

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 06-06-07 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to credit union membership.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 06-06-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **6-06-07. Membership in credit union.**

7 1. The membership of a credit union consists of the incorporators and such other
8 persons as may be elected to membership. Each member shall subscribe to and pay
9 the initial installment on at least one share in the credit union and pay the entrance fee
10 as provided by the bylaws of the credit union. Organizations, incorporated or
11 otherwise, composed principally of the same general group as the credit union
12 membership may be members of the credit union.

13 2. Credit union membership is limited to one or more groups having a:
14 a. A common bond of occupation or;
15 b. A common bond of association or to groups; or
16 c. A group residing, working, or attending school within a geographic area that does
17 not extend beyond a ~~seventy-five-mile [120.70-kilometer]~~two-hundred-fifty-mile
18 [402.34-kilometer] radius of the home office of the credit union. Except as-
19 provided by this section, an office of a credit union that has a field of membership
20 defined by geography may not be located more than seventy-five miles [120.70-
21 kilometers] from the credit union main office. The restrictions on location and field
22 of membership under this section do not apply to a credit union office location or
23 field of membership approved by the board before ~~January 1, 2005~~August 1,
24 2023. In the event of a merger between credit unions with different geographic-

- 1 fields of membership, the surviving credit union may expand the field of
2 membership to include the geographic field of membership of the merged credit
3 union. After December 31, 2004, a credit union may not establish and operate a
4 new branch office that is outside the credit union's field of membership. ~~A branch
5 office may not expand the geographic field of membership of a credit union.~~
- 6 3. The board shall adopt a procedure through which all interested persons, including
7 banking institutions and credit unions, are afforded reasonable opportunity to submit
8 data, views, or arguments, orally or in writing; to obtain a hearing; and to intervene as
9 a party to a proceeding concerning a proposed application for a credit union to expand
10 the credit union's field of membership.
- 11 4. Subject to authorization by the state credit union board, a state credit union may apply
12 for the same field of membership as a federal credit union.