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HOUSE BILL NO. [BILL NUMBER]

Banking technology and stock revisions.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to banking; specifying that banks may issue
2 non-voting shares and other forms of capital stock authorized
3 under existing law for corporations; clarifying that banks
4 may issue capital stock and maintain shareholder records
5 through electronic means under existing law; clarifying that
6 the identity of shareholders may be maintained under existing
7 law using data addresses; authorizing electronic notices
8 relating to capital impairment; and providing for an
9 effective date.

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11 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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1 **Section 1.** W.S. 13-2-302, 13-2-306, 13-2-307(a) and 13-
2 4-203 are amended to read:

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4 **13-2-302. Issue of stock.**

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6 (a) A bank shall not issue any share of stock until the
7 par value of the share has been actually paid in cash.

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9 (b) Pursuant to appropriate authority granted in its
10 articles of incorporation, a bank may issue any type of
11 capital stock, including non-voting shares, authorized under
12 title 17 of the Wyoming statutes. Consistent with subsection
13 (c) of this section, the articles of incorporation of a bank
14 may specify any form of shareholder voting rights.

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16 (c) If the articles of incorporation of a bank provide
17 shareholder voting rights that are different than those
18 provided under W.S. 13-2-307, 13-2-308(a), 13-2-309(a), 13-
19 2-402(e), 13-4-101(a) or 13-4-701(b) or (d), the articles of
20 incorporation of the bank shall control, subject to any
21 approval of the commissioner required under those sections.

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23 **13-2-306. Stock register; inspection.**

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2 A bank shall keep a ~~stock register which~~ record of
3 shareholders that is open for inspection during business
4 hours to officers, directors and ~~stockholders~~ shareholders of
5 the bank. ~~The register shall contain the name, residence and~~
6 ~~number of shares of each stockholder and all transfers of~~
7 ~~stock, stating the time made, the number of shares and to~~
8 ~~whom transferred.~~ As used in this section, "record of
9 shareholders" means as defined in W.S. 17-16-140(a)(xlix).

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11 **13-2-307. Voting by shareholders generally; balloting**
12 **for directors.**

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14 (a) Except as otherwise provided by W.S. 13-2-302, each
15 share entitles the owner to one (1) vote on all elections of
16 directors and all other questions submitted at meetings of
17 shareholders. Shareholders may vote by proxies executed in
18 writing but no officer, clerk, teller or bookkeeper of the
19 bank shall act as proxy. The presence in person or by proxy
20 of the owners of at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the
21 issued and outstanding capital stock at any meeting of
22 stockholders constitutes a quorum. No shareholder whose

1 liability to the bank is past due and unpaid shall be allowed
2 to vote.

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4 **13-4-203. Impairment of capital; generally.**

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6 (a) If the state banking commissioner has reason to
7 believe that the capital of any bank is impaired he shall
8 examine the bank and ascertain the facts. If he finds an
9 impairment of capital, he shall provide written notice to
10 each director of the bank and require the bank to restore the
11 deficiency within sixty (60) days after the date of the
12 ~~request-notice~~. Written notice under this section may be
13 provided by electronic transmission, consistent with W.S. 17-
14 16-141(c).

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16 (b) ~~The directors of each bank which has been requested~~
17 After the directors of a bank have received written notice to
18 restore a deficiency under subsection (a) of this section,
19 the directors shall, within fifteen (15) days from the date
20 of the ~~request-notice~~, levy an assessment upon the common
21 stock of the bank to repair the deficiency. Written notice of
22 the ~~request-deficiency~~ and ~~of~~ the amount of the assessment
23 shall be ~~mailed-provided~~ to each ~~stockholder at his last known~~

1 ~~address, or served personally upon him.~~ shareholder, and may
2 be provided by electronic transmission, consistent with W.S.
3 17-16-141(c). If any ~~stockholder~~ shareholder fails to pay the
4 assessment within thirty (30) days of ~~mailing or serving the~~
5 receiving notice, the directors of the bank may sell the stock
6 of the ~~stockholder~~ shareholder to the highest bidder at public
7 auction. Notice of the sale shall be published for ten (10)
8 days in a newspaper of general circulation published in the
9 county where the bank is located and a copy of the notice of
10 sale shall be served on the owner of the stock personally or
11 by mail at his last known address ten (10) days before the
12 day of sale. The stock may be sold at private sale without
13 public notice. Before a private sale an offer in writing shall
14 first be obtained and a copy of the offer served upon the
15 owner of record of the stock either personally or by mailing
16 a copy of the offer to his last known address. If, after
17 service of the offer, the owner still fails to pay the
18 assessment within two (2) weeks from the time of the service
19 of the offer, the directors may accept the private offer or
20 a larger offer. The stock shall not be sold for less than the
21 amount of the assessment and cost of sale. Out of the proceeds
22 of the sale the directors shall pay the assessment and the
23 cost of sale and the balance shall be paid to the person whose

1 stock has been sold. A sale of stock cancels the outstanding
2 certificate evidencing the stock sold. A new certificate
3 shall be issued by the bank to the purchaser.

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5 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2019.

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