26, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 26-2108, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CORPORATE POWERS; AMENDING SEC-TION 26-2109, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE POWER TO ACQUIRE AND HOLD REAL PROPERTY; REPEALING SECTION 26-2111, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO EXPULSION AND/OR WITHDRAWAL FROM FIELD OR MEMBERSHIP; AMENDING CHAPTER 21, TITLE 26, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SEC-TION 26-2111, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR EXPULSION AND WITHDRAWAL FROM FIELD OR MEMBERSHIP; AMENDING SECTION 26-2113A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTRONIC MEETINGS; AMENDING SECTION 26-2113B, IDAHO CODE, TO PRO-VIDE FOR ELECTRONIC MEETINGS; AMENDING SECTION 26-2114, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE OBSOLETE LANGUAGE REGARDING BOARD MEETINGS; REPEALING SECTION 26-2143, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO BRANCH OFFICES; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 21, TITLE 26, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 26-2143, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR HEAD OFFICES AND BRANCH OFFICES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 26-2104, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 26--2104. DEFINITION AND USE OF TERMS. As used in this chapter unless the context otherwise requires:
- (a) "Credit union" means a cooperative nonprofit corporation chartered under the provisions of this chapter.
  - (b) "Capital" means the shares of a credit union.
- (c) "Director" means the director of the department of finance of the state of Idaho.
- (d) "Federal supervisory agency" means the National Credit Union Administration.
- (e) "Credit union services" means services such as draft and deposit sorting and posting, computation and posting of interest and other credits and charges, preparation and mailing of drafts, statements, notices, and similar items, or any other clerical, bookkeeping, accounting, statistical, or similar functions performed for a credit union.
- (f) "Credit union service corporation" means a corporation organized to perform credit union services for two (2) or more credit unions, each of which owns part of the capital stock of such corporations, and which are subject to examination by either the department of finance of the state of Idaho or a federal supervisory agency.

(g) "Interstate credit union" means a credit union chartered under the provisions of this chapter or under the authority of the laws of another state and operating both in Idaho and in one (1) or more other states.

- (h) "Invest" means any advance of funds to a credit union service corporation, whether by the purchase of stock, the making of a loan, or otherwise, except a payment for rent earned, goods sold and delivered, or services rendered prior to the making of such payment.
- (i) "Surplus funds" means those funds which are not needed to meet a credit union's members' loan needs and credit union expenses.
- (j) "Nonmembers' certificates of indebtedness" means all funds received from individuals who are not members of the credit union must be called certificates of indebtedness and are to be shown on the books and records of the credit union as a separate and distinct category. The guaranteed rates of interest upon such certificates of indebtedness will be established by the board of directors. "Unsafe or unsound practice" means any action or lack of action that is contrary to the generally accepted standards of prudent operation, the likely consequences of which, if continued, would be abnormal risk of loss or danger to a credit union, its members, or an organization insuring or guaranteeing its shares and deposits.
- (k) "Electronic service facility" means an electronic device that is operated by a credit union and that can be used to conduct transactions or obtain services offered by the credit union.
- SECTION 2. That Section 26-2106, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 26-2106. AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BYLAWS -- APPROVAL OF DIRECTOR -- PROCEDURE. (1) A credit union's articles of incorporation and bylaws may be amended as provided in the articles of incorporation and bylaws with approval of the director. Amendments to the articles of incorporation or bylaws must be submitted to the director for approval before they are submitted to a vote by the members of the board. Amendments to the articles of incorporation are deemed to be approved by the director if the director does not deny them within thirty (30) days following receipt of the proposed amendments. Amendments to a credit union's articles of incorporation and bylaws must conform with section 26-2105, Idaho Code.
- (2) Upon approval by the director and the members of the board, as required, the credit union shall promptly deliver amendments to the articles of incorporation, including any necessary filing fees, to the secretary of state for filing. Amendments to the articles of incorporation or bylaws are effective upon written certification of board approval to by the director unless the amendments specify a different effective date.
- (3) A credit union's bylaws may be amended as provided in the bylaws. A copy of any amendments to the bylaws must be mailed by certified mail return receipt requested to the department of finance within twenty (20) days after the adoption thereof. Amendments to the bylaws become effective on approval by the director unless the amendments specify a different date. Amendments to the bylaws are deemed to be approved by the director if the director does not deny them within thirty (30) days following receipt of the amendments.

SECTION 3. That Section  $\underline{26-2108}$ , Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. That Chapter 21, Title 26, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a  $\underline{\text{NEW SECTION}}$ , to be known and designated as Section 26-2108, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

26-2108. POWERS. A credit union shall have power to:

(1) Make contracts;

- (2) Sue and be sued in the name of the credit union;
- (3) Own, hold, or use any real or personal property or any interest therein that is necessary or incidental to the credit union's operations, subject to the provisions of this chapter;
- (4) Require the payment of an entrance or membership fee of any applicant admitted to membership;
- (5) Receive from its members payments on shares and deposits of any type;
- (6) Pay dividends or interest on shares and deposits as provided for in this chapter;
- (7) Make loans to its members in accordance with this chapter and purchase or otherwise acquire, in whole or in part, obligations of its members. A credit union may only purchase or otherwise acquire obligations of its members that it could enter into directly with the members;
- (8) Charge interest and other fees on loans, impose fees and charges in connection with the accounts and services provided to members, including fees for failure to meet obligations to the credit union, and recover costs, including attorney's fees and court costs, incurred in collecting amounts owed to the credit union, subject to other applicable law;
- (9) Borrow money in an aggregate amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of its members' shares and deposits, plus undivided earnings;
- (10) Deposit funds in federally insured banks and savings and loan companies and in state or federal credit unions and otherwise invest funds as provided in this chapter;
  - (11) Lease tangible personal property to its members;
- (12) Hold membership in other state or federally chartered credit unions and in trade or other associations related to the credit union's business:
- (13) Receive funds as shares or deposits from a state or federal credit union, bank, savings bank, savings and loan association, or any other type of depository institution;
- (14) Receive deposits from the federal government, a state, or any political subdivision of the federal government or a state, or a corporation or other entity established by either;
- (15) Establish and operate electronic service facilities to provide services in accordance with this chapter. An electronic service facility that is not operated by personnel on the premises at which the electronic service facility is located is not a branch office for the purposes of section 26-2143, Idaho Code;
- (16) Make charitable contributions that are reasonable in amounts in relation to the credit union's financial circumstances;

- (17) Indemnify its directors, supervisory committee members, officers, employees, and others in accordance with provisions in its bylaws that are consistent with the Idaho business corporation act;
- (18) Provide financial counseling services to its members, including but not limited to investment counseling or advice and debt counseling;
- (19) Act as an insurance producer, employ insurance producers, or enter into other arrangements with insurance producers to offer any type of insurance to members in accordance with the Idaho insurance code;
- (20) Join, make deposits in or loans to, or purchase shares of any federal reserve bank, federal home loan bank, or central liquidity facility established under federal or state law;
- (21) Receive funds as shares or deposits from a deferred compensation plan or other retirement plan that serves any of the credit union's members or potential members;
- (22) Sell, pledge, discount, or otherwise dispose of, in whole or in part, obligations of its members and service obligations of which it has disposed;
  - (23) Offer tax return preparation and filing services for its members;
- (24) Enter into joint marketing, networking, or referral arrangements to facilitate members' purchases of goods and services from third parties. Such arrangements may include compensation to the credit union, subject to applicable law;
- (25) Guarantee the signature of a member in connection with a transaction that involves tangible or intangible property in which a member has or seeks to acquire an interest;
- (26) Perform any of the following services for any person in an underserved area, as designated in 12 CFR 1026.35(b)(2)(iv)(B), that does not have an established relationship with a financial institution or for any person in any area if the credit union has been designated as a low-income credit union as that term is defined in 12 CFR 701.34:
  - (a) Cashing and selling checks, drafts, or money orders;
  - (b) Purchasing and selling foreign currencies in exchange for United States currency;
  - (c) Wire transfers; and

- (d) Financial counseling services;
- (27) Sell all or part of its assets, purchase all or part of the assets and assume all or part of the liabilities of another credit union, out-of-state credit union, or federal credit union, subject to the approval of the director; and
- (28) Exercise such incidental powers as are necessary or convenient to enable the credit union to conduct the business of a credit union or to otherwise fulfill the purposes for which it was organized, in accordance with this chapter.
- SECTION 5. That Section 26-2109, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 26-2109. POWER TO ACQUIRE AND HOLD REAL PROPERTY. (1) A credit union may invest in fixed assets necessary or related to its operations, subject to the following limitations:

- (a) The credit union's net worth equals at least seven percent (7%) of total assets;
- (b) The board approves any investment in real property; and
- (c) The aggregate book value of all such investments does not exceed seven and one-half percent (7.5%) of the total of its assets.
- (2) The director may, upon written application, waive any of the limitations listed in subsection (1) of this section.
- (3) A credit union may acquire property through foreclosure, deed in lieu of foreclosure, repossession, or other means in connection with protection or enforcement of the credit union's rights as a secured lender. Property acquired in this manner shall not be subject to the limitations of subsection (1) of this section.
  - (4) For purposes of this section:

- (a) "Abandoned premises" means premises previously used to transact credit union business but no longer used for that purpose. It also means premises originally acquired to transact future credit union business but no longer intended for that purpose.
- (b) "Fixed assets" means premises and furniture, fixtures, and equipment.
- (c) "Immediate family member" means a spouse, domestic partner, or other family member living in the same household.
- (d) "Partially occupy" means occupation and use, on a full-time basis, of at least fifty percent (50%) of each of the premises by the credit union.
- (e) "Premises" means any office, branch office, suboffice, service center, parking lot, other facility, or real estate where the credit union transacts or will transact business.
- (f) "Senior management employee" means the credit union's chief executive officer, any assistant chief executive officers, and the chief financial officer.
- (g) "Unimproved land" or "unimproved real property" means:
  - (i) Raw land or land without development, significant buildings, structures, or site preparation;
  - (ii) Land that has never had improvements;
  - (iii) Land that was improved at one time but has functionally reverted to its unimproved state; or
  - (iv) Land that has been improved, but the improvements serve no purpose for the credit union's planned use of the property.
- (5) Premises not currently used to transact credit union business.
- (a) If a credit union acquires premises, including unimproved land or unimproved real property, it must partially occupy each of them within a reasonable period, but no later than six (6) years after the date of acquisition. The director may waive the partial occupation requirements based on economic or business conditions, or other conditions affecting use of the property, subject to a reasonable plan for partial occupancy. To seek a waiver, a credit union must submit a written request to the director and fully explain why it needs the waiver. The director shall provide the credit union a written response, either approving or disapproving the request. The director's decision shall be based on safety and soundness considerations.

- (b) A credit union must make diligent efforts to dispose of abandoned premises and property acquired as described in subsection (3) of this section. The credit union must seek fair market value for the premises or property and record its efforts to dispose of the premises or property. The credit union must complete the sale within five (5) years of abandonment of the premises or acquisition of the property. Upon application by the credit union, the director shall approve the continued holding by the credit union for an additional period of five (5) years upon the credit union's showing of its good faith attempt to dispose of the premises or property, or that disposal within the first five (5) year period would be detrimental to the credit union. The director shall provide the credit union a written response, either approving or disapproving the application. If the director fails to respond within forty-five (45) days of receipt, the application is deemed approved. The director's decision shall be based on safety and soundness considerations. The credit union shall, during the second five (5) year period, at the end of each year beginning at the end of the sixth year in which it holds the premises or property, write down the value of the premises or property by twenty percent (20%) of the value carried on its books at the beginning of the second five (5) year period. Value at the beginning of the second five (5) year period shall be the lower of cost or market value as determined pursuant to appraisal.
- (6) A credit union must not acquire, except as allowed in subsection (3) of this section for real property, or lease for one (1) year or longer, premises from any of the following, unless the director waives this prohibition:
  - (a) A member of the credit union's board of directors, credit committee, supervisory committee, or senior management, or an immediate family member of such individual;
  - (b) A corporation in which a member of the credit union's board of directors, credit committee, supervisory committee, or senior management, or an immediate family member of such individual, is an officer or director or has a stock interest of ten percent (10%) or more; or
  - (c) A partnership, limited liability company, or other entity in which a member of the credit union's board of directors, credit committee, supervisory committee, or senior management, or an immediate family member of such individual, is a general partner or a limited partner or entity member with an interest of ten percent (10%) or more.
- (7) A credit union must not lease for one (1) year or longer premises from any of its employees if the employee is directly involved in acquiring premises, unless the credit union's board of directors determines the employee's involvement is not a conflict of interest.
- (8) All transactions with business associates or family members not specifically prohibited by this section must be conducted at arm's length and in the interest of the credit union.
- (9) To seek a waiver of any of the prohibitions in subsections (6) through (8) of this section, a credit union must submit a written request to the director and fully explain why it needs the waiver. Within forty-five (45) days of the receipt of the waiver request or all necessary documentation, whichever is later, the director shall provide the credit union a

written response, either approving or disapproving its request. The director's decision shall be based on safety and soundness considerations and a determination as to whether a conflict of interest exists.

SECTION 6. That Section  $\underline{26-2111}$ , Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. That Chapter 21, Title 26, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a  $\underline{\text{NEW SECTION}}$ , to be known and designated as Section 26-2111, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

26-2111. EXPULSION AND WITHDRAWAL FROM FIELD OR MEMBERSHIP. A member may be expelled in accordance with the bylaws and any policies established by the board. The credit union shall notify a member of the expulsion, the reasons for the expulsion, and the process by which the member may challenge the expulsion and seek reinstatement. The credit union shall, upon the request of the expelled member in accordance with this section, allow the member to challenge the expulsion and seek reinstatement as a member. A member who withdraws from membership or whose membership is otherwise terminated pursuant to the bylaws or who is expelled is not relieved of any liability to the credit union.

SECTION 8. That Section 26-2113A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 26-2113A. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS. (1) A credit union's annual membership meeting shall be held in one of the communities where it maintains a branch to serve its members at such time and in such manner as the board prescribes, as permitted in the bylaws prescribe, and shall be conducted according to the rules of procedure approved by the board. If the meeting is conducted electronically, the credit union shall offer a means of participation in the meeting for members that are unable to participate electronically using their own communication services and equipment.
- (2) Notice of the annual membership meetings of a credit union shall be given as provided in the bylaws of the credit union.
- SECTION 9. That Section 26-2113B, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- $26\mbox{-}2113\mbox{B.}$  SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS. (1) A special membership meeting of a credit union may be called by:
  - (a) A majority vote of the board;

- (b) A majority vote of the supervisory committee to suspend a director for cause; or
- (c) A written petition signed or similarly authenticated by at least ten percent (10%) or two thousand (2,000) of the members of a credit union, whichever is less.
- (2) Call of a special membership meeting of a credit union shall be in writing submitted to the secretary of the credit union by the board, the petitioners or the supervisory committee as applicable and  $\tau$  shall state specifically the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called and the

agenda item or items for consideration by the members at the meeting. If the special membership meeting is called for the removal of one (1) or more directors or supervisory committee members, the call shall state the name of each individual whose removal is sought.

- (3) (a) On receipt of a call for a special membership meeting, the secretary of the credit union shall determine whether the call satisfies the requirements of this section. If so, the secretary shall determine a reasonable date, and time, and place at which the special membership meeting will be held and provide notice of the special membership meeting in accordance with the requirements of this subsection. The special membership meeting must be held at a reasonable location within the county in which the principal place of business of the credit union is located, unless provided otherwise in the manner prescribed by the board in accordance with the bylaws. If the meeting is conducted electronically, the credit union shall offer a means of participation in the meeting for members who are unable to participate electronically using their own communication services and equipment. The special membership meeting must be held no later than sixty (60) days after the date on which the call is received by the secretary.
- (b) The secretary shall give notice of the special membership meeting at least thirty (30) days before the date of the meeting, or within such other reasonable time period as may be provided in the bylaws. The notice must state the purpose or purposes for which the special membership meeting is called and the agenda items for the meeting. If the special membership meeting is called for the removal of one (1) or more directors or supervisory committee members, the notice must state the name of each individual whose removal is sought.
- (4) Except as provided in this subsection, the chairperson of the board shall preside over special membership meetings. If the purpose of the special membership meeting includes the removal of the chairperson, the next highest-ranking board officer whose removal is not sought shall preside over the meeting. If the removal of all board officers is sought, the chairperson of the supervisory committee shall preside over the special membership meeting.
- (5) At the special membership meeting, only those agenda items that are stated in the notice for the meeting may be considered.
- (6) Special membership meetings shall be conducted according to the rules of procedure set forth in the bylaws. If the bylaws do not specify the rules of procedure that shall govern a special membership meeting, the special membership meeting shall be conducted according to the rules of procedure approved by the board.

SECTION 10. That Section 26-2114, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

26-2114. BOARD OF DIRECTORS -- ELECTION OF DIRECTORS -- TERMS -- VACANCIES -- MEETINGS -- RULES. (1) The business and affairs of a credit union shall be managed by a board of no fewer than five (5) and no more than fifteen (15) directors.

(2) The directors must be elected by and from the membership in conjunction with the credit union's annual membership meeting. They shall hold their offices until their successors are elected or appointed.

- (3) Directors shall be elected to terms of between one (1) and three (3) years, as provided in the bylaws. If the terms are longer than one (1) year, the directors must be divided into classes, and an equal number of directors, as nearly as possible, must be elected each year.
- (4) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, any vacancy on the board must be filled by an interim director appointed by the board, unless the interim director would serve a term of fewer than ninety (90) days. Interim directors appointed to fill vacancies created by expansion of the board will serve until the next annual meeting of members. Other interim directors will serve out the unexpired term of the former director, unless provided otherwise in the credit union's bylaws.
- (5) In the case of a merger between two (2) credit unions pursuant to section 26-2132, Idaho Code, a board member of the merging credit union may continue to serve as a board member of the continuing credit union for a period not to exceed the equivalent of the duration of his or her unexpired term on the board of the merging credit union, provided that the approved plan of merger or other agreement approved by the director provides for such service on the continuing credit union's board, with a corresponding expansion in the size of the continuing credit union's board not to exceed the limits under subsection (1) of this section.
  - (6) (a) The board must have at least six (6) regular meetings each year, with at least one (1) of these meetings held in each calendar quarter. The board meetings must be held in the community of the credit union's principal place of business within this state. The director may, upon written request of a credit union's board of directors, authorize a credit union's board meetings to be held at another location. Written requests from the credit union's board of directors shall not include holding the credit union's board meeting outside the state of Idaho unless a majority of the credit union's membership resides in another state.
  - (b) The director may require the board to meet more frequently than six (6) times per year if the director finds it necessary in order to address matters the director determines necessitate more frequent meetings including, without limitation, evidence of any of the following:
    - (i) The credit union's current composite capital adequacy, asset quality, management, earnings, liquidity, and sensitivity to market risk (CAMELS) rating issued by the director is a "3," "4" or "5";
    - (ii) The credit union's current management component CAMELS rating issued by the director is a "3," "4" or "5";
    - (iii) The credit union's net worth ratio is less than seven percent (7%);
    - (iv) The credit union is currently in a troubled condition;
    - (v) In the judgment of the director, the credit union has committed an unsafe or unsound practice that has not been corrected to the satisfaction of the director and that continues to be a concern

to the director, or the credit union is about to commit an unsafe or unsound practice; or

- (vi) The credit union has been notified in writing by the director of a significant supervisory or financial concern.
- (c) If the director determines, as set forth in paragraph (b) of this subsection, that a board of directors must meet more frequently than as set forth in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the director will send written notice to the board chair, with a copy to the credit union's manager, setting forth the director's findings underlying the determination and the required frequency of the board of directors meetings. This notice will remain in effect until rescinded in writing by the director.

SECTION 11. That Section  $\underline{26-2143}$ , Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 12. That Chapter 21, Title 26, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a  $\underline{\text{NEW SECTION}}$ , to be known and designated as Section 26-2143, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

- 26-2143. HEAD OFFICE AND BRANCH OFFICES. (1) A credit union may relocate its head office and the location of its books and records upon written notice to the director.
- (2) A credit union may, under such rules as the director may adopt, establish branch offices at locations other than its head office. A credit union shall notify the director in writing at least thirty (30) days before opening a branch office location to conduct business.
- (3) Prior to opening a branch office location, a credit union must obtain written approval from the director if:
  - (a) The credit union is subject to an order issued by the director pursuant to this chapter;
  - (b) The credit union's current CAMELS rating or its current management or capital CAMELS component ratings, as issued by the director, is a "3," "4," or "5"; or
  - (c) The location of a proposed branch office is outside of the credit union's current field of membership if its membership is based on a well-defined neighborhood, community, or rural district.

SECTION 13. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 2022.